



Agenda Report

2725 Judge Fran Jamieson
Way
Viera, FL 32940

New Business - Add-On

J.7.

10/6/2020

Subject:

Permission to Advertise Public Hearing to consider application for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance.

Fiscal Impact:

none

Dept/Office:

Brevard County Sheriff's Office

Requested Action:

It is requested that the Board of County Commissioners grant permission to advertise a Public Hearing to consider the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application.

Summary Explanation and Background:

The U.S. Department of Justice has notified the Sheriff's Office of the availability of the FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG - Local Solicitation. Brevard County is eligible to receive a direct allocation of \$48,482. Units of local government applying for this grant must use the funding for law enforcement purposes.

The funding is used to enhance Criminal Investigations by funding a Deputy Agent position that focuses on Fraud and Identity Theft. The Sheriff's Office is proposing to continue using the funding for this position and associated operational expenses. The financial and investigative impact of fraud and identity theft is impacting state and local law enforcement and the reality is that these crimes are rapidly becoming one of the most prevalent crimes in Brevard County. The Agency believes this position and the operational expenses continue to be the best use of the grant funds.

This grant provides funding in the amount of \$48,482 and does not require a local match.

Therefore, the Sheriff's Office is requesting permission to advertise a Public Hearing for the Board of County Commissioners to consider the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant Application. Cost associated with the advertisement will be the responsibility of the Sheriff's Office.

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Clerk to the Board Instructions:



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October 7, 2020

Honorable Wayne Ivey
Brevard County Sheriff
700 South Park Avenue
Titusville, FL 32780

Attn: Bill Spinelli

Dear Sheriff Ivey:

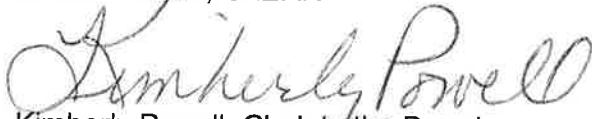
RE: Item J.7., Permission to Advertise Public Hearing to Consider Application for the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance

The Board of County Commissioners, in regular session on October 6, 2020, granted permission to advertise a Public Hearing to consider the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application.

Your continued cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
SCOTT ELLIS, CLERK


Kimberly Powell, Clerk to the Board

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APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. DATE SUBMITTED	Applicant Identifier
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION	3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE		State Application Identifier
Application Non-Construction	4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY		Federal Identifier
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name		Organizational Unit	
Brevard County		County	
Address		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application	
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6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT	
59-6000528		County	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY	
New		Bureau of Justice Assistance	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 16.738 CFDA Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance TITLE: Grant Program		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT Investigative Fraud Agent Position	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT			
County			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF	
Start Date: October 01, 2019		a. Applicant	
End Date: September 30, 2023		b. Project FL15	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
Federal	\$48,482	Program is not covered by E.O. 12372	
Applicant	\$0		
State	\$0		
Local	\$0		
Other	\$0		
Program Income	\$0	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?	
TOTAL	\$48,482	N	
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION			

PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.

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PROGRAM NARRATIVE

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office is proposing to fund an investigative digital forensics fraud agent position within the Economic Crimes Task Force to assist in the investigative efforts of those frauds and identity thefts cases involving advance technological methods.

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office Economic Crimes Task Forces is comprised of fraud investigators from different local, State and Federal agencies. Our team has several members that are Certified Fraud Examiners, attorneys and agents that are members of other task forces such as Homeland Security Investigations (HSI) and United States Secret Service (USSS.) This has allowed the Economic Crimes Task Force to better serve our citizens and community in the fight against frauds. Our Task Force works an array of crimes to include, but not limited to Identity Thefts, Credit Card Frauds, Consumer Frauds, Check Frauds, Contractor Frauds, Crimes against the Elderly, Schemes to Defraud, Fuel Thefts, Cyber Crimes, Phone Scams, and Forgeries.

The Economic Crimes Task Force's mission is to protect, prevent and deter fraudulent activity by identifying issues, proactive policing and problem solving.

Description of the Issues:

Brevard County residents and visitors are prime targets of fraudsters and identity thieves due to our tourist attractions, military installations, large senior population, coastlines and Port Canaveral cruise terminals. These economic crimes suspects are utilizing technology, opportunity, vulnerability and jurisdictional boundaries to their advantage for mass victimization.

There are two main factors that were identified as being the cause of the high number of reported frauds, credit card frauds and identity theft cases in Brevard County. Brevard County has a large senior population and we have numerous tourists visiting daily. Both seniors and tourists rely heavily on the use of credit cards to facilitate daily activities, bills and expenditures putting their credit card account numbers at risk of being skimmed. Secondly, the internet and cell phones have exposed our citizens and seniors to daily attacks by cyber criminals. These types of crimes have allowed our criminals to have the element of anonymity and a low risk of being caught.

Project Design and Implementation:

The Economic Crimes Task Force is comprised of eight (8) investigators and two (2) civilian employees and receives approximately one thousand (1000) cases annually that meet our \$5,000.00 or more loss intake threshold. There is a need for more investigators; however, there is no funding for any new positions. Furthermore, the lack of interest in the Criminal Justice field, has left most agencies suffering manpower shortages.

The Task Force has a strategic planning process to protect, prevent and deter fraud related crimes through proactive police techniques. We are conducting monthly inspections of gas station pumps and ATMs looking for any and all skimming devices. Once a skimming device is located our funded digital forensics examiner extracts the credit card data from the device in a technique called "chip off." This extracted data is quickly flipped to the financial institutions and/or the victims to prevent the fraudulent use of the skimmed credit card number.

Capabilities and Competencies:

The Task Force is working with loss prevention professionals and conducting routine checks of local gas stations looking for organized crime groups utilizing re-encoded credit cards to fraudulently purchase and convey diesel fuels. We are implementing programs for training and equipment to combat these large fuel theft organizations.

The Task force works directly with the Secret Service, Department of Agriculture and other local Law Enforcement Agencies to conduct these gas pump checks and operations throughout the central part of the State. This provides us with an opportunity to share information, training, equipment and techniques.

Plan for Collecting the Data and Performance Measures:

In order to track, collect data and measure the performance of the investigative digital forensics fraud agent position within the Economic Crimes Task Force, any and all fraud cases directly related to the exaction and analysis of evidence from cell phones, skimmers, computers, infotainment systems and other types of devices will be recorded independently. This same data collection will be used to effectively improve and/or expand our investigative efforts.

Budget and Associated Documentation:

The Brevard County Sheriff's Office Finance Unit will track any and all grant draws and expenditures separately from other funding sources, including Federal, by creating a separate account upon receipt of funds. This account will ensure no monies received from this grant are co-mingled with other funds.

Budget Narrative			
		Annual Salary	Grant
		2,080 hrs.	929 hrs.
Agent	\$31.70/hr.	65,936	30,800
FICA	7.65%	5,044	2,356
FRS	25.45%	16,781	7,848
Wrk Comp	3.35%	2,209	1,032
Life Ins	0.50%	330	154
Health	\$5.19/hr.	10,795	4,837
3% NIBRS			1,455
		101,095	48,482
			47.96%

The total funds for the grant are used for 47.96% of Personnel Costs for a Fraud Agent.

The salary detail is the breakout as to how the grants funds will be allocated.

The Fraud Agent is in a cost center only for the Fraud Grant so expenses can be easily monitored and audited.

The Fraud Agent has extensive training as a computer forensic examiner and will work closely with local and state law enforcement jurisdictions, the State Attorney's Office and the Office of Statewide Prosecution to present evidence of impact of fraud and identity theft, investigating, assembling, and presenting evidence on consumer fraud, identity theft or credit card skimming styled cases for prosecution.

The NIBRS will be used for New World software and training. The Sheriff's office will be compliant by January 1, 2021.