SHERIFF-CORONER



COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

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November 3, 1999

Agenda:

November 9, 1999

Board of Supervisors County of Santa Cruz 701 ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE COPS MORE '98 GRANT AWARD FOR A WIRELESS DATA COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEM

Dear Members of the Board:

On June 9, 1998, your Board authorized the Sheriff-Coroner to submit a grant application to the U. S. Department of Justice for a wireless data communications system under the COPS MORE '98 Technology Grant Program.

On June 7, 1999, the **Office** of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) notified the Sheriff-Coroner that our proposal was not among those selected for funding. However, the letter further explained that our application was one, of approximately one hundred, that COPS was going to keep on tile should additional funds be made available during the remainder of their current fiscal year.

On September 23, 1999, the Sheriff-Coroner received a letter from Mary Lou Leary, the Acting Director of COPS, announcing that the COPS Office had approved our agency's request for funding under the COPS MORE '98 program. As our application is over a year old, we have spent the time since notification of the grant award working to reidentify matching fund sources and communicating with the Department of Justice on grant requirements. This is a two-year grant running from September 1, 1999 to August 3 1, 2001.

The purpose of this highly competitive federal grant is to help law enforcement agencies become more efficient by providing funding for technology and equipment which would allow deputies to increase Community Oriented Policing efforts. Grant awards are for a maximum of seventy-five percent of program costs with a required minimum twenty-five percent local cash match. The

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amount of the grant award sets the commitment level of redeployed officers. The Sheriffs Department is confident it can meet all federal redeployment requirements and efficiency levels associated with a maximum grant request of \$489,190 representing 7 1% of estimated program costs.

In making these grant funds available, the Department of Justice recognizes the benefits and efficiencies of technology to law enforcement agencies. We also feel strongly that the safety of responding officers and the community at large depends upon the officers' access to accurate information in a reliable and timely manner. Officer safety is an issue, with officers frequently having to wait for air time, wait for routine data look-ups, often having to choose from proceeding without complete information or keeping the citizen waiting for service. Dispatching the closest available unit to the scene, checking information regarding license plates, drivers licenses, wants and warrants, as well as receiving timely site-and suspect-specific information are all necessary before an officer enters a home, stops a car or conducts a search. Officers need quick information when and where they need it for optimum response time to emergencies. We expect them to have the story straight before they respond, and we expect the fastest response possible. Unfortunately, this is not always the case. The current voice-only method of dispatch and mobile communication does not take advantage of the latest advancements in technology.

The Sheriffs office has determined that our own deputy response time would be greatly improved by using these technology grant funds to develop a **wireless-data communications system**, which would install Mobile Data Computers (MDC's) in each Sheriffs patrol car. The Sheriffs Department has been working with, and will continue to work closely with, the County Administrative Office, Information Services Department, General Services Radio Communications and Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center to develop this system. An Executive Summary of the grant proposal is attached.

The program cost of implementing an MDC system is estimated to be \$689,000, which includes hardware, software and interface programming to link local and national databases, dispatch and the county mainframe, to patrol officers out in the field. Due to our county's geography, additions will need to be made to our current infrastructure, including receivers, transmitters and base stations, to insure that coverage of our key regions is consistent with our current radio dispatch system, estimated to be about 95%. Initially, remote areas will experience limited access with the mobile data computers, and will continue to rely on voice-only dispatch. We intend to build upon this core system using future grant funds, to provide county-wide coverage consistent with the current voice-only mobile communications system over the next few years. Approximately 85 patrol personnel, Lieutenants, Sergeants, and Deputies will access these fixed mobile computers, in the Sheriffs patrol fleet of 30 cars.

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This grant requires a local cash match of at least 25%, and departments were encouraged to contribute local cash matches in excess of the minimum required for a more favorable consideration. The proposed local match amount for this wireless data communications system is \$199,8 10 or 29% of the total program. The match consists of a mixture of funds including unanticipated revenue from the State Mandated Cost Reimbursement program in the Sheriffs Office in the amount of \$75,000 and \$124,810 from funds identified by the CAO in the Technology Fund which was established by your Board during the past budget hearings.

On-going costs for this program would include equipment and infrastructure maintenance, which would be budgeted through the Sheriffs Office in future years and are not expected to be substantial. In addition, the CAO will work with the Emergency Communications Center to attempt to develop a mechanism to reduce dispatch costs in the future, which will result from this more efficient communication system.

The Sheriffs office is currently working to further define system details. The development of a wireless data communications system is a complex technical system. Some questions cannot be answered without an investment of resources and time. Technical answers cannot be defined until an initial commitment of funds is made and vendors and engineers are committed to the process.

Law enforcement agencies county-wide recognize the importance of providing coordinated emergency services to victims of crime. Watsonville Police Department outfitted their fleet of police cars in 1997 with mobile data computers (MDC) and Santa Cruz Police Department, who already is a recipient of a COPS MORE '98 award, plans to do so in the near future.

The Sheriffs Office relies heavily on radio communications, and embraces this opportunity to provide deputies with the technology and equipment it needs to provide increased safety and security to the community.

I will be returning to your Board to implement year two of this grant as part of the FY 00/01 budget process.

Therefore, it is RECOMMENDED that your Board:

1. Approve the acceptance of a grant award of \$489,190 from the U. S. Department of Justice for a wireless data communications system through the Federal Department of Justice COPS MORE '98 technology program and authorize the Sheriff to sign and implement the grant award agreement;

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- 2. Approve the expenditure of \$199,810 in local matching funds over the next two fiscal years as required under the grant contractual agreement;
- 3. Adopt the attached resolution accepting and appropriating \$75,000 in unanticipated revenue into the Sheriffs budget to fund the first year local match requirement for FY 99/00; and
- 4. Approve the transfer of \$24,905 from the County's Technology Fund to the Sheriffs Office to fund the first year local match requirement for FY 99/00.

Very truly yours,

MARK S. TRACY

Sheriff-Coroner

RECOMMENDED:

SUSAN A. MAURIELLO

County Administrative Officer

Attachments: 1. COPS MORE '98 Award

2. Grant Application Package

3. Executive Summary

c: Auditor Controller

County Administrative Office

Information Services Department

General Services Department

Santa Cruz Consolidated Emergency Communications Center

Sheriff-Coroner

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U. S. Department of Justice Office of Community Oriented Policing Services COPS MORE 98 AWARD

Applicant Organization's Legal Name: Santa Cruz Sheriffs Department

> 1999CMWX2986 Grunt #:

ORI#: CA04400

Vendor #: 946000534

Sheriff-Coroner Mark S. Tracy **Law Enforcement Executive Name:**

> Address: 701 Ocean Street

> > Room 340

City, State, Zip Code: Santa Cruz, CA 95060

> (408) 454-2985 Telephone:

> > Fax: (408) 454-2353

Government Executive Name: County Administrative Officer Susan A. Mauriello

> Address: 701 Ocean Street

> > Room 520

City, State, Zip Code: Santa Cruz, CA 95060

> (408) 454-2 100 Telephone: Fax: (408) 454-2353

Award Start Date: 9/1/1999 **Award End Date:** 8/31/2000

Number of Redeployed Officers: Award Amount: \$ 489,190.00 19.60

Civilian Personnel Award: \$ 0.00 **Number of Redeployed Officers:** 0.0

Equipment/Technology Award: \$ 489,190.00 **Number of Redeployed Officers:** 19.6

Mary Lou Leary Acting Director

By signing this award, the signatory officials are agreeing to abide by the Conditions of Grant Award found on the reverse side of this document:

Mark S. Tracy, Sheriff-Coroner

Signature of Law Enforcement Executive with

Typed Name and Title of Law Enforcement Executive.

the authority to accept this grant award.

Date

Susan A. Mauriello,

County Administrative Officer

Signature of Government Executive with the authority to accept this grant award.

Typed Name and Title of Government Executive.

Date

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CONDITIONS OF MORE 98 GRANT AWARD

- 1. **Grantees** which have been awarded funding for the procurement of an item in excess of \$100,000 and have already identified a vendor must provide a written sole source justification to the COPS **Office** prior to obligating, expending or drawing down grant funds for that item.
- 2. The funding under this project is for the payment of costs approved by the COPS Office for support resources (including the salaries and benefits of non-sworn civilian personnel), equipment and technology, that have been approved by the COPS Office.
- 3. COPS MORE '98 grant funds must be used to hire one or more civilians beyond the number of civilians that would he hired or employed by the grantee in the absence of the grant, or must be used to purchase equipment or technology beyond that which the grantee is already obligated or funded to purchase.
- 4. Civilians, technology and equipment funded under this grant may only be involved in activities or perform services that exclusively benefit your agency and the population that it serves. If your agency provides police services through a contractual arrangement, your agency is responsible for ensuring that the utilization of civilians, technology and equipment is in compliance with the conditions of your grant.
- 5. The grantee acknowledges its agreement to comply with the assurances and certifications submitted with the COPS MORE '98 application.
- 6. In order to assist the COPS Office in the monitoring of the award, your agency will be responsible for submitting annual Progress Reports and quarterly Financial Status Reports. As those reports become due, your grant advisor and financial analyst will assist you with these forms and information necessary for compliance.
- 7. Requests for extensions of the grant award period that merely request additional time, not additional funding, should be submitted in writing to your grant advisor no earlier than July 1, 1999 and no later than August 1, 1999.
- 8. The COPS Office may conduct or sponsor national evaluations of the Community Oriented Policing Services Program (COPS) and the MORE '98 program. The grantee agrees to cooperate with the evaluators.
- 9. The grantee agrees to abide by the terms, conditions, and regulations as found in the COPS MORE '98 Grant Owner's Manual and the *Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local' Governments*, 28 C.F.R. Part 66.
- 10. For grants of \$500,000 or more (or **\$1,000,000** or more in grants over an eighteen month period), the grantee acknowledges that failure to submit an acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (if grantee is required to submit one under C.F.R. 42.302) that is approved by the Office of Justice Programs, Office for Civil Rights, is a violation of its Assurances and may result in the suspension of the **drawdown** of funds. For grants under **\$500,000**, the grantee must submit a completed EEOP Certification form and return it to the Office of Justice Programs, **Office** for Civil Rights, within 120 days of the grant award.
- 11. The grantee agrees to complete and keep on **file**, as appropriate, an Immigration and Naturalization Service Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9). This form is to be used by the recipients of Federal funds to verify that persons are eligible to work in the United States.
- 12. The grantee agrees to monitor/track and exercise best efforts to maintain the level of redeployment of current sworn officers into community policing that is the direct result of COPS MORE '98 funding. The grantee will develop a plan to track officer time saved.
- 13. If any part of the funded project is subject to the requirements of the Criminal Intelligence Systems Operating regulation, 28 C.F.R. Part 23, the grantee agrees to comply with this federal regulation and submit a system operating manual to the COPS Office for approval.

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Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)
Grants Administration Division

I 100 Vermont Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20530

September 23, 1

Memorandum of COPS MORE 98 Items Funded

Jurisdiction: Santa Cruz Sheriffs Department

ORI: CA04400

The following figures have been compiled by the COPS Office based on a review of your COPS MORE 98 application. Award amounts are based on **financial review** by the Office of the Comptroller.

I Non-Sworn Civilians:

Total federal dollars awarded: s 0.00

Total Required FTE redeployment: 0.0 sworn officers

II Technology/Equipment:

Total federal dollars awarded: S 489,190.0

Total Required FTE redeployment: 19.6 sworn officers

30 laptops-wireless communication system

* The official award date of your COPS MORE 98 grant is 9/1/99. You will be reimbursed for any approved expenses incurred on or after 9/1/99 under your COPS MORE 98 grant. If your department requested a waiver of the local matching funds, information concerning this decision will be sent to you shortly under separate cover.



U.S. Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Washington, D.C. 20531

DATE:

September **15**, 1999

Grant Award No: 1999-CM-WX-2986

Vendor No:

946000534

TO:

Brian Guay, Grant Monitor, COPS Office

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FROM: Bobbie Butler; Financial Analyst, COPS Branch,

Office of the Comptroller

SUBJECT: Financial Clearance: Application # 1999-1795-CA-CM, for the

Santa Cruz Sheriff's Department.

A financial analysis- of budgeted costs has been **completed**. costs appear reasonable, **allowable** and consistent with existing guidelines. Exceptions/Disallowed Costs are noted below.

Cost

<u>Category</u> <u>Equipment</u>

Equipment: . 536,000

Contractual: <u>153,0</u>00

Total Costs: , 689,000

***Disallowed Costs: 0

Grand Totals:

Federal Share: 489,190 Local Share: 199,810 Total Proj. Cost: 689,000

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COUNTY OF SANTA CRUZ

REQUEST FOR TRANSFER OR REVISION
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BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF SWTA CRUZ, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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