



COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 12/10/2019

File #: 19-1656

To: Board of Supervisors

From: Sheriff

Agenda Section: Consent

SUBJECT:

Supplemental Budget Request for Sheriff Operations Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant (Byrne JAG) State Budget Unit 1100-221920 and the allocation of one full time (1.0 FTE) Sheriff's Sergeant Position (4/5 Vote Required)

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Approve the Supplemental Budget for Sheriff Operations Byrne JAG State Budget Unit 1100-221920 (Attachment 1) (4/5 vote required); and
2. Approve the allocation of one full-time (1.0 FTE) Sheriff's Sergeant position (salary range 451, class 0414) in budget unit 1100-221 effective immediately (4/5 vote required).

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs Byrne JAG Grant Funds

DISCUSSION:

The Humboldt County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) in collaboration with the Humboldt County District Attorney's Office (DA), Arcata Police Department (APD), Eureka Police Department (EPD), and the North Coast Rape Crisis Team Community Outreach Program (NCRCT) was awarded the Byrne JAG State Grant in the amount of \$220,000 annually for 3 years for a total of \$660,000. A supplemental budget request and allocation of a new Sheriff's Sergeant position is necessary to fulfill the terms of the grant.

The focus of said grant project is to deploy additional law enforcement and prosecution resources against the most severe controlled substance and marijuana violators to reduce the amount of available narcotics and meth on the street, reduce the amount of black market marijuana grows, reduce the amount of violent crimes in the county by increasing the number of prosecutions for these offenders, and increase the training and intervention support provided to victims of the black market marijuana and narcotics industry.

The project actively investigates the sale, manufacturing and distribution of controlled substances by focusing investigative efforts on complex drug trafficking organizations (DTOs) and mid- to high-level drug traffickers. These offenders pose a serious short- and long-term threat to the community. The target population is primarily large DTOs that are more likely to have significant operational influence, human trafficking, ties to other drug activity and substantial community impact. Agencies will cooperatively investigate narcotics and black-market marijuana-related crimes, including cultivation and trafficking, and arrest and prosecute perpetrators of these crimes.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The supplemental budget request recognizes \$220,000 of grant revenue received in the first year of the grant. Expenditures include \$135,000 to cover the salary and benefits of one Sheriff's Sergeant position, \$11,000 for professional services for data collection and

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analysis, \$59,000 for overtime costs incurred by the DA's office, EPD, and APD, and \$15,000 for program expenses incurred by the NCRCT.

In alignment with HCSO's budget management of deputy positions, the new Sheriff's Sergeant position will be allocated in Sheriff Operations budget unit 1100-221. The Sheriff's Sergeant salary expenses related to the grant activity will be transferred to the Byrne JAG State budget unit 1100-221920 as incurred up to the total of \$135,000. The cost of training and equipment for the new Sheriff's Sergeant position will be absorbed by Sheriff Operations 1100-221.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs
California Board of State and Community Corrections
Arcata Police Department
Eureka Police Department
Humboldt County District Attorney's Office
North Coast Rape Crisis Team Community Outreach Program
Humboldt State University, California Center for Rural Policy

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could decide not to approve the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office request to approve the supplemental budget and request to approve the allocation of one full-time (1.0 FTE) Sheriff's Sergeant position.

This is not recommended as the supplemental budget and position allocation are necessary for HCSO to be able to administer the grant and meet the grant objectives.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 - Supplemental Budget for Sheriff Operations Budget unit 1100-221920

PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: None.
File No: 19-396
Meeting of: May 28, 2019