

RESOLUTION NO. 3264-2009

RESOLUTION OF THE FORT BRAGG CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING SUBMITTAL OF RECOVERY ACT: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FORMULA PROGRAM APPLICATION FOR SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER GAP FUNDING

WHEREAS, the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance has received funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for the Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program, Local Solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the Byrne JAG Program offers formula grants to provide funding to law enforcement agencies in order to create and preserve jobs and to assist local efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence, including \$19,969 allocated to the City of Fort Bragg; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Mendocino County was awarded a three-year Title II grant from the Corrections Standards Authority, through a collaborative effort that included the Fort Bragg Unified School District, Mendocino County Youth Project, Safe Passage Family Resource Center, and the City of Fort Bragg; and

WHEREAS, the Title II grant provides \$100,000 per year to fund the City's School Resource Officer including salary, benefits and other direct expenditures; and

WHEREAS, grant funding for the School Resource Officer will terminate as of March 31, 2010, and there are insufficient resources in the City's General Fund or in any of the consortium entities' budgets to sustain this position after the grant termination date; and

WHEREAS, due to the anticipated lack of funding, the School Resource Officer position is subject to lay-off at the conclusion of the grant funding; and

WHEREAS, it would be highly disruptive to school and community programs for the School Resource Officer position to terminate mid-term in the 2009/2010 school and fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, the Byrne JAG formula grant can be used within a 4-year grant period to pay unfunded salary and benefit costs of the School Resource Officer position in order to contribute to retention of this position; and

WHEREAS, if the grant is awarded and used to fill the School Resource Officer funding gap, the City will be responsible for payment of salary and benefit costs plus other direct costs that exceed the formula grant allocation and any other funding sources that may be awarded for the School Resource Officer; and

WHEREAS, grant terms require that the City Council authorizes submittal of the grant application, and that the City Manager be authorize to act on the Council's behalf in matters pertaining to this application; and

WHEREAS, On April 27, 2009, a Public Hearing was held in order to obtain citizen input as to activities proposed for the Byrne JAG Formula grant; and

WHEREAS, based on all the evidence presented, the City Council finds as follows:

1. The School Resource Officer has been a highly successful and effective tool in increasing safety and security at Fort Bragg schools and the community at large, and loss of this position would be detrimental to the community.
2. If the grant is awarded, sufficient resources will be budgeted from the General Fund to pay for actual salary and benefit costs that exceed grant allowances.
3. This application was made available to the Fort Bragg City Council by April 18, 2009, providing a review period of thirty days as required per terms of the grant application.


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg does hereby authorize submittal of the Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program Application for School Resource Officer Gap Funding application and directs the City Manager to act on the City's behalf in all matters pertaining to this application, grant agreement and any amendments thereto.

The above and foregoing Resolution was introduced by Councilmember Melo, seconded by Councilmember Turner, and passed and adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Fort Bragg held on the 27th day of April, 2009, by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Turner, Gjerde, Melo, and Mayor Hammerstrom.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: Councilmember Courtney.
ABSTAIN: None.


DOUG HAMMERSTROM,
Mayor

ATTEST:


Cynthia M. VanWormer, CMC
City Clerk