

**SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

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FROM: Stanley Sniff, Sheriff - Coroner - PA


SUBMITTAL DATE:
07/14/09

SUBJECT: Acceptance of an American Recovery and Reinvestment Grant Award from the U.S. Department of Justice

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Move that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Acknowledge receipt of the FY 09 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award from the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$1,028,719, and authorize the Chairman to sign the award and initial the bottom right corner of each page;
2. Approve and direct the Auditor Controller to make the budget adjustments on the attached Schedule A; and
3. Approve in principle the rehabilitation project at the Sheriff's Crestmore Heights Facility and add to the Capital Improvement Project.

BACKGROUND: Continued on Page 2
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 Will Taylor
 Director of Administration

 Stanley L. Sniff, Jr., Sheriff - Coroner - PA

FINANCIAL DATA	Current F.Y. Total Cost:	\$ 1,028,719	In Current Year Budget:	No
	Current F.Y. Net County Cost:	\$ 0	Budget Adjustment:	Yes
	Annual Net County Cost:	\$ 0	For Fiscal Year:	FY 2009-10

SOURCE OF FUNDS: U.S. DOJ Grant	Positions To Be Deleted Per A-30	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Requires 4/5 Vote	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

C.E.O. RECOMMENDATION:

APPROVE

 BY _____
 Robert Tremaine

County Executive Office Signature

FISCAL PROCEDURES APPROVED
 ROBERT E. BYRD, AUDITOR-CONTROLLER
 BY  7/13/09
 Department of Finance
 COUNTY COUNSEL
 DATE
 NEAL R. KIPNIS
 DEPT RECOMM.: Policy
 PER EXEC. OFC.: Policy
 Consent
 Consent

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On February 17, 2009 President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA; better known as Recovery Act) of 2009. As one of the elements, the Recovery Act provides \$2 billion in grant assistance to state and local law enforcement agencies via the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program administered by the U.S. Department of Justice. The state purposes of the Recovery Act are to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery.

On April 7, 2009 the Board authorized the Chair to sign Assurances, Certifications, Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, and Certification of Review and Representation of Compliance with Requirements documents allowing the County to apply for FY 09 JAG Reinvestment Act grant programs. The Sheriff's Department has been notified that the County's FY 2009 grant application has been approved in the amount of \$1,028,719. The grant project and budget period is from 03/01/09 through 02/28/13.

Grant funds will be used to rehabilitate the Crestmore Heights building located in Riverside, California. The building contains a total of 49,800 square feet of space. The building was acquired by Riverside County and used as a training academy, personnel bureau and space made available to the California Department of Justice (CA-DOJ) laboratory. The facility currently houses the Special Investigations Bureau. 4,500 square feet of former laboratory space is unusable due to remaining equipment, fixtures and utilities (gas and water lines).

In an effort to reduce costs and maximize the usage of existing county facilities, the concept of rehabilitating and converting the lab and storage space into useable office space has been considered many times since the area was abandoned by the CA-DOJ more than seven years ago.

The rehabilitation and conversion of the abandoned CA-DOJ offices and labs on the lower level of the Crestmore Heights facility is both a viable and cost effective option when compared to leasing or purchasing a new facility. Approximately 50 additional workspaces could be created if all available space is converted and utilized as offices and an estimated 75 construction jobs would be created or maintained by this project. Unlike other large scale construction projects, this proposal could be started immediately and completed in less than six months providing an immediate boost to the local economy.

The Questioned Document Lab of the Riverside County Sheriff's Department is responsible for the scientific analysis of document evidence in investigations generated by the Sheriff's Department as well as 77 federal and state agencies, local police departments and other law enforcement agencies.

The Recovery Act funds will be used to purchase critically needed equipment for the Questioned Document Lab. Video Spectral Comparator (VSC) equipment is used: to show variations in documents with infrared; in examination of security documents through ultraviolet; to differentiate between inks and reveal erased and obliterated information with optical filtration; and to aid in the authentication of documents through embossments, letterheads and other sophisticated security features. The Video Stereomicroscope is used to examine documents under high magnification and provide comparative displays, image enhancements and measuring.

The grant documents have been approved as to form by County Counsel.

Schedule A

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

Increase Appropriations:

10000-2500300000-523680	Office Equipment (Non-fixed assets >\$100 & <\$5,000)	\$175,000
10000-2500300000-537320	Interfnd Exp-Improvements Bldg	\$735,000
10000-2500300000-546160	Equipment - Other	\$118,719
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		\$1,028,719

Increase Estimated Revenues:

10000-2500300000-767220	Fed-Other Operating Grants	\$1,028,719
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