



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Santa Barbara, CA 93101
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: November 1, 2022
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Time:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Sheriff Bill Brown (Ext. 14290)
Contact Info: Steven Johnson (805/689-5786)

SUBJECT: 2022 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds, \$113,363.00

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence: Risk Management

As to form: No

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Recommended Actions:

- a) Recognize and approve that the County of Santa Barbara, City of Santa Barbara, City of Lompoc and City of Santa Maria have agreed to combine designated FY2022 JAG funding for the purposes of maintaining, training and equipping the Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad;
- b) Authorize the Sheriff or his designee to execute a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, upon review and approval of County Counsel and the Auditor-Controller, or their designees, when the anticipated JAG funding is awarded;
- c) Approve BJE #0008606 to increase appropriations of \$113,363.00 in Sheriff General Fund for Capital Assets - Equipment (\$113,363.00) by unanticipated revenue from Intergovernmental Revenue – Federal;
- d) Authorize the Chief Executive to execute the "Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government" form and the Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Santa Barbara and the County of Santa Barbara, the Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara and the Inter-Local Agreement between the City of Lompoc and the County of Santa Barbara;
- e) Find that the proposed action does not constitute a "Project" within the meaning of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to 14 CCR 15378 (b)(4), in that it involves government funding mechanisms and/or fiscal activities.

Summary Text:

If awarded, Santa Barbara County will use the \$113,363.00 in proposed FY2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds for the purposes of maintaining, training and equipping the Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad. The JAG funding will be utilized to update and purchase capital assets for the Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad. This JAG project will positively impact our local communities by providing updated equipment for the Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad, which serves the entire County of Santa Barbara.

Background:

Santa Barbara County has received Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds for more than 25 years. The Local JAG program is a formula grant that is awarded to local governments. It is administered by the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance. The JAG grant supports a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and enhance the justice system. The procedure for allocating JAG funds is based upon a formula that is derived from population and crime statistics. The allocation formula favors high density municipalities, which is corrected by the use of a "disparate funding" provision. Within the proposed FY2022 funding, the Cities of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria and the County of Santa Barbara were identified as a disparate jurisdiction, requiring a joint application between the three entities. The Cities of Santa Barbara and Santa Maria have agreed to enter into an MOU with the County of Santa Barbara and submit a joint "disparate" application. In addition, the City of Lompoc has also agreed to pool their allotted JAG funding and submit a single JAG application for the entirety of Santa Barbara County and to utilize this funding for the purposes of maintaining, training and equipping the Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad.

The County Law Enforcement Chiefs (CLEC) historically worked together to develop the allocation plan for the JAG funds, as well as other grants and asset forfeiture revenue. In 2022, CLEC member agencies affirmed their commitment to the Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad and agreed to a JAG funding allocation plan that will assist in continuing the operation of the Countywide Bomb Squad by purchasing and updating equipment during the FY2022/2023/2024/2025. In essence, the proposed JAG funds will be administered by the Sheriff's Office, who will utilize the JAG funds for the purposes of maintaining, training and equipping the Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad. The Sheriff's Office has agreed to submit the sole JAG application for Santa Barbara County and will be responsible for completing reporting requirements mandated by the grant administrator (Department of Justice – OJP/BJA).

For FY2022, the Department of Justice has included a requirement in the form of certifications that must be signed by the Chief Executive and Chief Legal Officer of the County prior to the receipt of any grant funds (Exhibit A).

If awarded, FY2022 JAG funds will be utilized to support the Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad within the county to purchase new equipment and maintain and upgrade existing equipment. Local JAG funds will not be released by the Department of Justice until 30 days after the Board of Supervisors reviews the Local JAG funding proposal and the public is given an opportunity to provide comment of the use of Local JAG funding.

The Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad is Santa Barbara County's only public safety bomb squad. The Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad was formed in 1971. It was formed by the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Office in response to domestic bombings that were occurring around the country. The Bomb Squad is responsible for the safe disposal of actual or suspected explosive devices, deteriorated explosives, illegal fireworks, improvised explosive devices (IED's), and military ordnance. The bomb squad also provides assistance to local, state and federal agencies and provides assistance with dignitary protection of persons coming to the area. The FBI certifies each of the bomb technicians and oversees the national bomb technician program.

The goals of the Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad are:

1. To investigate, render safe and dispose of suspected hazardous devices, explosives, explosive materials (as the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives currently defines) and pyrotechnics ammunition within Santa Barbara County.
2. Coordinate investigations with local, state and federal partners.
3. Perform diagnostics and render safe procedures in Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive (CBRNE) events within Santa Barbara County.
4. Conduct bomb crime scene investigations.
5. Collect and preserve evidence.
6. Provide technical support to special operations, dignitary protection and special events.

The Santa Barbara Sheriff's Office will administer the combined JAG funding for the county and all applicable cities within the county, and will serve as the sole point of contact for the DOJ – OJP/BJA grant administrators.

Performance Measure:

Contract Renewals and Performance Outcomes:

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

Budgeted: No

Fiscal Analysis:

<u>Funding Sources</u>	<u>Current FY Cost:</u>	<u>Annualized On-going Cost:</u>	<u>Total One-Time Project Cost</u>
General Fund			
State			
Federal	\$ 113,363.00		\$ 113,363.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 113,363.00	\$ -	\$ 113,363.00

Narrative:

This grant provides \$113,363.00 which will be used for the purposes of purchasing various pieces of equipment, providing training to certify bomb technicians and provide in-service training for certified technicians of the Santa Barbara Countywide Bomb Squad.

Key Contract Risks:

Staffing Impacts:

Legal Positions:

FTEs:

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please provide a minute order and one executed copy of Board Letter with Attachments (extra copy submitted) to Hope Vasquez, CFO – Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office and Retired Lieutenant Steven Johnson, Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office. Please contact Natalie Warwick at County Counsel for pick up when ready (Ext. 82996).

Attachments:

1. Attachment A: Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government.
2. Attachment B: JAG Inter-Local agreements (MOU’s) between the Cities of Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Lompoc and the County of Santa Barbara.
3. Attachment C: 2022 California Local JAG Allocations document.
4. Attachment D: Budget Revision Request #0008606.

Authored by:

Steven Johnson, Extra Help-Retired Lieutenant – Santa Barbara Sheriff’s Office

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