



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Nadine N. Nader

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: June 18, 2008

Approved

Date

6-18-08

**SUBJECT: BRINGING EVERYONE'S STRENGTHS TOGETHER (B.E.S.T.)
RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009
[Neighborhood Services and Education Committee referral 06/12/08 – Item (e)]**

On June 12, 2008 a report was presented to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee on B.E.S.T. Resource Allocation Strategy.

Upon motion by Council Member Nguyen, seconded by Council Member Pyle, the Committee accepted the report. Attached you will find the report that was presented to the Neighborhood Services and Education Committee.


NADINE N. NADER
Agenda Services Manager

Attachment



Memorandum

**TO: NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES &
EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

FROM: Albert Balagso

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: May 23, 2008

Approved

Date

6-2-08

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

**SUBJECT: BRINGING EVERYONE'S STRENGTHS TOGETHER (B.E.S.T.)
RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-2009**

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the Resource Allocation Plan of the San José Bringing Everyone's Strengths Together (B.E.S.T.) program for FY 2008-2009.

OUTCOME

Staff will begin negotiating contracts for intervention services with qualified service providers for the period September 1, 2008 – August 31, 2009.

BACKGROUND

The San José B.E.S.T. Program was created as the funding arm of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF), providing funds to public and non-profit agencies to implement gang prevention, intervention and suppression programs for youth exhibiting high-risk behaviors and their families. Each year the San José B.E.S.T. program determines the priority service areas and needs through a "Hot Spot" exercise, with the MGPTF Technical Team and Policy Team. The exercise considers the current needs assessments, San José Police Department crime statistics, violent gang climate, and input from community-based organizations. Service agreements are negotiated with qualified service providers based on the priority service areas and needs identified by the MGPTF and approved by City Council.

For FY 2008-09, the "Hot Spot" exercise was held during the monthly MGPTF Technical Team meeting on March 12, 2008 at the Camden Community Center. The exercise brought together

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representatives from the San Jose Mayor's Office, the San Jose Police Department, School Districts, Community-Based Organizations, County Probation Department, Office of the District Attorney, and Santa Clara County Office of Education. The results of the "Hot Spot" exercise were presented to the MGPTF Technical Team on April 9, 2008, and to the Policy Team on April 25, 2008.

The San Jose B.E.S.T. model utilizes a triennial Request for Qualifications (RFQ) process that creates a list of service providers qualified to provide services that would positively intervene in the lives of San Jose youth – to reclaim them from anti-social pulls that have disconnected them from their families, schools, communities and their futures. Qualified service providers remain on the list for three years. For FY 2007-10, an RFQ process was held in April, 2007. Subsequently, a list of qualified service providers for FY 2007-2010 was approved by City Council on May 24, 2007.

The San Jose B.E.S.T. allocation strategy aligns with the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force Strategic Plan. The MGPTF Strategic Plan is currently being revised for FY 2008-11 and will be brought forward to the City Council in the Fall of 2008.

This memo outlines the resource allocation strategies for B.E.S.T. funds for FY 2008-09 including the list of priority service areas and needs.

ANALYSIS

The recent uptick in gang-related incidents requires the City to deploy its gang intervention efforts and resources in a focused and strategic manner. To this end, the proposed Resource Allocation Plan has been developed utilizing information gathered from: The "Hot Spot" exercise; SJPD Crime Analysis Data and corresponding Geo-Maps; and input gathered from recently held "Town Hall" community meetings. The proposed Resource Allocation Plan (See Attachment A) includes: 1) The Ten Eligible Services List, 2) Funding allocation by category, and 3) Priority Services and Service Areas by Division.

Ten Eligible Services List

FY 2008-09 represents the second year of the three year RFQ eligibility period. The B.E.S.T. program will use the existing service providers list to contract with agencies in FY 2008-09. Staff will negotiate with service providers to provide activities under the following eligible services categories:

1. Personal Development and Youth Support Groups
2. Gang Mediation/Intervention
3. Outpatient Substance Abuse
4. Services for Adjudicated Youth
5. Domestic Violence Services
6. Truancy Case Management Services
7. Day Education/Career Development/Job Training
8. Parent/Family Support Services
9. Community Gang Awareness Trainings and Capacity Building Workshops
10. Unique Service Delivery for High-Risk Youth

We anticipate placing greater emphasis on street level gang outreach and mediation, after-hour recreational services through community centers, and intervention services related to truancy, drug abuse and adjudicated youth.

Funding Allocation by Category

The City's Proposed FY 2008-09 Operating Budget allocates \$4 Million Dollars to San Jose B.E.S.T. Of this amount, minimum base funding in the amount of \$350,000 is earmarked for each of the four police divisions. In total, \$3,362,000 is designated for direct service delivery. This amount includes a \$300,000 emergency reserve fund and a portion of the City's Gang Intervention Programs. The remaining funds of \$ 638,000 fund the Mayor's Liaison to the MGPTF, the San Jose B.E.S.T. administration staff and Program Evaluation.

Priority Services and Service Areas by Division

San Jose B.E.S.T. funded services are coordinated and delivered within the four police divisions of the City – Western, Central, Southern and Foothill. In general, services are provided throughout each division with greater emphasis placed on specifically identified service areas or "hot spots."

Next Steps:

- An inter-agency panel of experts will be convened during the month of June to assist staff in matching grantees to service areas and police divisions, based on community need, available funding and service delivery capacity.
- Contract negotiations with qualified agencies will begin in late June, with services commencing on September 1, 2008.

CONCLUSION

The San Jose B.E.S.T. Grants Program, as the funding arm of the MGPTF is committed to ensuring community safety and deterring youth from gang involvement. All service investments strive to reconnect high risk youth to their schools, families, communities and ultimately their futures.

PUBLIC OUTEACH

- Criteria 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criteria 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)**
- Criteria 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)**

A copy of the memo will be posted on the City's website for the June 24, 2008 City Council Agenda.

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COORDINATION

This report was prepared in coordination with the City Attorney's Office.

COST IMPLICATIONS

B.E.S.T. funding for Cycle XVIII in the amount of \$4 Million Dollars is included in the proposed 2008-2009 Proposed Operating Budget that will be considered by the City Council. All San José B.E.S.T agencies are required to contribute a minimum 20% monetary match.

CEQA

Not a project.



ALBERT BALAGSO

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Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services

Attachment

For questions, please contact Abraham Chacko, Senior Analyst, at (408) 793-5523.

**SAN JOSÉ BEST
RESOURCE ALLOCATION PLAN
FOR FY 2008-09**

ELIGIBLE SERVICES

1. Personal Development and Youth Support Groups
2. Gang Mediation/Intervention
3. Outpatient Substance Abuse
4. Services for Adjudicated Youth
5. Domestic Violence Services
6. Truancy Case Management Services
7. Day Education/Career Development/Job Training
8. Parent/Family Support Services
9. Community Gang Awareness Trainings and Capacity Building Workshops
10. Unique Service Delivery for High-Risk Youth

SAN JOSÉ B.E.S.T BUDGET ALLOCATIONS

Allocation

City Funded Direct Intervention Services including Safe School Campus Initiative and Clean Slate Tattoo Removal	\$530,000
Community-based Organization Funding	\$2,532,000
Emergency Fund	\$300,000
Sub-total for Direct Intervention Services	\$3,362,000
Mayor's Office Liaison to the MGPTF Policy Team	\$85,000
BEST Administrative/Program Support	\$453,000
Program Evaluation	\$100,000
Sub-total for Administrative and Program Evaluation	\$638,000
GRAND TOTAL	\$4,000,000

ELIGIBLE SERVICES

Central Division

Service Sites

1. Jeannie / Forestdale (McKinley N. Center)
2. Peter Burnett Middle School
3. 24th & Julian (San Jose HighSchool) (Between 2-5pm)

Eligible Service

1. Gang Mediation and Intervention Response
2. Personal Development and Youth Support Groups
3. Parent / Family Support Services

Foothill Division

Service Sites

1. Poco/Sunset – Lee Mathson MS / Independence HS
2. Kolmar Apts. (Capital / Story)
3. Pop's Liquor (Ocala/King)

Eligible Service

1. Gang Mediation and Intervention Response
2. Personal Development and Youth Support Groups
3. Community Gang Awareness Trainings & Capacity Building Workshops

Western Division

Service Sites

1. Washington United Youth Center
2. Cadillac/Del Mar High School & Rosemary Elementary
3. Alma Youth Center

Eligible Service

1. Unique Service Delivery for High Risk Youth – Recreation Services
2. Parent / Family Support Services
3. Personal Development and Youth Support Groups

Southern Division

Service Sites

1. Andrew Hill / Solari Park / Singleton Area
2. Oak Grove High School
3. Roundtable / Edenvale Area

Eligible Service

1. Gang Mediation and Intervention Response
2. Unique Service Delivery for High Risk Youth
3. Personal Development and Youth Support Groups