


County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisorial District Two
Supervisor George Shirakawa



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DATE: April 21, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM:  AFS
George Shirakawa
Supervisor, District 2

SUBJECT: Public Safety & Justice Committee - April 2, 2009

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Accept report from Public Safety and Justice Committee relating to the meeting of April 2, 2009. (Shirakawa)

Possible actions:

- a. Approve recommendations from the Office of the County Executive on the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program
 1. Accept report relating to funds available under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (“Recovery Act”) through the Federal Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”) for criminal justice programs, including \$2,565,061 for the Recovery Act-JAG formula program.
 2. Approve a delegation of authority to the County Executive, or designee, to negotiate, execute, modify, amend, and terminate Memorandums of Understanding (“MOU”) with 12 cities (Campbell, Cupertino, Gilroy, Los Gatos, Milpitas, Morgan Hill, Mountain View, Palo Alto, San Jose, Santa Clara, Sunnyvale, and Saratoga) relating to shared terms, such as disparity and administration costs, required to submit a joint application

of the Recovery Act-JAG formula program, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority is ongoing until the successful completion or close-out of the grant award.

3. Approve recommendations relating to a spending plan for the County's individual award amount up to \$420,012 under the Recovery Act-JAG program, and delegation of authority to the County Executive, or designee, to negotiate, execute, modify, amend, and terminate Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") with the Santa Clara County Superior Court relates to services funded by the Recovery Act JAG allocations.
4. Approve delegation of authority to the County Executive, or designee, to submit a Joint Grant Application relating to the Recovery Act-JAG formula program, accept and implement the award, negotiate and execute amendments, provided the amendments have no general fund impact, and seek \$2,565,061 from the BJA for the expenditure period beginning with the award date to September 30, 2012. Delegation of authority is ongoing until the successful completion or close-out of the grant award.
5. Approve a delegation of authority to the County Executive, or designee, to enter into MOUs with eligible local jurisdictions when solicitations are released by the BJA relating to the Recovery Act: JAG Pass-Through Program (from the State) and/or the FFY 2009 JAG Program; and to submit, accept, implement, or amend a grant application, provided the grant programs have no general fund impacts, with the BJA, Office of Justice Programs, and U.S. Department of Justice. Delegation is ongoing until the successful completion or close-out of the grant award.

- b. Accept Committee agenda items 5 and 7 as Board information only.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Committee received a report from the Administration outlining how the County and 12 cities proposes to spend \$2,565,061 in American Reinvestment and Recovery Act - Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding. The County will be applying on behalf of the cities and itself. The County's individual award is \$420,012. The Committee is recommending that the Board approve delegating authority to the Administration to enter into MOUs with the cities in order to administer the grant and to submit joint application.

The County proposes to fund with the individual award:

Adult Drug and Mental Health Treatment Court - \$187,560

8 additional psych hours per week

8 Transitional housing units (THUs)

8 outpatient slots, labs, and medication

Juvenile Delinquency Court– Model Court Project - \$60,000 (contract)

Retain technical assistance to evaluate and adopt best practices set forth by the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges.

Sheriff’s Office – Cold Case and South County Gang Projects - \$123,082 for Analyst

Enter cold cases into database, development mechanism to transition unsolved cases to cold cases. Part of the duties is to analyze crime and manage shared intelligence leading to apprehension and prosecution of gang members in South County. Cupertino and Saratoga have committed their JAG funding (\$38,673) to the Sheriff.

DOC - Program Impact on Recidivism Evaluation - \$49,370

This one-time project is aligned with Board’s desire to reduce jail population by lowering the recidivism rate.

Additional funding will be available from the **JAG Recovery Act Pass-Through Program** that has been given to the State. These funds will be passed through shortly. The County is also ready to tap into the regular JAG funding, appropriated through the Federal 2009 Omnibus Bill. The regular JAG also has a state pass-through. So, essentially, there are three more possible funding sources. The County is ready to apply for these funds for the following projects:

Proposition 36 - \$313,812

Treatment beds, outpatient slots, THUs, Probation Community Worker position, drug testing costs.

Public Defender’s Office - \$132,966

Expungement Program for non-CalWORKS clients has shown to be cost effective.

Probation: Study on Juvenile Justice Recidivism - \$300,000

To assist the department with Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act funding evaluation that currently only utilizes youth asset levels. Stakeholders will be involved in defining recidivism. Contractor will assist the Information Systems Department in data collection.

ATTACHMENTS

- JAG Transmittal
- JAG Spending Plan
- JAG Proposals
- PSJC Agenda