



CITY OF SANTA BARBARA

COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

AGENDA DATE: May 1, 2012
TO: Mayor and Councilmembers
FROM: Chief's Staff, Police Department
SUBJECT: Bureau Of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Grant

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council authorize the City Administrator to sign the Interlocal Agreement between the City and the County of Santa Barbara and accept \$63,000 in Santa Barbara Regional Narcotic Enforcement project funds.

DISCUSSION:

Santa Barbara County has received Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funding for 22 years. The JAG Program is a formula grant awarded to state and local governments that is administered by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant supports a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to enhance the justice system.

SBRNET is a collaborative effort between the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement and all local law enforcement agencies to apply specific strategies designed to reduce the flow of narcotics through the County. The project uses searches, buy-bust operations and street sweeps as some of the tactics reduce narcotic distribution in Santa Barbara County.

The County Law Enforcement Chiefs (CLEC), acting as the SBRNET Steering Committee, have historically worked together to develop the allocation plan for these funds and agreed on the distribution at the April 11, 2012 SBRNET Steering Committee Meeting. The participating agencies have all re-affirmed their commitment to SBRNET's mission and agreed on an allocation plan that allows all agencies to continue to deploy a staff member to the team. The County has offered to provide the City \$63,000 from SBRNET project funds that may include revenue from the Anti-Drug Abuse Grant and/or SBRNET's Asset Forfeiture account, so long as the City agrees to defer the full JAG 2012 allocation of \$128,786 to the County Probation Department and County District Attorney's Office for the support of SBRNET and the City agrees to provide a team member to the SBRNET Program. By combining resources, it is

anticipated that the seven funded agencies will each receive approximately \$63,000 to offset the costs associated with their team member and this assignment.

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APPROVED BY: City Administrator's Office