



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA LETTER

Agenda Number:

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
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Department Name: Sheriff
Department No.: 032
For Agenda Of: September 8, 2015
Placement: Administrative
Estimated Tme:
Continued Item: No
If Yes, date from:
Vote Required: 4/5ths

TO: Board of Supervisors
FROM: Department Sheriff - Bill Brown
Contact Info: Lieutenant Craig Bonner, ext. 4136

SUBJECT: 2015 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds, \$108,924

County Counsel Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Auditor-Controller Concurrence

As to form: Yes

Other Concurrence

As to form: N/A

Recommended Actions:

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Recognize that the County of Santa Barbara, City of Santa Barbara, City of Lompoc and City of Santa Maria have agreed to combine designated FY2015 JAG funding for the purposes of continuing the operation of the Santa Barbara Regional Crime Abatement Team (SBRCAT).
- b) Allow members of the public an opportunity to provide comments relating to the intended use of Local JAG funding. 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 on the use of Local JAG funding.
- c) Authorize the Sheriff or 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, if and when the requested JAG funding is awarded.
- d) Approve BJE#0004180 to increase appropriations of \$108,924 in Sheriff General Fund for Salaries and Benefits (\$13,000), Services and Supplies (\$75,924) and Intrafund Transfers to Probation (\$20,000) funded by unanticipated revenue from Intergovernmental Revenue - Federal. Increase appropriations of \$20,000 in Probation General Fund for Salaries and Benefits funded by an intrafund transfer from the Sheriff's Department.
- 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)(5), in that it is

a government administrative activity that will not result in direct or indirect changes in the environment.

Summary Text:

If awarded, Santa Barbara County will use the \$108,924 in proposed FY2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds to continue the operation of the Santa Barbara Regional Crime Abatement Team (SBRCAT), providing reimbursement to the county and local cities for overtime costs incurred when staffing SBRCAT investigations and operations. This JAG project will positively impact our local communities by providing enhanced law enforcement services targeting violent crimes occurring within and through Santa Barbara County.

Background:

Santa Barbara County has received Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds for the past 24 years. The Local JAG program is a formula grant 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 a formula 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 FY2015 funding, the City of Santa Maria and Santa Barbara County were identified as a disparate jurisdiction, requiring a joint application between the two entities. The City of Santa Maria has agreed to enter into an MOU with the County and submit a joint "disparate" application. In addition, the City of Lompoc and the City of Santa Barbara have also agreed to pool their allotted JAG funding, and submit a single JAG application for the entirety of Santa Barbara County.

The County Law Enforcement Chiefs, acting as the SBRCAT Steering Committee have historically worked together to develop the allocation plan for JAG funds, as well as other grants and asset forfeiture revenue that contribute to the SBRCAT program. In 2015, CLEC member agencies reaffirmed their commitment to the SBRCAT mission and agreed to a JAG funding allocation plan that will assist in continuing the operation of SBRCAT during FY2015/2016. In essence, the proposed JAG funds will be administered by the Sheriff's Office, who will utilize the JAG funds to reimburse county agencies and local cities for law enforcement and probation overtime costs incurred when staffing SBRCAT investigations and operations. 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).

The Santa Barbara Regional Crime Abatement Team (SBRCAT) is Santa Barbara County's multi-jurisdictional law enforcement task force. SBRCAT was created out of Santa Barbara County's regional narcotics enforcement taskforce (SBRNET), refocusing the mission of the taskforce to encompass a more complete spectrum of crimes that are negatively impacting our local communities, including armed and prohibited enforcement (firearms), gangs, drug trafficking and felony fugitive enforcement. All Santa Barbara County law enforcement agencies and the District Attorney's Office have input and oversight in the operation of SBRCAT.

SBRCAT teams with local law enforcement agencies to develop strategies aimed at mitigating the impacts of violent crimes occurring within and through our communities. SBRCAT collaborates with the local law enforcement agencies to frame focused investigation and suppression plans and determine the best use of available tools and resources. SBRCAT will provide criminal investigation and suppression resources as part of a collaborative, locally driven strategy.

SBRCAT capitalizes upon and leverages significant state and federal resources as a result of the connectivity and collaboration built-out during the previous SBRNET model. Specifically, SBRCAT collaborates with multiple California State law enforcement resources, including the California Department of Justice, California Highway Patrol and University of California Police. Of particular interest to the SBRCAT model is the established operational relationship with the California Department of Justice Bureau of Investigation and its capabilities relating to “armed and prohibited” enforcement and inter-jurisdictional drug trafficking interdiction efforts. Additionally, SBRCAT has extensive collaborative relationships with the Federal Bureau of investigation (FBI), the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (BATFE) and the United States Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). Our state and federal law enforcement partners have all expressed their continued willingness to engage in continued collaborative efforts after the transition to the SBRCAT model.

The goals of SBRCAT are:

1. Enhance the levels of “armed and prohibited” enforcement occurring within Santa Barbara County.
2. Disrupt gang-related violence by conducting focused gang suppression efforts.
3. Enhance the levels of felony-fugitive enforcement within Santa Barbara County.
4. Disrupt drug trafficking and sales-related violence through focused drug suppression enforcement within Santa Barbara County.
5. Cultivate confidential informants to facilitate mid to long-term investigations of criminal organizations and key individuals responsible for significant gang, drug-related and firearms-related violence.
6. Work with the District Attorney’s Office and the United States Attorney’s Office to insure swift and effective prosecution of significant criminal organizations and individuals.

As part of the proposed project, JAG Funds will be used to reimburse local law enforcement agencies and the county Probation Department for overtime costs incurred while participating in, or otherwise supporting SBRCAT investigations and operations. 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.

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	\$ 108,924.00		\$ 108,924.00
Fees			
Other:			
Total	\$ 108,924.00	\$ -	\$ 108,924.00

Narrative:

This grant provides \$108,924, which will be spent on overtime for Sheriff’s deputies, Probation officers and outside agencies to work the operation.

Special Instructions:

Clerk of the Board: Please send a minute order to Douglas Martin, CFO, Sheriff’s Office and Lieutenant Craig Bonner, Sheriff’s Office.

Attachments:

Attachment A: JAG Inter-local Agreement between the County and the Cities of Santa Barbara, Santa Maria and Lompoc.

Attachment B: 2015 California Local JAG Allocations document.

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