

Council Meeting of
April 14, 2009

Honorable Mayor and Members
of the City Council
City Hall
Torrance, California

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Police - Review the 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Grant application. Expenditure: N/A.

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council review the 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Grant application.

FUNDING:

Not applicable.

BACKGROUND

In March 2009, the Federal Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, advised that the City of Torrance is eligible for FY 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Grant funding in the amount of \$161,178.

ANALYSIS

The Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) provides funds to states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. Additionally, the President's recent enactment of the 2009 Recovery Act amends the Byrne Grant to include an emphasis on job creation and retention, as well as increased accountability and transparency upon award.

Recovery Act Byrne funds can be used for local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice, and criminal justice-related research and evaluation activities to improve or enhance:

- 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)

The Police Department's application proposes that JAG funds be allocated to the Cadet Program. Established in 2002, the Cadet Program provides valuable experience to college

students interested in a career in law enforcement. Cadets work a variety of assignments throughout the various Police Department Divisions that are inclusive of, but not limited to, community outreach, report writing, preliminary investigations and customer service. In 2008, two former Cadets were hired as Police Officers with the Department. The Cadet Program currently consists of six Cadets with two available openings, and has recently been funded by the State of California's Citizens Options for Public Safety (COPS) grant. However, the State's budget deficit has impacted funding for the COPS grant, and resulted in quarterly payments rather than a lump sum distribution. Rather than rely on uncertain future payments to fund this valuable ongoing program, the Police Department has explored other funding opportunities. The Police Department has identified the 2009 Recovery Byrne Grant as an appropriate funding source for the Cadet Program. Available 2009 Recovery Act Byrne funds will: retain the Cadet Program's eight positions for up to two years; widen the pool of potential law enforcement talent for the Department; and enhance the Department's capacity for service delivery within a number of Department programs. If the Department's grant proposal is funded, an item will be brought before Council on a future date to appropriate and allocate the grant award.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU
Chief of Police



By: Kent Sentinella
Administrative Analyst

CONCUR:



John J. Neu
Chief of Police



LeRoy J. Jackson
City Manager

Attachment A: Application for 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

ATTACHMENT A

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. DATE SUBMITTED	Applicant Identifier
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION Application Non-Construction	3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE		State Application Identifier
	4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY		Federal Identifier
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name		Organizational Unit	
City of Torrance		Police Department	
Address 3300 Civic Center Drive Torrance, California 90503-5016		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application Anderson, Laurie (310) 618-5676	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 95-6000803		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT Municipal	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION New		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY Bureau of Justice Assistance	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 16.804 CFDA 16.804 - Recovery Act - Justice Assistance Grants - TITLE: Localities		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT Gateway to Policing: Careers in Law Enforcement.	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT Torrance Community			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: March 01, 2009 End Date: March 01, 2011		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF a. Applicant b. Project CA36	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS? Program is not covered by E.O. 12372	
Federal	\$161,178		
Applicant	\$0		
State	\$0		
Local	\$0		
Other	\$0		
Program Income	\$0	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? N	
TOTAL	\$161,178		

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18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.

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