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To: The Honorable Board of Supervisors
From: Edward N. Bonner, Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall
Date: May 18, 2010
Subject: Edward Byrne – Justice Assistance Program Grant

Action Requested

Your Board is requested to approve the Grant application for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$28,501.00 to offset the cost of one Probation Officer. Your authorization is requested for the Sheriff-Coroner-Marshall to execute this grant application. The grant period is from July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2014. There is no impact to the General Fund.

Background

In prior years we have shared the JAG grant with the City of Roseville and have allocated the funding for a Probation Officer assigned to the Special Investigations Unit (SIU) task force. This year both Roseville and Placer County are eligible to apply separately. The recommended use of this grant funding is to continue to offset the costs of one Probation Officer. The Sheriff's Office is the lead agency for the grant. 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 contributes to the safety and well-being of Placer County residents and is part of the County's fight against drugs such as methamphetamines. The grant application requires 30 days of review by the governing body prior to submittal on June 30, 2010.

Fiscal Impact

Grant funds will be used to partially fund one Probation Officer assigned to SIU in the amount of \$28,501. Additional grant funding for FY 2010 will complete the funding for one full time Probation Officer. There is no impact to the General Fund.

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PROGRAM NARRATIVE

County of Placer

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
FY 2010 Local Solicitation

Justice Assistance Grant funds of \$28,501 for FY 2010 are being requested by Placer County to fund a portion of the probation officer assigned to the Placer County Special Investigations Unit (SIU) task force, where funding has been eliminated so that critical program goals can be achieved. The current estimated General Fund/Public Safety Fund budget deficit for 2010-2011 for Placer County is \$23.6 million dollars. As a result Placer County continues to implement cost saving measures, including lay off's of employees. With this current fiscal climate all task force participants who are funded by Placer County could be eliminated. JAG funding for this position equates to funding for .25 Full Time Employee (FTE) equivalents.

The Special Investigation Unit is the Anti Drug task force for Placer County it is physically located in the City of Rocklin and is comprised of a Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement (BNE) Special Agent Supervisor as the commander, four Deputy Sheriffs from the Placer County Sheriffs Department; a Deputy Probation Officer from the Placer County Probation Department; one Police Officer each from the Rocklin Police Department, Roseville Police Department, Lincoln Police Department and Auburn Police Department, a clerical aid from the Placer County District Attorneys Office, and a part time Evidence Technician from the Sheriffs Office. In addition a Client Services Practitioner from Child Protective Services and a District Attorney Prosecutor participate on the task force in an as needed status. All personnel assigned to SIU report to the SIU commander.

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.

Staff costs continue to increase for this countywide monitoring and enforcement effort while funding continues to diminish. The special investigations unit (SIU) has utilized the limited JAG funding to partially fund members of this task force. This is a small task

force that is comprised of only six deputy sheriffs/police officers, one probation officer and one clerical staff. CalEMA Grant funding for FY 2010 is being allocated to partially offset the costs of personnel assigned to the task force from the District Attorney's Office, Child Protective Services, and the Probation Department. The decrease in funding severely impacts the task force with the reduction of the level of involvement of the probation officer. Currently the task force is not fully staffed.

Placer County SIU serves a county population of 332,000 plus covering an area of 1,503 miles over a diverse geography ranging from the Sacramento County line over the Donner Summit surrounding the North Shore of Lake Tahoe to the Nevada State line. This is a challenge with the limited amount of staff dedicated to the task force of six police/patrol officers. Further reductions could severely limit the effectiveness of this task force in achieving its stated goals. Without grant funding many members of the task force would be eliminated.

Placer County accounts for and tracks all JAG-related activities and grant funding separately from other activities. This is done by separating all grants into one budget unit distinct from general operating funds and each grant has a separate and distinct organizational cost account (OCA). All costs associated with this grant for the probation officer will be posted to this account. The Performance Accounting System is linked to the ACORN payroll system to assure information is available as soon as it is posted. Queries can be done to pull the information from the database as soon as it has been posted even prior to the close of the accounting period. Sheriff's Fiscal staff will gather and compile the information and track timelines to submit to OJP within the timelines required. The County of Placer undergoes an annual single organizational audit by an independent accounting firm. The audit includes a close scrutiny of the County's use of federal funds.

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BUDGET NARRATIVE
Justice Assistance Grant

Personnel - salary

There are two main goals in Placer County's Special Investigation Unit (SIU) – reducing the number of children in a drug-endangered environment and to reducing illegal activities of targeted offenders. The personnel needed to implement these project goals for FY 2010 is the Probation Officer for the Special Investigations Unit (SIU). Placer County SIU is a small multi-jurisdictional task force that had been comprised of six police officers/sheriff deputies, one probation officer and one clerical staff. Budget reductions are impacting the ability to continue staffing at this level. Current budget reductions would reduce staffing by .25 Full Time Equivalents (FTE).

The Probation Officer 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. This position is no longer funded and cannot continue in its role as part of the critical to the SIU function. Funding reductions from the State and county have caused the funding for this position to be eliminated. The only option to maintain the presence of a Probation Officer is if alternative funding is acquired. This program goal cannot be met without this funding augmentation. With the loss of funding, staffing has been reduced.

Personnel – Benefits and employee costs

The JAG grant funding will be applied to a portion of the benefits for one probation officer. No other costs will be applied for those positions.

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Review Narrative

A summary of the proposed JAG Grant funded activities was presented to the Placer County Board of Supervisors on May 18th, 2010.

The application was presented to the Placer County Board of Supervisors on May 18, 2010. The Board was informed of the grant and the planned use and distribution of the funds. All Board agenda items, minutes, and attachments have been included. The public has viewed the information 72 hours prior to the Board meeting and is invited and asked to speak when the item is heard by the Board.

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Program Narrative Abstract

Applicant: Placer County Sheriff's Office

Title of Project: Special Investigation Unit (SIU) Task Force-Probation Officer funding.

Dollar Amount requested: \$28,501.00

Project Objectives Goals:

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. To accomplish this goal we are requesting partial funding to continue funding a full-time Probation Officer assigned to the Special Investigations Unit.

Strategies:

SIU gathers and compiles statistical information resulting from these activities through investigative reports, case activity reports, and information from ACCESS, Probation and Drug Court to measure and track the performance as it relates to our goal.

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE-ITEM DETAIL

A. Personnel Services - Salaries/Employee Benefits

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COST

2010-2011

CATEGORY TOTAL

\$0

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE-ITEM DETAIL				
B. Operating Expenses			page 2	COST
2010-2011				
Deputy Probation Officer				
Salary	480 hours		\$15,368	
Benefits				
PERS	33.86%	\$5,204		
FICA	7.65%	\$1,176		
Group Insurance		\$5,162		
Workers Comp	1.59%	\$244		
Post employment costs		\$1,348		\$28,501
CATEGORY TOTAL				\$28,501

BUDGET CATEGORY AND LINE-ITEM DETAIL

C. Equipment

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COST

2010-2011

CATEGORY TOTAL				\$0
PROJECT TOTAL				\$28,501
FUND DISTRIBUTION	FEDERAL	STATE	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH
1. Amount of Funds	\$28,501			
2. Percentage of Funds	100%			

