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To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Edward N. Bonner, Sheriff-Coroner-Marshal
Date: June 24, 2008
Subject: Justice Assistance Grant

Action Requested

Your Board is requested to approve the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$12,065. Authorization is also requested for the County Executive Officer to execute any grant documents and Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the City of Roseville. The grant will be submitted to provide some funding reimbursements for a Sr. Probation Officer for activities and time supporting the Special Investigations Unit related to reducing children endangered in a drug-related environment.

Background

Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) and Edward Byrne Memorial Grant (Byrne) funds were combined by the Federal government in 2005 into the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The deadline for this round of grant applications is on July 8, 2008. This requires a 30-day notification to the governing body prior to the submittal deadline and approval of the grant submittal. A specific amount is allocated to counties and jurisdictions within counties having a population exceeding 100,000. This grant applies to Placer County and the City of Roseville. The amount available this grant cycle is \$12,065. The grant requires a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of Roseville for the use of the funds. The City of Roseville is considered the lead agency for this grant and must approve funds being paid directly to the County for the stated purpose.

The grant guidelines indicate that any law enforcement or justice initiative previously eligible for funding under Byrne or LLEBG is eligible for JAG funding. SIU uses the Sr. Probation Officer, as funding allows, to provide services to support investigation of drug-related crimes and reducing the number of children in drug environments. FY 2006-2007 and 2007-2008 JAG grants have provided some reimbursement and support for the Sr. Probation Officer to perform these duties within SIU. Prior that time, this position had been funded through the State Byrne funds.

SIU contributes to the safety and well-being of the Placer County residents as part of the County's fight against drugs. This includes a wide variety of drugs with the current emphasis related to methamphetamines. Probation has been committed to participating in SIU to the extent funding is provided, while maintaining the services they are required to provide.

The services provided by the Sr. Probation Officer in this program include gathering data, investigations, eradication, and arrest for prosecution of controlled substances within Placer County in addition to reducing the number of children in a drug-related environment. This particular grant is only available through law enforcement agencies. The Sheriff is committed to the SIU programs which provide drug enforcement and eradication for programs such as the Placer Meth initiative.

The Sheriff is willing to forego other priorities to support this funding be applied to the Sr. Probation Officer. This grant will be applied to offset salaries and benefits for the effort and time the Sr. Probation Officer provides directly in support of SIU operations.

Pursuant to the grant guidelines, the grant must be made available for review by the governing body and the public. In addition, an MOU must be approved by your Board and the City of Roseville. The City is approving the MOU concurrent to this action at their next available date. Final award of the grant will be made within the next couple of months. Your Board's review and approval of the MOU and grant is requested with the authorization for the County Executive to execute all related documents.

Fiscal Impact

The funds provided by this grant will be included in the final budget. These funds will help offset costs of the Sr. Probation Officer related to SIU operations. This position will be allocated within the Probation Department for FY 2008-2009. Probation will bill the Sheriff's Department, including documentation, for the time the Sr. Probation Officer provides to these operations to fulfill grant requirements.

Attachments: JAG Agreement
Project Summary Narrative
Budget Narrative

**THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF PLACER COUNTY**

**INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE CITY OF ROSEVILLE AND COUNTY OF PLACER COUNTY
2008 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)
PROGRAM**

This agreement is made and entered into this 24th day of June, 2008, by and between the COUNTY of Placer, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, and the CITY of Roseville, hereinafter referred to as CITY, both of Placer County, State of California:

WHEREAS, each governing body, in performing governmental functions or in paying for the performance of governmental functions hereunder, shall make that performance or those payments from current revenues legally available to that party; and

WHEREAS, each governing body finds that the performance of this Agreement is in the best interests of both parties, that the undertaking will benefit the public, and that the allocation of costs fairly compensates the performing party for the services or functions under this agreement: and

WHEREAS, the CITY agrees that \$12,065 of JAG funds will be disbursed to the County for the Special Investigations Unit to reduce Children in a Drug-endangered Environment Program; and

WHEREAS, the City and County believe it to be in their best interests to allocate the JAG funds to the benefit of these programs.

NOW THEREFORE, the COUNTY and CITY agree as follows:

Section 1.

CITY agrees that \$12,065 of JAG funds will be disbursed to the County.

Section 2.

COUNTY agrees to use \$12,065 for the Special Investigations Unit to Reduce Children in a Drug-endangered Environment Program until expended for a period not to exceed September 30, 2009.

Section 3.

Each agency shall assume responsibility and liability for the acts of its own officers, agents, or employees in connection with the performance of their official duties under this MOU. For tort liability purposes, no participating agency shall be considered the

agent of the other participating agency. Each participating agency shall be liable (if at all) only for torts of its own personnel that occur within the scope of their official duties.

Section 4.

Each party to this agreement will be responsible for its own actions in providing services under this agreement and shall not be liable for any civil liability that may arise from the furnishing of the services by the other party.

Section 5.

The parties to this Agreement do not intend for any third party to obtain a right by virtue of this Agreement.

Section 6.

By entering into this Agreement, the parties do not intend to create any obligations express or implied other than those set out herein; further, this Agreement shall not create any rights in any party not a signatory hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Agreement has been executed by the parties hereto:

CITY OF ROSEVILLE

COUNTY OF Placer County

City Manager

County Executive

ATTEST: APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney

County Counsel

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**U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance**

PROJECT SUMMARY NARRATIVE

Justice Assistance Grant
Anti-Drug Enforcement Program (ADA)
Reduce Children in a Drug-endangered Environment

The two major goals of the Anti-drug Enforcement Program are to reduce illegal activities of targeted offenders through law enforcement, prosecution, probation, and to reduce the number of children in a drug endangered environment. Staff costs continue to increase for this countywide monitoring and enforcement effort while Byrne funds through the State continue to diminish. The special investigations unit (SIU) is currently utilizing the limited State Byrne funds to help cover the costs of one deputy sheriff, one probation officer and one district attorney clerical staff. Further reductions are expected to occur in this program. This adversely impacts meeting the goals of this program. One key component of this program to be impacted is reducing the number of children in a drug-endangered environment. The probation officer carries out a major part of this program goal. Justice Assistance Grant funds of \$12,065 for FY 2008/2009 are being requested to offset the reductions to fund the probation officer that plays a key role in achieving this critical program goal.

The probation officer working in SIU monitors high-risk situations for children in Placer County. This officer works as a liaison between SIU, the Courts and other County departments. SIU works with school resource officers in Placer County to identify individuals who are selling drugs at local schools and to help determine what drugs are being sold. SIU has an outstanding relationship with Placer County Child Protective Services, ACCESS. SIU assists on home visits to look for signs and symptoms of drug use. Any investigation that involves drugs where a child is associated, ACCESS is called and responds to assist in the documentation to prosecute the parents and provide for the safekeeping of the children. Much of this effort is achieved through the SIU liaison.

Access also refers cases to SIU when a drug-endangered environment is suspected. SIU investigates and removes children from homes where parents have been using drugs. SIU arrests adults for drug-related child endangerment. SIU gathers and compiles statistical information resulting from these activities through investigative reports, case activity reports, and information from ACCESS, Probation and Drug Court. Information is also gathered by the District Attorney's office from their court documents. SIU is working with the school resource officers in Placer County, attempting to identify individuals who are selling drugs at local schools and determine what drugs teenagers are using. SIU has 99 open cases which are pending prosecution at this time. SIU seized one methamphetamine lab in the last 3 months. From January to the present SIU has arrested 72 individuals. 68 of those arrested were for felony violations. 4 were misdemeanor violations. Another goal of the Placer SIU is to reduce the

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number of children in a drug-endangered environment. SIU continues to have an outstanding relationship with the Placer County Child Protective Services, ACCESS. At the request of ACCESS, we assist them on home visits to look for signs and symptoms of drug use. Any investigation that involves drugs where a child is associated, ACCESS is called and responds to assist in the documentation to prosecute the parents and provide for safe keeping of the children.

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BUDGET NARRATIVE
Justice Assistance Grant
Anti-drug Enforcement Program (ADA)
Reduce Children in a Drug-endangered Environment

Personnel - salary

The personnel needed to implement this project goal for FY 2008 – 2009 is the Sr. Probation Officer for the Special Investigations Unit. This person is responsible for providing the liaison, investigative, coordination and follow-up services to implement the program goal of reducing the number of children in a drug-endangered environment as outlined in the program project summary. This is the staff designated to perform these duties. Funding reductions from the State ADA and county budget constraints will require this position to be reduced or eliminated if alternative funding is not acquired. This program goal cannot be met without this funding augmentation. With the loss of funding, staffing would have to be reduced. Part of the JAG guidelines indicate that previous funds provided through Byrne would be eligible for these revised grant monies.

Personnel – Benefits and employee costs

The benefits and employee costs of this position total the remaining amount. This includes proportionate share of benefits and employee-related costs such as general liability and employee benefits.

