



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Albert Balagso

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: 12-03-08

Approved

Date

12/3/08

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

**SUBJECT: JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT (JABG) AND THE
LOCAL YOUNG OFFENDER PLANNING GRANT (LYOPG)**

REASON FOR ADDENDUM

Details on the Federal Department of Labor, Local Young Offender Planning Grant (LYOPG) and the State Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) were made available last week. Staff is preparing a grant proposal for up to \$700,000 (up to \$400,000 for the JABG and \$300,000 for the LYOPG). The submission dates for these grants are December 3, 2008, for the JABG and December 18, 2008, for the LYOPG. Previous to that, the City Council must authorize application for the grant at the December 9, 2008 Council meeting. Staff will be submitting the JABG application by the December 3, 2008 due date. Due to the late notification of the JABG application, JABG administrators have allowed for the City of San José to submit a copy of the Council resolution by December 10, 2008. If unapproved, staff will rescind the grant application. The late notification on grant application requirements did not allow staff sufficient time to submit an authorization memo for the December 9, 2008 City Council meeting through the established submission deadline.

RECOMMENDATION

Adoption of a resolution authorizing the City Manager to:

- (a) Submit applications to the Federal Department of Labor for the Local Young Offender Planning grant and to the California Department of Correction for the Juvenile Accountability Block grant for up to a total amount of \$700,000 (up to \$400,000 for JABG and \$300,000 for the LYOPG) to support the efforts of the Mayor's Gang Prevention Task Force (MGPTF);

- (b) To execute a grant agreement accepting the grant and any collateral documents; and
- (c) To execute amendments to the grant agreements 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 Department of Labor for the LYOPG and the California Department of Correction for the JABG.

BACKGROUND

On November 18, 2008, the City of San José received notification on grants available through the Federal Department of Labor and the California Department of Corrections. Details on the grant are as follows:

California Department of Corrections (CDC) – Juvenile Accountability Block Grant

These funds are intended for local governments for gang prevention and intervention strategies for youth under eighteen (18) years of age. The grant period will cover January 2, 2009, through June 30, 2009. All expenditures must be encumbered and activities must occur prior to June 30, 2009. All funds must be liquidated by September 29, 2009. Local governments may request up to \$400,000. The grant requires a 10% cash match through local or state dollars. Grant proposals are due via electronic mail to the CDC office no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 3, 2008. Award dates were not specified in the grant notification.

Federal Department of Labor – Local Young Offender Planning Grants

The goal of the planning grants is to allow selected localities to develop comprehensive blueprints for serving all juvenile and young adult offenders returning from correctional facilities. Planning grants will be awarded for a 12-month period of performance. Local governments may request up to \$300,000. The grant requires a “dollar for dollar” match through state, local or federal dollars. Grant proposals are due to the Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration office no later than 5:00 p.m. on December 18, 2008. Award dates were not specified in the grant notification.

ANALYSIS

Availability of these funds would enable the City to advance two major Strategic Goals identified in the MGPTF Strategic Work Plan 2008-2011 “Action Collaboration Transformation” (adopted by City Council on September 23, 2008):

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 periods are as follows:

- JABG funds cover January 2, 2009 through June 30, 2009, with all funds liquidated by September 28, 2009.
- LYOPG funds cover a 12-month period from the award 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 extend or modify the grant period or 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 in receiving these grants, staff will provide program updates that will include enhancements to gang intervention services utilizing the new funds. The San José 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 MGPTF 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 December 9, 2008, City Council Agenda.

COORDINATION

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

COST SUMMARY/IMPLICATIONS

If the City is awarded the grant, it will be used to support expenditures to enhance the MGPTF Goals #1 and #3. No additional funds need to be allocated to satisfy the matching requirements for both of these grants. This will be satisfied through existing funds allocated for gang intervention services through the San José BEST program. Any budgetary action needed will be brought forward at a later date, once it is determined that the City has been awarded the grant. The JABG and LYOPG allow for the expenditures for a 6-month and a 12-month period respectively.

CEQA

Not a Project.


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