



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR  
AND CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Albert Balagso

**SUBJECT:** OFFICE OF JUVENILE JUSTICE  
AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION  
(OJJDP) GRANT

**DATE:** February 25, 2008

Approved

Date

2/28/2008

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** City-Wide  
**SNI AREA:** N/A

## REASON FOR ADDENDUM

Details on the Federal Office on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) grant were made available the first part of this week. Staff is preparing a grant proposal for approximately \$493,500 which has to be submitted by March 05, 2008. Previous to that, the City Council must authorize application for the grant at the March 04, 2008 Council meeting. The late notification on grant application requirements did not allow staff sufficient time to submit an authorization memo for the March 04, 2008 City Council meeting through the established submission deadline.

## RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency grant in the amount of \$493,500 to support the efforts of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) and to execute a grant agreement accepting the grant and any collateral documents, and to execute amendments to the grant agreement to extend or modify the grant period or to accept additional grant funds, up to twice the original amount, under this grant as further described below.

## OUTCOME

The City will apply for funding from the Federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency grant program to help support two of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Strategic Work Plan goals.

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## **BACKGROUND**

The OJJDP has invited the City to submit an application for funding in the amount of \$493,500, under the FY 2008 Congressional Earmarks. The City of San José was recommended for this funding as part of a request for one-time funds to the House Appropriations Committee by our federal congressional representatives. Funds are to be used to fund projects that would positively impact the community and improve the safety and security of its residents. Applications are due no later than 5:00 pm on March 05, 2008.

## **ANALYSIS**

The OJJDP funding would enable the City to advance two major Strategic Goals identified in the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Work Plan:

Strategic Goal #1 - Develop and implement an "asset-based" service delivery system aimed at connecting, coordinating, and leveraging intervention resources.

Strategic Goal #3 – Develop and implement a comprehensive capacity-building strategy aimed at equipping Task Force members with the skills and resources necessary to re-direct youth.

Funds will be administered through the San José Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (B.E.S.T) program and will be used to enhance services which may include gang mediation and intervention services, services to adjudicated youth, parent/family support, capacity building, and community gang awareness trainings. Grant funds may be expended up to a maximum of 36 months from the start date of the grant. Expenditure of funds may be spread over the full 36 months in order to ensure continuity of services throughout the period of the grant.

Staff is also seeking authorization for the City Manager to amend the agreement if the City Manager believes that it is in the City's interest to modify or extend the grant period. Occasionally, additional funding has become available for particular grants. In order to quickly take advantage of such opportunity, staff is also seeking authority for the City Manager to execute amendments to the grant agreement to accept additional grant funds in an aggregate amount up to twice the original grant amount.

## **EVALUATION AND FOLLOW-UP**

If the City is successful at receiving the OJJDP grant, staff will provide a program update that will include enhancements to gang intervention services utilizing the new funds. The San Jose B.E.S.T evaluator (Community Crime Prevention Associates) will evaluate the program as part of the annual process.

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### PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

Focus group meetings with all Technical team members and community members to update the strategic plan will be scheduled within the next two months.

- Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater.  
**(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criterion 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City.  
**(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

This memo does not fall into any of the criteria listed above. The memo will be posted on the City's website for the March 04, 2008 City Council Agenda.

### COORDINATION

This memo has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

### COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

If the City is awarded the OJJDP grant in the amount of \$493,500, the grant would be used to support expenditures to enhance the MGPTF goals #'s 1 and 3. There are no match requirements for this grant. Any budgetary action needed will be brought forward at a later date after it is determined if the City has been awarded the grant. This grant allows expenditures for a maximum of 36 months from the start date of the grant.

### CEQA

Not a Project

  
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