

**COUNTY OF SONOMA  
AGENDA ITEM  
SUMMARY REPORT**

**Clerk of the Board Use Only**  
**Meeting Date**                      **Held Until**  
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**Agenda Item No:**                      **Agenda Item No:**  
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**Department:** Sheriff – Coroner

(   ) **4/5 Vote Required**

**Contact:**  
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**Board Date:**  
4/28/09

**Deadline for Board Action:**

**AGENDA SHORT TITLE:**

2009 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Application

**REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:**

1. Approve and authorize the Sheriff or his designee to submit the joint 2009 JAG application for the County of Sonoma and the City of Santa Rosa, and execute Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program award documents with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$704,302; and
2. Approve and authorize the Sheriff to execute an Agreement, and upon County Counsel approval, any amendments that do not substantially alter the Agreement with the City of Santa Rosa regarding the terms of the joint 2009 JAG award; and
3. Authorize the Sheriff, upon County Counsel approval, to execute any amendments that do not substantially alter the JAG application.

**CURRENT FISCAL YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT**

**EXPENDITURES**

**Estimated Cost**                      \$                      0

**Amount Budgeted**                      \$

**Other Avail Approp.**                      \$                      0  
(Explain below)

**Additional Requested:**                      \$                      0

**ADD'L FUNDS REQUIRING BOARD**

**Contingencies**                      \$  
(Fund Name:)

**Unanticipated Revenue**                      \$  
(Source:)

**Other Transfer(s)**                      \$  
(Source:)

**Add'l Funds Requested:**                      \$

**Explanation (if required)** Upon formal approval of the JAG application, the 2009 JAG grant award will be included, where necessary, as adjustments to the criminal justice departments' FY 09-10 budgets.

**Prior Board Action(s):** 7/15/08 Approval of 2008 JAG Application, 6/12/07 Approval of 2007 JAG Application, 2/28/06 Approval of 2006 JAG Application, 3/22/05 Approval of 2005 JAG Application.

**Alternatives - Results of Non-Approval:**

If this project is not supported, the County will lose the opportunity to receive its portion of the 2009 JAG award (\$279,090). Further the City of Santa Rosa will likewise lose their portion of the 2009 JAG award (\$425,212).

**Background:** (On file w/Clerk : 2009 JAG Local Solicitation and Agreement with the City of Santa Rosa)

In 2005, Congress established the Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), which replaced funding previously disbursed through the Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) to provide state and local governments with more flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most.

2009 is the fifth year of the JAG Program, and the allocation for Sonoma County has increased significantly this year (from \$22,356 in 2008 to \$279,090 in 2009). Allocations to units of local government are determined based on state population, crime expenditure data, and Part 1 violent crime data from FBI Uniform Crime Reports. The County's federally determined allocation is \$279,090, and the City of Santa Rosa's federally determined allocation is \$425,212. The JAG grant requires that we submit a single application for both jurisdictions. Though we must submit a single application, the City and County are permitted to utilize their allocations for entirely separate purposes. As with the 2006, 2007, and 2008 awards, this is the approach we have taken for the 2009 JAG Application. The County has agreed to act as the fiscal agent for the single application. The grant requires that the jurisdictions covered in the single application enter into an Agreement indicating which agency shall serve as the fiscal agent, and stating the award amount to be given to each agency. As the fiscal agent, the County will receive the entire award. Upon receipt of the entire award, the County will then transfer to the City its share of funding. Under the Agreement, the City is responsible for ensuring that they remain in compliance with the grant. The Agreement also requires that the City submit all necessary documentation to the County in a timely fashion. This Agreement includes mutual indemnification language, which is why we are requesting that the Board authorize the Sheriff to execute the proposed Agreement.

The Sheriff's Department has taken the lead administrative role in supporting this grant and its predecessor, the LLEBG grant, for many years. The JAG award is to be used to benefit the efforts of the entire criminal justice system within a unit of local government. The JAG purpose areas are broad and cover initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice, and justice-related research and evaluation activities that improve or enhance law enforcement, prosecution, court, corrections, prevention, education, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology, and crime victim programs. JAG awards represent one time funding. Funding has fluctuated drastically over the years, from the current high of \$279,090 to as low as zero funding.

**Attachments:**

**On File With Clerk:** 2009 JAG Local Solicitation and Agreement with the City of Santa Rosa

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**Board Action** (If other than "Requested")

**Vote:**

**Background:** (Continued)

The Sheriff's Department notified the Public Defender, Probation, and the District Attorney of the availability of these funds. Based on a collaborative effort, looking at what would benefit the criminal justice system as a whole the County's criminal justice departments agreed to utilize the grant award to fund the following critical one-time items:

**Public Defender** – Two residential drug and alcohol treatment beds (\$42,000)

**Probation** – Resurfacing three recreation yards at juvenile hall (\$50,000)

**District Attorney** – Eight laptops for deputy district attorneys to use in the courtroom (\$33,960); DA Investigative technology items including a digital camera, monitor, DVD/VCR recorder player, camcorder, forensic computer, and duty belts (\$8,000); and the completion of the DA lobby security project (\$10,000). Total DA request is \$51,960.

**Sheriff** – Coroner digital x-ray machine (\$80,000), community service officer (CSO) extra help hours for graffiti removal (\$20,000), MADF first floor court holding cell project (\$10,000), MADF replacement camera at the transportation door (\$4,730), and Crime Scene Investigations technology items including a digital video enhancement system, digital imaging program for event/scene reconstruction, zoom camera lens, digital camera and lenses for the crime lab, and digital still frame cameras (\$20,400). Total Sheriff request is \$135,130.

The City of Santa Rosa is requesting to use its 2009 JAG allocation (totaling \$425,212) in part for mandatory and essential training of Police personnel (\$325,212) and for a contract with the County for sexual assault victim exams (\$100,000).

Once the JAG application has been accepted and an award made by Department of Justice, the departments will make the necessary adjustments to their FY 09-10 budgets.

**Recommended Action**

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