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TO: Conan Smith
Chair, Ways & Means Committee

THROUGH: Robert E. Guenzel
County Administrator

FROM: Jerry L. Clayton
Sheriff

DATE: June 3, 2009

SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

The Sheriff's Office is requesting the ratification of the 2009 electronic application submission to the US Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for grant funding in the amount of \$160,723 that is being made available through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011. The electronic application process was developed by the Office of Justice Programs to expedite the application process and facilitate agencies applying for funding. This grant will be used to fund a community outreach program and part-time coordinator for this program as a part of the Sheriff's overall community engagement strategy.

The Sheriff's Office is also requesting a public hearing for the Board to hear comments from the public regarding this grant, to comply with the terms of eligibility.

BACKGROUND:

The mission of BJA is to provide leadership and assistance in support of local criminal justice strategies to achieve safe communities. The JAG program was proposed to streamline justice funding and grant administration; the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. BJA has been authorized to administer this program.

Previous LLEBG awards have been allocated to various law enforcement equipment purchases within a number of Sheriff operational areas, such as the marine division, dive rescue team, and motor unit. In recent years the Sheriff's Office has directed funding toward technology purchases in an effort to pursue initiatives without requesting appropriations from the County.

DISCUSSION:

The 2009 funding will permit the acquisition of a coordinator for program implementation along with stipends for outreach staff. This year the JAG program is a part of the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. Additionally, the JAG funding formula is based on population and Part I violent crime statistics. Once the BJA determines a statewide allocation, 60% of the funding is awarded to the state and 40% is awarded to eligible units of local government. Washtenaw County's portion of the award is \$160,776.

Understanding that we sit in a unique position to engage community residents, influence community resources, and work with other components of the criminal justice system, the WCSO will engage communities to develop comprehensive neighborhood improvement strategies that will address root causes of community problems and facilitate systemic change in strategically identified neighborhoods.

Community Policing as a philosophy focuses on non-traditional enforcement strategies, but is still focused on the community from a law-enforcement perspective. Our Community Outreach Team however, is the liaison between the streets, community residents, and law-enforcement. By engaging the community system on three fronts our goal is systemic community change to address root cause problems. Addressing street youth, building community resident's capacity, and developing law-enforcement strategies to keep communities safe ultimately provide the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office with a unique programmatic approach to improving the quality of life in our neighborhoods. In addition, recently released inmates are less likely to reoffend if they have sustainable employment. By employing recently released inmates we are providing them with an opportunity for employment while simultaneously utilizing their unique experiences to reach the youth of our community. Additionally, building a sense of ownership and community within neighborhood residents and recently released offenders who now live in those communities provides a foundation for successful revitalization of our most troubled areas.

In short, working within our county jail and with key partners such as the Michigan Prisoner Reentry Initiative an assessment will be done to identify appropriate candidates. We will then train and hire former inmates as they reenter our neighborhoods so that they may assist in relationship building with residents, facilitated prevention programs for youth, assisting residents in the development and implementation of a community revitalization strategy, and ongoing training for our deputies. Like it or not the fact remains that many of our residents that have committed

crimes are leaders of certain segments of the community. It is these segments that we propose to engage and work within.

IMPACT ON HUMAN RESOURCES:

Creation of Hiring a part time **.75 FTE status** Community Outreach Coordinator to facilitate the program. This position will be entirely grant funded.

<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Create</u>
<u>Eliminate</u>			
Community Outreach Coordinator			0.5

IMPACT ON BUDGET:

The application to the Department of Justice is in the amount of \$160,723. There is no match requirement. The Sheriff's Office will not provide any in-kind contributions as a part of this grant request. Any positions created are covered fully by the grant award.

IMPACT ON INDIRECT COSTS:

None

IMPACT ON OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS OR OUTSIDE AGENCIES:

None

CONFORMITY TO COUNTY POLICIES:

Conforms to County Policies

ATTACHMENTS/APPENDICES:

Budget

Grant Application

Job Description

Sheriff – Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
October 1, 2009 to September 30, 2011
BU 1391095000

	Original	Revised	Variance
Revenue			
50000 Federal Revenue	\$ -	\$ 160,723	\$ 160,723
Revenue	\$ -	\$ 160,723	\$ 160,723
Expenditure			
70050 Personal Services	\$ -	\$ 139,193	\$ 139,193
72600 Supplies	\$ -	\$ 14,250	\$ 14,250
80000 Other Charges	\$ -	\$ 7,280	\$ 7,280
Expenditure	\$ -	\$ 160,723	\$ 160,723

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE SUBMISSION OF THE ELECTRONIC GRANT APPLICATION TO THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$160,723 FOR THE PERIOD OF OCTOBER 1, 2009 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2011

WASHTENAW COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

July 8, 2009

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office and Washtenaw County have diligently maintained efforts to better serve the citizens of Washtenaw County; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office is committed to building strong communities by addressing root causes of criminal activity; and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office sits in a unique position to engage community residents, influence community resources, and work with other components of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the Washtenaw County Sheriff's Office has submitted an electronic application for a grant award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance for funding in the amount of \$160,723 —made available through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant; and

WHEREAS, this funding, which requires no County matching funds, will be used to implement the Sheriff's Community Outreach Program; and

WHEREAS, this matter has been reviewed by the County Administrator's Office, the Finance Department, Human Resources, Corporation Counsel, and the Ways and Means Committee;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Washtenaw County Board of Commissioners hereby ratifies the electronic submission of the application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for grant funding in the amount of \$160,723 through the Justice Assistance Grant.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners authorizes the creation of position as follows effective October 1, 2009:

<u>Position #</u>	<u>Position Title</u>	<u>Group</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Create</u>
1884-0001	Community Outreach Coordinator	25	18	0.75

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners takes the following actions contingent upon receipt of the grant award in conformity with the grant application:

1. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the Notice of Grant Award
2. Amending the budget, as attached hereto and made a part hereof
3. Authorizing the Administrator to sign the delegate contracts in conformity with the application/award upon review of Corporation Counsel, to be filed with the County Clerk