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Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grant Program Close-out Summary

Summary

This information item provides a summary of the Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grant (Strengthening Grant) administered by the Board of State and Community Corrections from 2016 to 2018. The attached report highlights local experiences with improving community/law enforcement relations and Final Local Evaluation Reports from the ten grant recipients.

Background

The Strengthening Grant funded collaborative law enforcement/community approaches to improve, strengthen, establish or reestablish positive meaningful relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve. Funded by a \$6,000,000 allocation in State Fiscal Year 2015-16, ten grants were awarded to law enforcement agencies from across the state in partnership with the communities they serve.

Eligibility for the grant was limited to California municipal police departments, sheriffs' departments, and cities that contract for law enforcement services. Law enforcement agencies could receive up to \$600,000 as an individual applicant or \$850,000 if a multiagency proposal were submitted. In addition, law enforcement agencies selected for funding were required to pass through a minimum of 30 percent of the total grant award to one or more community partners to demonstrate a shared partnership rooted in community engagement and economic equity.

Attachments

Strengthening Law Enforcement and Community Relations Grant, *10 Collaborative Approaches to Improving Community-Police Relations.*