

**COUNTY OF SONOMA
AGENDA ITEM
SUMMARY REPORT**

Clerk of the Board Use Only
Meeting Date / / **Held Until** / /
Agenda Item No: _____ **Agenda Item No:** _____

Department: Sheriff – Coroner

() **4/5 Vote Required**

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Board Date:
9/22/09

Deadline for Board Action:

AGENDA SHORT TITLE:

2009 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Application CFDA #16.738

REQUESTED BOARD ACTION:

- 1) Approve and authorize the Sheriff or his designee to submit the joint 2009 JAG application CFDA #16.738 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 \$171,340; 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 award of the JAG grant, the 2009 JAG grant revenue and expenditures will be included, where necessary, as adjustments to the criminal justice departments' FY 09-10 budgets.

Prior Board Action(s): 4/28/09 Approval of Recovery Act 2009 JAG Application, 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 (\$67,896). Further, the City of Santa Rosa will likewise lose their portion of the 2009 JAG award (\$103,444).

Background:(On file w/Clerk:2009 JAG Local Solicitation CFDA #16.738 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 consists of two separate grant awards. The first 2009 award was made available as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The County of Sonoma received \$279,090 to fund projects in the Public Defenders Office (two residential treatment beds - \$42,000), District Attorney's Office (laptop computers and DA Investigations equipment - \$51,960), Probation Department (resurfacing of 3 recreational yards at Juvenile Hall - \$50,000) and the Sheriff's Office (Digital x-ray machine for the Morgue, building & security improvements at MADF, and Crime Scene Investigative technology equipment - \$135,130). Revenues and expenditures were included the FY 09-10 Adopted Budget as part of the Consolidated Budget Adjustment package on September 15th, 2009.

The second 2009 JAG grant is part of the regular Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. The allocation for Sonoma County increased this year, from \$22,356 in 2008 to \$67,896 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 JAG grant requires that we submit a single application for both the County and the City of Santa Rosa. 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, 2008, and 2009 Recovery Act JAG awards, this is the approach we have taken for the 2009 regular JAG Application. The City of Santa Rosa's federally determined allocation is \$103,444. 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.

Attachments:

On File With Clerk: 2009 JAG Local Solicitation # 16.738 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 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 2009 Recovery Act award of \$279,090 to as low as zero funding.

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:

District Attorney – The purchase and installation of an internet based application (Docket Finder) whereby victims of crimes will be able to access court dates or sign up to be notified of court dates via text message at a cost of \$29,000.

Sheriff –North County Detention Facility (NCDF) security improvements including the installation of a locked door leading from the 201 inmate housing unit patio to the 202 lockdown inmate housing unit that will be controlled through NCDF Central Control (\$32,000), and the purchase and installation of a target system at the regional indoor pistol range located at Los Guillicos (\$6,896). Total Sheriff request is \$38,896.

The City of Santa Rosa is requesting to use its 2009 regular JAG allocation, totaling \$103,444, in part for the purchase of a test patrol vehicle to evaluate a future replacement for the current Ford Crown Victoria fleet (\$51,750) and for mandatory and essential training of police personnel (\$51,694).

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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