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April 7, 2009

Public Safety Committee
Oakland, CA

Re: **Report and Resolution Approving Application for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Allocation and Competitive Grant from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)**

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SUMMARY

A resolution has been prepared authorizing the City Administrator, on behalf of the City of Oakland, to apply for, accept, and appropriate grants from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (OJP, BJA), Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant (Byrne competitive grant) program and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula program, to fund violence prevention and crime reduction activities. The Byrne competitive grant project period would be on or after July 31, 2009 for no longer than 24 months. The JAG formula project period would be for a total of 4 years. The City is eligible for \$3.3 million from the JAG formula allocation.

The Byrne competitive grant application is due on April 27, 2009. According to the grants' notices, funding will support job creation and retention in support of evidence-based and data-driven programs in order to:

- Prevent and reduce violent crime,
- Provide neighborhood-based probation and parole officers,
- Reduce mortgage fraud and crime related to vacant properties,
- Hire civilian support personnel in law enforcement (training staff, analysts, dispatchers, etc.),
- Enhance forensic and crime scene investigations,
- Improve resources and services for victims of crime
- Support problem-solving courts, and
- Fund national training and technical assistance partnerships

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Nationwide, \$225 million is available for the competitive grants. There are no minimum/maximum funding amounts for the majority of the funding categories, with the exception of the national training and technical assistance partnerships, which have a maximum amount of \$1 million. The grant notice states that applicants should support the amount of federal funds requested by tying the requested amount directly to the scope of the unmet need, the planned project activities, and the agency's capacity to perform.

The JAG formula application is due on May 18, 2009 and may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice, and criminal justice-related research and evaluation activities that will improve or enhance the following programs:

- Law enforcement programs.
- Prosecution and court programs.
- Prevention and education programs.
- Corrections and community corrections programs.
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

FISCAL IMPACT

The City is eligible to receive \$3.3 million in the JAG formula allocation. For the Byrne competitive grants, there is no specified minimum/maximum funding amounts. At this time, City staff are in the planning development process and have not determined a total grant application request amount.

BACKGROUND

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (OJP, BJA) as part of the ARRA has issued the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant (Byrne competitive grant) program and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula program. More information about these funding opportunities are available at the following websites:

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryByrne.pdf>

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryLocal.pdf>

KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS

The City's interdepartmental planning committee members are engaged in a planning process to determine the proposed programming priorities for the two grant applications under Mayor Dellums' public safety framework—Prevention, Intervention, Enforcement, and Sustainability (PIES). The

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following departments and staff are part of this planning effort: City Administrator, Human Services, Police Department, Public Safety Coordinator, Neighborhood Services Coordinators, Fire Department, Parks and Recreation, Mayor's office, Contract Compliance, and Information Technology. This interagency planning effort enables a multi-faceted approach that integrates the institutional history of City and community efforts, draws different public agency and community collaborations into a potential partnership with the City; and enables the City to utilize best practices for these funding opportunities.

Along with the funding criteria imposed by the grant applications, guidelines for the planning process include the following considerations:

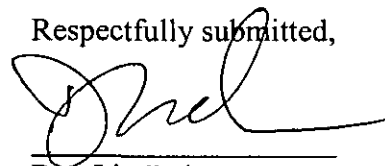
- Job retention and/or creation opportunities for Oakland residents, especially vulnerable populations.
- Data-driven and/or evidence-based outcomes.
- Funding prevention, intervention, and enforcement activities as part of Oakland's public safety needs.
- Fiscal assistance opportunities to the City's budget and sustainability of funded activities.
- Building on the City's existing plans, efforts, successes, and collaborations.

The City expects to present detailed information on the grant applications in a supplemental report for the April 21, 2009 City Council meeting.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the resolution to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Allocation and Competitive Grant.

Respectfully submitted,

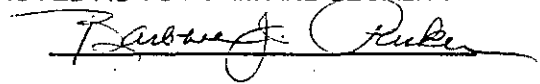


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

Resolution Authorizing The City Administrator, On Behalf Of The City of Oakland, To Apply For, Accept, and Appropriate Grant Funds From the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Federal Government's "Stimulus Package") For The U.S. Department Of Justice, Office Of Justice Programs' Bureau Of Justice Assistance (OJP, BJA), Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant (Byrne Competitive Grant) Program And The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program, To Fund Violence Prevention and Crime Reduction Activities

WHEREAS, it is anticipated that the U.S. Government will award grant funds in the amount of approximately \$ 787 billion dollars from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Federal Government's "Stimulus Package") to state and local governments to stimulate the economy by creating and preserving jobs; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland may be eligible to receive a portion of the grants funds; and

WHEREAS, due the urgent economic conditions, the federal government is releasing information on an ongoing basis regarding application deadlines and the criteria for funding and the types of programs, projects that will qualify for the funding and the Mayor, City Administrator and the City Council wish to be in the best posture (1) to be apprised of and updated regarding developments regarding the Stimulus Package and the City's options and (2) to prepare and complete and revise as necessary timely grant applications and (3) to obtain the maximum amount of grant funds for which the City of Oakland may be eligible; and

WHEREAS, the City learned that funds are available for the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (OJP, BJA), Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant (Byrne competitive grant) program and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula program, to fund violence prevention and crime reduction activities and the City wishes to apply for a grant from the Stimulus Package for said purpose; and

WHEREAS, the City has learned that the deadline for the application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant (Byrne competitive grant) program is April 27, 2009, and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula program is May 18, 2009; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Administrator or his designee to apply for, accept and appropriate grant funds from the American Recovery and Investment Act of 2009 (Federal "Stimulus Package") for U.S. Department of Justice, Office of

Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (OJP, BJA), Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant (Byrne competitive grant) program and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula program, to fund violence prevention and crime reduction activities; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City Council, hereby authorizes the City Administrator as agent of the City, or his designee to execute all agreements and other documents necessary in connection with the grant and complete any negotiations, certifications, and documentation required to accept, modify, extend or amend the grant award provided no additional funds will be allocated without prior Council approval.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND
 PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION

Attest: _____

LaTonda Simmons

City Clerk and Clerk of the

Council of the City of Oakland, California