



# Memorandum

**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR AND  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Albert Balagso

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

**DATE:** 11-7-08

Approved

*Shirley Justice*

Date

*11/7/08*

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

## RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution authorizing the City Manager to submit an application to the California Gang Reduction, Intervention and Prevention (CalGRIP) grant for up to the maximum amount of \$400,000 to support the efforts of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF) and to negotiate and 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 in an aggregate amount up to twice the original grant amount as further described below.

## OUTCOME

The City will apply for funding from the State of California Office of Emergency Services (OES) to help support two of the MGPTF Strategic Work Plan goals.

## BACKGROUND

On October 20, 2008, the City of San José received notification from the Governor's OES offering \$6.3 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 CalGRIP Initiative.

Bay Area cities may request up to \$400,000, which covers up to two 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. Grant proposals are due to the OES office no later than 5:00 p.m. on November 25, 2008.

### **ANALYSIS**

The CalGRIP funding would enable the City to advance two major Strategic Goals identified in the MGPTF Strategic Work Plan:

Strategic Goal #1 - Develop and implement an "asset-based" service delivery system aimed at connecting, coordinating, and leveraging intervention resources in executing the MGPTF Continuum of Care strategies.

Strategic Goal #3 – Develop and implement a comprehensive capacity-building strategy aimed at equipping Task Force members, youth, families and neighborhoods with the skills and resources necessary to reduce violence and anti-social behavior in San José.

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 but are not limited to gang mediation and intervention services, services to adjudicated youth, parent/family support, capacity building, and community gang-awareness trainings. The grant period will be from January 1, 2009 to December 30, 2010.

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 José B.E.S.T evaluator will evaluate the program as part of the annual process.

### **PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

- 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)**

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- Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, and 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 18, 2008, City Council Agenda.

### COORDINATION

This memo has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office, the City Manager's Budget Office, and the Planning, Building and Code Enforcement Department.

### COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

If the City is awarded the CalGRIP grant in the amount up to \$400,000, the grant would be used to support expenditures to enhance the MGPTF goal #'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 José 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 24 months from the start date of the grant.

### CEQA

Not a Project

  
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