

County of Santa Clara Office of the Sheriff



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DATE: October 6, 2009

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM:

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Laurie Smith
Sheriff

SUBJECT: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Sexual Assault Specialized Response Unit Program Grant

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Consider recommendations relating to the California Emergency Management Agency's Justice Assistance FY 09 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act: Sexual Assault Specialized Response Unit Program Grant.

Possible action:

- a. Approve delegation of authority to the Sheriff, or designee, to negotiate, execute, amend, and terminate, and take any necessary or advisable actions to implement a Sexual Assault Specialized Response Unit Program Grant, and accept American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) grant funds from the California Emergency

Management Agency in an amount not to exceed \$250,000 relating to a program intended to improve investigation and support for victims of sexual assault for period September 1, 2009 through February 28, 2011, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on February 28, 2011.

- b. Approve delegation of authority to the Sheriff and the County Executive, or designees to negotiate, execute, amend, and terminate, and take any necessary or advisable actions relating to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with the YWCA of Silicon Valley relating to rape crisis counseling and victim support services in an amount not to exceed \$72,792 for period September 1, 2009, through February 28, 2011, following approval by County Counsel as to form and legality, and approval by the Office of the County Executive. Delegation of authority shall expire on February 28, 2011 .
- c. Approve Request for Appropriation Modification No. 066 - \$250,000 increasing revenue and expenditures in the Sheriff's Office budget relating to acceptance of ARRA Sexual Assault Specialized Response Program Grant funds. (4/5 Roll Call Vote)
- d. Introduction and preliminary adoption of Salary Ordinance No. NS-5.10.25 amending Santa Clara County Salary Ordinance No. NS-5.10 relating to the compensation of employees adding one unclassified Deputy Sheriff position in the Office of the Sheriff. Positions shall expire on February 20, 2011. (Roll Call Vote to waive reading, Roll Call Vote to adopt)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no adverse impact to the General Fund. Accepting grant funds requires a 25% cash or in-kind match by the County. An in-kind match will be absorbed in the Sheriff's Office current budget by assigning an existing Deputy Sheriff Detective in the Sexual Assault Investigation Unit (SAIU) to Sexual Assault Specialized Response Unit (SASRU) Program Grant activities. This action would not result in reassignment; instead, it would shift this position's duties to investigate sexual assault cases exclusively. The grant award is \$250,000 and would cover a period of eighteen months (September 1, 2009 through February 28, 2011). No additional funds are anticipated when the grant term ends.

Grant funding extends for 18 months, and includes training and equipment; salary and benefit costs for one full-time Unclassified Deputy Sheriff; and rape crisis advocacy services contracted through a CalEMA-funded center. The grant does not mandate the County to continue funding the Deputy Sheriff position after the grant ends. However, at a later date, the Sheriff's Office would like to determine the feasibility of incorporating the position into existing staff and offset any costs with other revenue. If this is not feasible and the Sheriff's budget cannot sustain the additional cost, the position will be deleted when the grant funds are expended.

CONTRACT HISTORY

There is no contract history associated with this grant opportunity.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

In July 2009, the Sheriff's Office submitted an application to the California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) for \$250,000 in Sexual Assault Specialized Response Unit Program (SASRU) Grant funding. CalEMA notified the

Sheriff's Office in early September that it had selected the Sheriff's Office proposal to receive SASRU funding, following the September 1, 2009 start date of the grant, hence the reason this delegation of authority request is retroactive..

The Sexual Assault Specialized Response Unit Program (SASRU) is supported by funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) of 2009, Services*Training*Officers*Prosecutors (S*T*O*P) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). As one of its many elements, the ARRA provides the U.S. Department of Justice with funding for grants to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement in combating violence against women by supporting hiring and investing in the American workforce.

The State of California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) was allocated approximately \$1,196,000 in federal ARRA S*T*O*P VAWA funding to fund seven SASRU projects statewide. The SASRU is an 18-month long project designed to improve the response to victims of sexual assault through the meticulous investigation of sexual assault incidents and immediate victim support. The grant requires that the Sheriff's Office dedicate one Sexual Assault Investigator (Deputy Sheriff Detective) to SASRU grant activities and contract with a CalEMA-funded center for rape crisis advocacy services. The Deputy Sheriff position will be assigned to the Sheriff's Office 4-person Sexual Assault Investigation Unit, for the creation of an enhanced and/or specialized unit focused on improved victim services. The grant also requires a 25% match, or \$83,333, which can be met with cash or in-kind services. The Sheriff's Office proposal includes a commitment to dedicate one existing Sexual Assault Unit Investigator (Deputy Sheriff Detective) to SASRU grant activities for the duration of the grant, in order to meet the required match.

SASRU grant funding will provide a multi-disciplinary approach and the ability to provide victims with immediate support. The SAIU currently consists of one Sheriff's Sergeant and three Deputy Sheriff Detectives, one of which will be assigned exclusively to the SASRU project. The new grant-funded Unclassified Deputy Sheriff position will heighten the SAIU's ability to thoroughly investigate sexual assault cases and reduce and/or eliminate existing backlogs, in addition to improving the SAIU's response to victims of sexual assault.

The rape crisis advocacy services contract would provide victims with, or arrange for: accompaniment at forensic medical examinations (24/7); crisis intervention (24/7); follow-up services; in-person counseling; accompaniment to court, law enforcement, and medical appointments; advocacy; and provide updates on the status of court cases.

The Employee Services Agency concurs with this recommendation.

BACKGROUND

The ARRA places great emphasis on accountability and transparency, which expands upon the Office of Justice Program's standard grant reporting requirements. In particular, 1512 (c) of the ARRA set out detailed requirements for quarterly reports that must be submitted within 10 days of the end of each calendar quarter. Receipt of funds will be contingent on meeting the ARRA reporting requirements. The Sheriff's Office acknowledges this emphasis and is committed to meeting these additional grant requirements. The Sheriff's Office has shared the appropriate documents with the Office of Intergovernmental Relations for posting to the County's web site. Additionally, the Sheriff's Office will share copies of its quarterly progress reports with the Office of the County Executive.

The S*T*O*P VAWA Program is designed to promote a coordinated, multi-disciplinary approach to improving the criminal justice system's response to violent crimes against women. The California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) intends S*T*O*P VAWA ARRA funds for the purpose of combating violence against women, as well as to support other strategies that create and preserve jobs and promote economic growth while improving responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The ARRA S*T*O*P VAWA Program is a formula based program requiring specific percentages of the funding be allocated to each of four categories: Law Enforcement, Prosecution, Courts, and Victim Services.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

The Sheriff's Office would not be able to accept ARRA grant funds to implement a Sexual Assault Specialized Response Unit.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors is requested to notify Michelle Sandoval, Senior Management Analyst-Office of the Sheriff once Keyboard processing is completed.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment A
- Attachment B

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION MODIFICATION
FISCAL YEAR 2010

For
Controller's
Office

Agency/Department Name: OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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3	Grant Exp - Services & Supplies	0001	0230	3903	5861000	230-G230SASR		99,703.00		
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- Recognize new expenditure/revenue (one-time)
- Re-appropriate prior year unspent expenditures (one-time)
- Others

Brief Description: The Sexual Assault Specialized Response Unit (SASRU) Program grant is a program whose goal is to improve the response to victims of sexual assault through more thorough investigation of incidents and provide immediate victim support.

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ORDINANCE NO. NS-5.10.25

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SANTA CLARA COUNTY ORDINANCE
NO. NS-5.10 RELATING TO THE COMPENSATION OF EMPLOYEES

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara ordains as follows:

SECTION 1:

In SECTION 29 – SHERIFF’S OFFICE– BU 230, the following shall be added:

1 V6A Deputy Sheriff - U

SECTION 2:

This Ordinance shall take effect October 20, 2009. This Ordinance shall be implemented on November 2, 2009. Section 1 of the Ordinance shall expire February 20, 2011 at 11:59 pm.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, this _____ by the following vote:

AYES: Supervisors,
NOES: Supervisors,
ABSENT: Supervisors,

Liz Kniss, President
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Signed and certified that a copy of this document has been delivered by electronic or other means to the President, Board of Supervisors.

Attest:

Maria Marinos
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors