City of FRESNO

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

AGENDA ITEM NO.	1 B
COUNCIL MEETING	12/02/08
APPROVED BY	
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR	
CITY MANAGER	

December 2, 2008

Presented to City Council
Date 12/2/08
Disposition Res. 08-324 adopted (authorized)

FROM: JERRY P. DYER, Chief of Police
Police Department

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Police Department

SUBJECT: (1) ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ACCEPTANCE OF JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING, IF AWARDED, AND AGREE TO ALL TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE GRANT AGREEMENT AS SET FORTH BY THE CSA; (2) AUTHORIZE THE CHIEF OF POLICE TO EXECUTE ALL GRANT-RELATED PROGRAM DOCUMENTS

KEY RESULT AREA

Public Safety

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing acceptance of Juvenile Accountability Block Grant funding, if awarded, agree to all terms and conditions of the grant agreement as set forth by CSA, and authorize the Chief of Police to execute all grant-related program documents.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The State of California, Board of Corrections, notified California units of local government and tribal governments that grant funds are available for short-term projects with gang intervention strategies through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program. Specifically, funded projects must focus on gang intervention or have strategies targeting gang activity or involvement by youth under 18 years of age. As a requirement of the grant application, Council approval is being sought to accept funding, if awarded, and to authorize the Chief of Police to execute any related grant documents through the State of California, Board of Corrections. The minimum grant award for the JABG program is $200,000, with a required 10% match. The match will be met with the existing Sergeant's salary and is included in the FY 09 budget.

KEY OBJECTIVE BALANCE

The Juvenile Accountability Block Grant program balances the three key objectives of prudent Financial Management, Customer Satisfaction, and Employee Satisfaction by bringing in grant funding that focuses on the gang problems within our community either through intervention, strategies targeting gang activity, or involvement of youth under 18 years of age.

BACKGROUND

The Corrections Standard Authority has announced immediate availability of funding under the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant Funds. This funding opportunity comes as a result of a redistribution of previously allocated funds that original awardees were unable to encumber for the intended purposes within the prescribed timeframe. These funds, specifically, are available for short-term projects with gang intervention strategies.

The basic premise underlying the JABG program is that both the juvenile offender and the juvenile justice system must be held accountable. In implementing the program, OJJDP seeks to reduce juvenile offending through both offender-focused and system-focused activities that promote accountability. For the juvenile offender, accountability means an assurance of facing individualized consequences through which he or she is made aware of and held responsible for the loss, damage, or injury that the victim experiences. Such accountability is best achieved through a system of graduated sanctions imposed according to the nature and severity of the offense, moving from limited interventions to more restrictive actions, if the offender continues delinquent activities. For the juvenile justice system, strengthening the system requires an increased capacity to develop youth competence, to efficiently track juveniles through the system, and to provide enhanced options such as restitution, community service, victim-offender mediation, and other restorative justice sanctions that reinforce the mutual obligations of an accountability-based juvenile justice system.

The emphasis of this grant project will be to deter youth gang activity through intervention and prevention methods.

- Mentoring – Will focus on at-risk youth. The mentoring program will be comprised of "one-on-one", team and group mentoring strategies. Mentoring is a vital component for changing behavior and providing positive support for at-risk youth.

- Truancy Enforcement - Truancy is a gateway to other criminal conduct including street gang involvement. Focusing on truant behavior will undoubtedly reduce gang activity, juvenile disturbances, and daytime criminal activity and enhance school safety. When kept in school, there is more likelihood of getting an education and becoming a contributing member of society. The FPD's Support Division Youth Services collaboratively works with the schools, justice system, social services and other community resources to protect students, schools, and surrounding residents and businesses from drug, gang, and youth violence.

- Structured Activities – Engaging identified at-risk youth in structured activities, e.g., Police Activities League programs, has proven effective in deterring criminal activity through positive intervention methods. Early intervention plays a pivotal role in deterring criminal behavior in youth criminal activities, potentially leading into an adult cycle of crime.

If awarded, these funds will be used to enhance school safety, promote positive structured youth activities as well as deterring potential criminal activity.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact

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11/21/08
Attachment: Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING APPLICATION TO THE CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND REHABILITATION FOR THE JUVENILE ACCOUNTABILITY BLOCK GRANT PROGRAM AND COMPLETION OF RELATED DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, the City of Fresno (CITY) desires to receive and utilize federal grant funds available through the Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG) Program administered by the Corrections Standards Authority (hereafter referred to as CSA); and

WHEREAS, the procedures established by the CSA require the applicant to submit a resolution from its governing board authorizing submission of the JABG Application and execution of related documents.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno:

Section 1. The Chief of Police for the City of Fresno is authorized on behalf of the CITY to submit the JABG application for CITY Fiscal Year 2008/2009 and sign the Grant Agreement with the CSA, including any amendments thereof, subject to prior approval as to form by the City Attorney's Office.

Section 2. The CITY agrees to provide all matching funds required for said project, and to abide by the statutes and regulations governing the JABG Program as well as the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement as set forth by the CSA.

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Section 3. The grant funds received hereunder shall not be used to supplant expenditures controlled by this governing body.

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CLERK'S CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, California, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2008.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT :
ABSTAIN :

Mayor Approval: _____, 2008

Mayor Approval/No Return: _____, 2008

Mayor Veto: _____, 2008

Council Override Vote: _____, 2008

REBECCA E. KLISCH
City Clerk

By _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

By Nancy A. Algier 11/17/08
Nancy A. Algier Date
Senior Deputy