



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Albert Balagso

SUBJECT: CALIFORNIA GANG REDUCTION
INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION
GRANT (CalGRIP)

DATE: November 13, 2007

Approved

Date

11/14/07

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

REASON FOR ADDENDUM TO THE NOVEMBER 20, 2007 COUNCIL AGENDA

Details on the Governor's California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) grants were made available during the latter half of October, 2007. Since then, City staff has been working with Community Crime Prevention Associates to prepare a grant proposal for approximately \$500,000 which has to be submitted by November 26, 2007. Previous to that, the City Council must authorize application for the grant at the November 20, 2007 Council meeting. The late notification on grant requirements and the time required to determine the feasibility of a proposal that would meet those requirements did not allow staff sufficient time to submit an authorization memo for the November 20, 2007 City Council meeting through the established submission deadline.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize the City Manager to submit an application to the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention Grant in the amount of \$500,000 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 under this grant as further described below.

OUTCOME

The City will apply for funding from the State of California, Office of Emergency Services to help support two of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Strategic Work Plan goals.

BACKGROUND

On October 6, 2007, the City of San José received notification from the Governor's Office of Emergency Services (OES) offering \$4.3 million in grants to cities for gang prevention, intervention, re-entry, education, job training and skills development, family and community services, and suppression activities. The OES grant program is a subset of Governor Schwarzenegger's California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) Initiative launched earlier this year and involves several state agencies and existing state programs focused on reducing the problem of gang violence in California. Details on the Request for Proposal (RFP) were made available later in the month.

Cities may request up to \$500,000 which covers up to three years of anti-gang programs in their local areas. The grant requires cities to provide a "dollar-for-dollar" match, meaning the amount awarded to a city must be equally matched by the city through local or federal dollars in the form of cash or in-kind services. Funds may be used for gang prevention, intervention, re-entry, education, job training and skills development, family and community services, and suppression activities. Grant proposals are due to the OES office no later than 5:00 pm on November 26, 2007.

ANALYSIS

The CalGRIP 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.

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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 CalGRIP 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.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

Focus group meetings with all Technical team members to update the strategic plan will be scheduled within the next three to four 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 November 20, 2007 City Council Agenda.

COORDINATION

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

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COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

If the City is awarded the CalGRIP grant in the amount of \$500,000, the grant would be used to support expenditures to enhance the MGPTF goals #'s 1 and 3. No additional funds need to be allocated to satisfy the "dollar for dollar" matching funds requirement of the grant. This will be satisfied through existing funds allocated for gang intervention services through San Jose B.E.S.T. 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.

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Not a Project



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