

Budget Detail Request - Fiscal Year 2016-17

Your request will not be officially submitted unless all questions and applicable sub parts are answered.

1. Title of Project: Jacksonville COPS Matching Grant
2. Date of Submission: 12/22/2015
3. House Member Sponsor(s): Charles McBurney

4. DETAILS OF AMOUNT REQUESTED:

- a. Has funding been provided in a previous state budget for this activity? Yes
If answer to 4a is ?NO? skip 4b and 4c and proceed to 4d
- b. What is the most recent fiscal year the project was funded? 2015-16
- c. Were the funds provided in the most recent fiscal year subsequently vetoed? No
- d. Complete the following Project Request Worksheet to develop your request (Note that Column E will be the total of Recurring funds requested and Column F will be the total Nonrecurring funds requested, the sum of which is the Total of the Funds you are requesting in Column G):

FY:	Input Prior Year Appropriation for this project for FY 2015-16 (If appropriated in FY 2015-16 enter the appropriated amount, even if vetoed.)			Develop New Funds Request for FY 2016-17 (If no new Recurring or Nonrecurring funding is requested, enter zeros.)			
	Column: A	B	C	D	E	F	G
Funds Description:	Prior Year Recurring Funds	Prior Year Nonrecurring Funds	Total Funds Appropriated (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column A + Column B)	Recurring Base Budget (Will equal non-vetoed amounts provided in Column A)	INCREASED or NEW Recurring Requested	TOTAL Nonrecurring Requested (Nonrecurring is one time funding & must be re-requested every year)	Total Funds Requested Over Base Funding (Recurring plus Nonrecurring: Column E + Column F)
Input Amounts:	0	250,000	250,000	0	0	250,000	250,000

- e. New Nonrecurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs
- f. New Recurring Funding Requested for FY 16-17 will be used for:
 Operating Expenses Fixed Capital Construction Other one-time costs

5. Requester:

- a. Name: Jessica Baker
- b. Organization: City of Jacksonville
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6. Organization or Name of Entity Receiving Funds:

- a. Name: City of Jacksonville
- b. County (County where funds are to be expended) Duval
- c. Service Area (Counties being served by the service(s) provided with funding) Duval

7. Write a project description that will serve as a stand-alone summary of the project for legislative review. The description should summarize the entire project's intended purpose, the purpose of the funds requested (if request is a sub-part of the entire project), and most importantly the detail on how the funds requested will be spent - for example how much will be spent on positions and associated salaries, specifics on capital costs, and detail of operational expenses. The summary must list what local, regional or statewide interests or areas are served. It should also document the need for the funds, the community support and expected results when applicable. Be sure to include the type and amount of services as well as the number of the specific target population that will be served (such as number of home health visits to X, # of elderly, # of school aged children to receive mentoring, # of violent crime victims to receive once a week counseling etc.)

Background

In October, 2014, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) awarded Jacksonville a four-year \$1,875,000 COPS Hiring Grant to hire and deploy 15 sworn officers. In July of 2015, the State of Florida allocated \$250,000 in State Financial Assistance (SFA) towards the required match for salaries and benefits of the first year of the COPS project. All funds are used towards the salaries and benefits of the new positions.

Problem Statement

For the majority of the last 14 years, Duval County, which is largely made up of the city of Jacksonville, has retained the title of "The Murder Capital of Florida." Jacksonville is only one of many large cities that has seen a constant uptick in the number of homicides. Many factors have contributed to this trend but one issue has been constant: a lack of resources. Shrinking budgets have caused a significant reduction in the number of sworn officer positions. Between 2011 and 2014, the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office lost 197 sworn positions. Manpower in the Aviation Unit was cut in half. In addition, the Mounted Unit, the Seaport Security Unit, and the entire 91 person Community Service Officer Unit, which handled minor disturbances, was eliminated. Fewer police officers coupled with no community service officer assistance means that officers are often dispatched to call after call, leaving little time for efforts that are not response driven.

Solution

The COPS hiring project, which was funded by the Federal COPS Office, State Financial Assistance, and local resources during the first year, allowed the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office to create 15 new sworn police officer positions. The four-year project has two distinct phases: hiring and implementation.

Phase One, which is operating concurrently with the 2015-2016 SFA contract, consists of hiring 15 new recruits who will complete the police academy and field training with a field training officer. The new recruits began police academy training in October, 2015. The recruits are on track to complete academy training on December 26, 2015 and then commence field training. While each officer completes field training at their own pace, we anticipate that all of the recruits will complete field training and commence patrol duties before the existing SFA contract ends on June 30, 2016.

When the 15 new officers begin routine patrol duties, Phase Two will begin. In Phase Two, 15 seasoned officers will be assigned to implement problem oriented policing (POP) strategies that target crimes of violence without reducing patrol manpower.

POP is a nationally-recognized, multi-disciplinary approach to addressing public safety issues by examining the problem and implementing prevention-oriented solutions. The officers assigned to the project will initiate activities to reduce the incidence of violence by conducting an analysis of the problem, identifying the underlying causes, and implementing solutions.

Violent crimes, especially homicides, have plagued Jacksonville for many years. Without additional officers the trend of increasing crime is likely. The time is now; the COPS Office, the State of Florida, and the City of Jacksonville have recognized the need and have committed funds towards a portion of this four-year project. This request for State support will eliminate the funding gap for the second year of this project.

Results

The ultimate goal of this project is to reduce violent crime, including homicide by adding 15 positions that will allow us to strategically address public safety issues in Duval County. While 15 new positions arguably have a number of economic benefits, the single largest benefit may be the value of the position itself. By adjusting the Cost of Crime Calculator on the RAND website (<http://www.rand.org/jie/centers/quality-policing/cost-of-crime.html>) for the most recent local UCR statistics, one new officer reduces our cost of crime by \$669,122.00 per year; 15 new officers reduce our cost of crime annually by more than \$10 million dollars.

8. Provide the total cost of the project for FY 2016-17 from all sources of funding:

Federal: 650,000

State: 0 (Excluding the requested Total Amount in #4d, Column G)

Local: 534,000

Other: 0

9. Is this a multi-year project requiring funding from the state for more than one year?

Yes