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Memorandum Date: April 1, 2009
Order Date: April 14, 2009

TO: Board of County Commissioners

DEPARTMENT: Sheriff's Office

PRESENTED BY: Russel E. Burger, Sheriff

AGENDA ITEM TITLE: **IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT APPLICATIONS TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/COPS HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM (CHRP) AND U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN GRANT APPLICATION DOCUMENTS.**

I. MOTION

Motion to Approve submittal of grant applications to U.S. Department of Justice/COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) and the U.S. Department of Justice/Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grants and delegate authority to the County Administrator to sign grant application documents.

II. AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

On February 17, 2009 President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. This legislation includes funding to assist local law enforcement agencies (including support for hiring) and other efforts to improve the criminal justice system. The Sheriff's Office plans to submit applications to at least two of these programs: 1) The COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP) and 2) the US DOJ Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grants. Grant applications were not made available until late March and have very short deadlines. The CHRP application is due April 14, 2009. The US DOJ Byrne grant applications are due April 27, 2009. It is not possible to attach copies of the applications as they are still under development. If any proposal is accepted, the award(s) will be brought back to the BCC for review, approval, and acceptance.

III. BACKGROUND/IMPLICATIONS OF ACTION

A. Board Action and Other History

The Sheriff's Office has applied successfully for a number of US DOJ COPS Methamphetamine Initiative and US DOJ Byrne grants that have received Board approval. In 2006, the DOJ COPS program provided \$197,446 to fund the Meth Initiative Grant for two years. The same year, \$197,000 was provided by US DOJ to fund an in-car video technology grant. In 2008, the Sheriff's Office applied for, and was granted, \$387,503 in US DOJ Methamphetamine Initiative funding that runs through September 2011.

B. Policy Issues

This grant application is in line with the County's policies and procedures as well as the purpose and objectives of the Lane County Sheriff's Office. If awarded, the department will administer the grant.

Need: Any one of these grant proposals would, if successful, address critical staffing needs in the Lane County Sheriff's Office. The CHRP program would provide 3 years of funding, but will require the County to fully fund the request in the 4th year. The estimated cost to the County, per deputy, is \$58,206. The Byrne Competitive Grants provide 2 years of funding and do not require a match.

C. Board Goals

This request addresses the Board goal to provide outstanding customer/constituent service.

D. Financial and/or Resource Considerations

The CHRP Grant provides funding for entry-level salary and benefits for law enforcement personnel. The County will be required to fund materials and services costs for each position funded by this grant.

The Byrne grants provide funding for salary, benefits, and materials and service costs. There may be some percent of indirect costs not covered by the grants. There is no match requirement for the Byrne grants.

E. Analysis

Additional analysis will be provided if any proposal is approved. The answers to the standard grant-related questions are different for the different proposals. We are currently working on 4 separate applications for Byrne funding. This request is

only to submit the applications due to the very short application period. However, no grant can be accepted without Board review and approval.

F. Alternatives/Options

1. Approve the request to submit applications for CHRP and Byrne Discretionary Grant programs.
2. Do not approve the request to submit applications.

IV. TIMING/IMPLEMENTATION

The CHRP application is due April 14, 2009. The Byrne Grant applications are due April 27, 2009, however, due to the volume of grant proposals under development, our intention is to submit the majority of our applications prior to April 17, 2009.

V. RECOMMENDATION

Approve the request to submit applications to these funding opportunities.

VI. Attachment

1. Board Order

THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, LANE COUNTY, OREGON

ORDER:)
09-04-14) IN THE MATTER OF APPROVING SUBMITTAL OF GRANT
) APPLICATIONS TO U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/COPS
) HIRING RECOVERY PROGRAM (CHRP) AND U.S.
) DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
) COMPETITIVE GRANTS AND DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO
) THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR TO SIGN GRANT
) APPLICATION DOCUMENTS.

WHEREAS, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 includes millions of dollars in funding for Public Safety-related projects, and

WHEREAS, Lane County Sheriff's Office plans to submit several applications to the Department of Justice, Byrne Discretionary Grant program and to the U.S. Department of Justice/COPS Hiring Grant program (CHRP) and

WHEREAS, the application deadlines are April 14, 2009 and April 27, 2009; and

WHEREAS, any grant application that is approved for funding will be submitted to the Board for review, approval and acceptance;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, that the Board of County Commissioners approve submittal of grant applications and delegate authority to the County Administrator to sign grant application documents.

DATED this 14th day of April, 2009.

Pete Sorenson, Chair
Lane County Board of County Commissioners

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY CLERK