

STAFF REPORT*CITY OF OCEANSIDE*

DATE: July 2, 2008

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: **APPLICATION FOR 2008 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing application for the \$34,551 Edward Byrne Memorial 2008 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), which will supplement frontline law enforcement services including personnel and equipment, and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute grant-related documents.

BACKGROUND

The City of Oceanside, in its application for these funds, will request that this federal grant help continue the Crime Analyst position that was contained in the JAG 2005, 2006, and 2007 grants. This program is awarded through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), and the JAG guidelines specify that it can be used to continue initiatives previously funded under JAG and Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG). The City has been awarded the JAG grant and received the funds each year that the grant has been available.

ANALYSIS

The Department of Justice (DOJ) requires that the unit of local government establish a trust fund in which to deposit JAG funds; this fund may be interest-bearing. It is anticipated that the funds will be received in the first fiscal year of the appropriation and may be expended through September 30, 2011. It is anticipated that these funds will primarily be expended between July 1, 2009, and June 30, 2010, after the JAG 2007 grant funds allocated for the same purposes are expended.

The requested allocations include a contribution toward the continued funding of the position of Crime Analyst, which was originally funded with LLEBG 2002 and carried forward with LLEBG 2003, LLEBG 2004 (the last LLEBG), JAG 2005, JAG 2006, and

then JAG 2007. In addition, the application will request that any investment income earned on the grant cover costs of hiring hourly extra help assistance from qualified personnel to conduct background investigations or provide other law enforcement support assistance as needed. The investment income allocation also includes a provision for Crime Analysis equipment. This grant application also includes a voluntary matching fund commitment for a continued annual contribution toward the North County Drug Court.

FISCAL IMPACT

The amount of funding received for the JAG 2007 grant award was \$109,791 that included an \$80,000 cost-share contribution toward funding the Crime Analyst for FY 2008-09. For FY 2009-10 the estimated cost of the Crime Analyst position will be \$92,000 including salary and fringe. The 2008 JAG grant is estimated to be \$34,551 and the reduced grant amount necessitates that the City identify an additional \$57,449 to fund the position for FY 2009-10. Due to written letters of protest from various agencies including the National Association of Attorneys General there is hope that there will at least be partial restoration of the 65 percent national reduction in JAG funding. The Police Department will seek authorization of additional funds once they are identified. If the Police Department does not receive the appropriations the likelihood is the position would not be funded after June 30, 2009.

There is a local fiscal impact: the application for these funds will continue an annual contribution (local match) of \$7,500 to the North County Drug Court. This local funding component is included in the FY 2008-2010 Police Department operating budget in 101 364360.5241. The disbursement of the annual contribution to the North County Drug Court will not be effective until July 1, 2009.

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Police and Fire Commission reviewed the proposed grant at its regular monthly meeting on June 19, 2008. An opportunity for public comment was provided. The Police and Fire Commission supported the proposal.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing application for the \$34,551 Edward Byrne Memorial 2008 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), which will supplement frontline law enforcement services including personnel and equipment, and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute grant-related documents.

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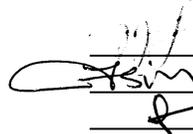
SUBMITTED BY:



Peter A. Weiss
City Manager

Reviewed by:

Michelle Skaggs Lawrence, Deputy City Manager
Frank McCoy, Chief of Police
Teri Ferro, Financial Services Director



EXHIBITS/ATTACHMENTS

Attachment: Grant Application Program Narratives

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OCEANSIDE AUTHORIZING ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2008 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance provides funds as appropriated by the Congress to local jurisdictions under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program to supplement frontline law enforcement services including funding for personnel, equipment, supplies and services;

WHEREAS, the City of Oceanside desires to accept the 2008 Justice Assistance Grant award to fund qualified law enforcement programs, staffing, and equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Oceanside does resolve as follows:

SECTION 1. The acceptance of the funds from the 2008 Justice Assistance Grant Program is authorized.

SECTION 2. City Manager Peter A. Weiss, Police Chief Frank S. McCoy and/or their designees are authorized to sign and execute all documents the U.S. Department of Justice requires for the application, receipt, expenditure, and close-out of the grant and funds.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Oceanside, California, this _____ day of _____, 2008 by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

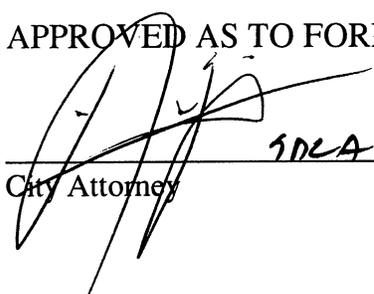
ABSTAIN:

Mayor Of The City Of Oceanside

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Clerk



City Attorney

Applicant Information Page

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3. Size of Jurisdiction
 - m. Population: 174,924 (2006 estimated per SANDAG)
 - n. Urban
 - o. Local community

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

City of Oceanside Police Department

J.A.G. 2008: Crime Analysis, Background Hiring Services, and Program Support

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED PROGRAM ACTIVITIES: The City of Oceanside Police Department proposes funding the following with the \$34,551 Justice Assistance Program 2008 Award: cost-share funding of a Crime Analyst, part-time extra help for law enforcement services, equipment and materials supporting crime analysis, and voluntary matching funds from the local budget toward support of the regional Drug Court.

BACKGROUND

The City of Oceanside had received Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) from the Bureau of Justice Assistance annually since their inception. Those grant awards enhanced the Oceanside Police Department's ability to prevent, analyze, review, and target illegal activity within the city. The LLEBG 2003 and 2004 grants enabled the department to fund several important programs and equipment involving Crime Analysis, Report Review, and Crime Prevention. The 2005 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant of \$112,411.00 allowed the City of Oceanside to continue funding a Crime Analyst position, to fund a Report Review Specialist position, and contribute (matching funds) to the support of the regional Drug Court. The 2006 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant of \$72,316 allowed the City of Oceanside to continue funding the Crime Analyst position and contribute (matching funds) to the support of the regional Drug Court.

BRIEF ANALYSIS – NEED FOR PROGRAMS

As stated in the background above, the City of Oceanside has applied grant funding toward a Crime Analyst position and is hereby requesting to carry that program forward with this award. The Crime Analyst position serves the Police department, the city, and neighboring jurisdictions by providing detailed maps and reports as to reported crimes and trends. In that this grant award is significantly less than last year's, we are hopeful that supplemental funding will be announced to reduce the impact. The Regional Drug Court has been an ongoing effort in San Diego County and many local jurisdictions have committed matching funds toward its success over the past several years. The City of Oceanside Police Department supports the Regional Drug Court program and assigns a sworn officer as necessary. The Department plans to continue to voluntarily make a contribution toward that program with general Police funding to the extent possible.

ANTICIPATED COORDINATION EFFORTS INVOLVING JAG AND RELATED JUSTICE FUNDS

The City of Oceanside Police Department will utilize the JAG funds to continue programs funded by the 2005, 2006, and 2007 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grants. Should the opportunity arise, the city and/or department plans to apply for other Department of Justice grants that would fund the Crime Analysis program described above or other listed or qualifying programs.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

A requirement for this section is that the applicant must submit a budget narrative outlining how JAG funds will be used for administrative support of the funds.

The City of Oceanside acknowledges the guideline that "A unit of local government may use up to 10 percent of the award for costs associated with administering JAG funds."

The City of Oceanside Police Department wishes to allocate the Justice Assistance Grant in the following manner so as to apply all funding available toward continuation of prior and current beneficial programs. The City of Oceanside Police Department does not plan at this time to charge administrative costs to the grant award, but acknowledges that there are administrative costs incurred in managing the grants and programs and it may recoup those costs to the legal limit should that be necessary to fully expend the grant funds by the mandatory deadline.

Additionally, the City of Oceanside will contribute \$7,500 to the North County Drug Court as Matching Funds.

J.A.G. 2008**JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE)
PROPOSED PROJECT BUDGET**

| PROJECT DESCRIPTION | DIVISION | ALLOCATION |
|--|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1 Crime Analyst for FY09-10 (Cost-share) | Investigations | 34,551.00 |
| GRANT FUNDS SUB-TOTAL | | \$34,551.00 |

AWARD OF \$34,551

Note: The City of Oceanside projects interest earnings of \$3,000 on the JAG grant funds deposited. The city requires that these projected funds be appropriated and is allocating the funds toward the following projects:

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|--|-----------------|-------------------|
| Part-time Hourly Extra Help (Contingent on Income) | Department-wide | 2,000.00 |
| Crime Analyst Equipment (Contingent on Income) | Investigations | 1,000.00 |
| TOTAL PROJECTED TRUST INVESTMENT EARNINGS | | \$3,000.00 |