



**Contra
Costa
County**

To: Board of Supervisors
From: David Twa, County Administrator
Date: April 16, 2019

Subject: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant 2018

RECOMMENDATION(S):

Adopt Resolution No. 2019/122 authorizing the County Administrator, or designee, to apply for and accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant up to the amount of \$1,045,625 annually from the Board of State and Community Corrections to promote innovations in indigent defense within the County for the period October 1, 2019 through the end of the grant period.

FISCAL IMPACT:

100% Federal revenue, no county match. Up to \$1,045,625 annually for three years from California's JAG Allocation.

BACKGROUND:

The JAG Program (34 U.S.C. §10151-10158) is a key provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides critical funding necessary to support state and local initiatives including: technical assistance, strategic planning, research and evaluation (including forensics), data collection, training, personnel, equipment, forensic laboratories, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems. The Federal JAG Program supports eight Program Purpose Areas

☒ APPROVE

☐ OTHER

☒ RECOMMENDATION OF CNTY ADMINISTRATOR

☐ RECOMMENDATION OF BOARD COMMITTEE

Action of Board On: **04/16/2019** ☒ APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED ☐ OTHER

Clerks Notes:

VOTE OF SUPERVISORS

AYE: John Gioia, District I Supervisor
Candace Andersen, District II Supervisor
Diane Burgis, District III Supervisor
Karen Mitchoff, District IV Supervisor
Federal D. Glover, District V Supervisor

I hereby certify that this is a true and correct copy of an action taken and entered on the minutes of the Board of Supervisors on the date shown.

ATTESTED: April 16, 2019

David Twa, County Administrator and Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

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(PPAs) designated by federal statute.

BACKGROUND: (CONT'D)

These include: (1) law enforcement programs; (2) prosecution and court programs, including indigent defense; (3) prevention and education programs; (4) corrections and community corrections programs; (5) drug treatment and enforcement programs; (6) planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs; (7) crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation); and (8) mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention team.

Historically, funding for the JAG Program in California had been allocated directly to counties through a non-competitive process. The majority of funds were passed through to local law enforcement agencies to fund multi-jurisdictional task forces related to narcotics suppression.

In 2012, California state law transferred the administration of the JAG Program from the California Emergency Management Agency (now the California Office of Emergency Services) to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC). With this transfer, BSCC became the State Administering Agency responsible for oversight of Byrne JAG funding in California.

In 2015, California used JAG funding for 32 local JAG projects throughout the state. These competitively awarded projects reflected the approved state strategy and three (3) priority program purpose areas (PPAs) of (1) Prevention and Education Programs; (2) Law Enforcement Programs; and (3) Prosecution, Courts, Defense, and Indigent Defense. Contra Costa County was one of the successful applicants award JAG funding to support the Youth Justice Initiative, a public and private initiative devoted to helping kids who are involved or at the highest risk of being involved with the juvenile justice system..

Today's action authorizes the County Administrator, or designee, to apply for and accept the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant administered by BSCC. The County's grant application development process has been led by the County Public Defender and is aimed at promoting innovations in indigent defense.

CONSEQUENCE OF NEGATIVE ACTION:

Contra Costa County will not apply for this grant funding opportunity.

ATTACHMENTS

Resolution 2019/122