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TO: BSCC Chair and Members

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SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Executive Steering Committee's Funding Recommendations: **Requesting Approval**

Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for fiscal year 2019, as recommended by the JAG Executive Steering Committee (ESC). If the proposed list of grantees is approved by the Board, the grants will be effective October 1, 2019 and will expire on September 30, 2022.

A total of 32 counties applied for funding totaling \$20 million. The available funding for local assistance is \$16,285,176, which will be distributed among 27 successful applicant counties based on the funding formula previously approved by the Board. The funding will go to eight large counties, eight medium counties and 11 small counties. These awards represent funding for the first year of the three-year cycle. Annual reallocations for the remaining two years will depend on grantee performance and the availability of federal JAG funding.

Background

The JAG ESC began work on January 26, 2018. As part of the grant-development process, the ESC reviewed the previous JAG state strategy and adopted it for another three years. The state strategy for the next cycle was approved by the Board on November 8, 2018:

1. The strategy will honor responses from the California stakeholders in the survey with priority given to the survey supported areas of:
 - Education and Prevention
 - Law Enforcement
 - Prosecution, Courts and Defense
2. The needs of small, medium and large counties will be considered.
3. Funding will be based on local flexibility, on the needs of the juvenile and adult criminal justice communities, and on input from a balanced array of stakeholders.
4. Applicants must demonstrate a collaborative strategy based on the community engagement model that involves multiple stakeholders in the project or problem addressed.

5. Some emphasis will be given to the development of innovative and/or promising strategies to reduce crime and recidivism.

As a part of this state strategy, the ESC agreed that JAG funding should be allocated competitively to small, medium and large counties, according to the following formula: 20 percent to small; 30 percent to medium, and 50 percent to large counties. The financial breakdown for each category is:

- Small counties: \$2,420,000
- Medium counties: \$5,005,000
- Large counties*: \$8,365,001
(**with the exception of Los Angeles County, which receives a \$2,000,000 set aside.*)

JAG Timeline

Below is a timeline of the JAG Program grant development activities:

Activity	Date
First Executive Steering Committee	January 26, 2018
JAG Executive Steering Committee Recommendations to the Board	September 12, 2019
Start of the next JAG three-year cycle	October 1, 2018
JAG Grantee Orientation	October 30, 2019

The ESC is recommending funding for 27 counties: eight large, eight medium and 11 small. Attachment E-1 lists the counties recommended for funding and the corresponding funding amounts. Attachment E-2 lists the project summaries of the recommended awardees. All counties that applied in the “small” category were funded fully, with \$837,036 left over to supplement the two larger categories. This means that in the large-county category, Sacramento County’s partial award was made whole using \$222,411 from the small-county category. In the medium category, Marin County’s partial award also was made whole using \$119,446 from the small-county fund. It is recommended that the remaining \$495,179 be allocated to Placer County. In addition, to fully fund Placer County, it is recommended that the Board allocate an additional \$219,821 from the Board’s federal trust account, which is available from accrued interest related to the delays in implementing the JAG program due to federal litigation. It is estimated that there will be sufficient funding available to cover this augmentation in future years.

If the Board approves the award recommendations, BSCC staff will conduct a grantee orientation once all grant awards are executed. The program will begin on October 1, 2019.

Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends that the Board:

- Approve the proposed list of counties to receive \$16,285,176 in Fiscal Year 2017 JAG funding, as recommended by the JAG Executive Steering Committee for the first of the three-year grant period.
- Allocate an additional \$219,821 from the federal trust account to Placer County to fully fund Placer County's request.
- Fund these counties at the same levels for years 2 and 3, subject to the grantee performance, reapplication and the availability of federal funds.
- Give staff permission in the event of a relinquishment to move down the rank-order lists (Attachment D-1) compiled by the ESC to continue funding proposals that meet the scoring threshold.

Attachments

E-1: Counties Listed in Rank Order as Rated by the JAG Executive Steering Committee.

E-2: Project Summaries of Proposals Recommended for Funding.