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Council Action and Executive Summary

Item # 8 Ordinance/Resolution# 10-281 Council District:

For Meeting of May 17, 2010
 (Adoption Date)

TITLE: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES TO APPLY FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) "ENCOURAGING INNOVATION: FIELD-INITIATED PROGRAMS" COMPETITIVE GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000.00, OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN IMPROVING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, SPECIFIC TO THE EXPANSION OF THE CITY'S JUVENILE CITATION PROGRAM (JCP).

PURPOSE(S) OF ACTION: To authorize staff to apply for Bureau of Justice Assistance "Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs" competitive grant and if awarded to further authorize staff to develop and implement an expansion to existing services currently offered by the City of Las Cruces' Juvenile Citation Program.

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Department	Signature	Phone	Department	Signature	Phone
Originating Department	<i>[Signature]</i>	528-3067	Budget	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2281
			Assistant City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2271
Legal	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2128	City Manager	<i>[Signature]</i>	541-2076

BACKGROUND / KEY ISSUES / CONTRIBUTING FACTORS: The City serves as the fiscal agent to a grant from the State of New Mexico Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD) related to funding under the States' Juvenile Justice Continuum Act. The City's Juvenile Citation Program (JCP) is funded in part by the continuum grant with the City providing a substantial contribution toward the efforts through both in-kind and cash match.

In October 2009, the JCP was recognized as a "Best Practice" program by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP). Further, the Citation Program is locally recognized and endorsed by the Juvenile Probation and Parole Office as an effective program and is routinely used as a sanction for early offenders who are alleged to have committed a misdemeanor, simple misdemeanor or status offense.

Each year, an average of 500 youth will successfully complete the Juvenile Citation Program. Unfortunately, in FY 2009 there were approximately 1,200 first time offenders in Dona Ana County. The JCP is seeking additional funding through the U.S. Department of Justice's

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to expand the program in an effort to curb juvenile recidivism by offering two additional levels of programming to youth in the community.

This Resolution authorizes City staff to apply to the BJA for funding through a competitive grant. Funds awarded as the result of this application would provide for an expansion of the JCP, specifically to develop and implement two new alternatives to formal sanctions in the community. The JCP staff would collaborate with both the local JPPO and State CYFD representatives to develop the services and determine the clients who would be referred to each. The additional alternatives to formal probation would serve to enhance and organize the local continuum of informal graduated sanctions by building upon current successful strategies and collaborations. Informal strategies, with swift and appropriate consequences, are essential to reducing juvenile delinquency and recidivism. Key concepts of the JCP are increasing personal responsibility, enhancing social skills and improving family relationships through a program of youth skill-building groups, parent and youth education class and community service.

SUPPORT INFORMATION:

Fund Name / Account Number	Amount of Expenditure	Budget Amount
N/A	N/A	N/A

1. Resolution
2. Exhibit "A" - Grant Overview Worksheet
3. Exhibit "B" - Budget Narrative

OPTIONS / ALTERNATIVES:

1. Vote YES and approve the request to submit an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for funds to expand the Juvenile Citation Program.
2. Vote NO to disapprove the Resolution thus declining staff permission to submit an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance.
3. Modify the Resolution and vote YES to approve the modified resolution.
4. Table/Postpone the Resolution and direct staff accordingly.

RESOLUTION NO. 10-281

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF LAS CRUCES TO APPLY FOR THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) "ENCOURAGING INNOVATION: FIELD-INITIATED PROGRAMS" COMPETITIVE GRANT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$750,000.00, OVER A THREE YEAR PERIOD, FOR THE PURPOSE OF CONTRIBUTING TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF INNOVATIVE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES IN IMPROVING THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM, SPECIFIC TO THE EXPANSION OF THE CITY'S JUVENILE CITATION PROGRAM (JCP).

The City Council is informed that:

WHEREAS, the City of Las Cruces currently operates a Juvenile Citation Program (JCP) through a grant from the State of New Mexico Children Youth and Families Department (CYFD) and in-kind or cash match from the City of Las Cruces; and

WHEREAS, the JCP is an early offender program within the continuum of graduated sanctions and services of the local juvenile justice system; and

WHEREAS, early intervention programs are a commonly used tool to divert youth away from the formal juvenile justice system and have been proven to reduce recidivism as effectively or better than formal sanctions; and

WHEREAS, the local Juvenile Probation and Parole Office (JPPO) has been working in conjunction with representatives from CYFD to identify gaps in services available to address local juvenile crime and recidivism; and

WHEREAS, the JCP has been recognized by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) as a "Best Practice" Program; and

WHEREAS, the CYFD has recommended JPPO staff collaborate with the JCP to develop and implement an expanded set of graduated, informal sanctions for juvenile offenders in the community; and

WHEREAS, the CYFD and the local JPPO have recommended two specific levels of additional intervention which could be provided by the existing Citation Program with expansion and additional funding; and

WHEREAS, these services would be in addition to the current model provided by the Citation Program; and

WHEREAS, the recommended new interventions would provide for greater opportunity for addressing juvenile delinquency in the community and provide substantial effort toward enhancing the current system of services; and

WHEREAS, these proposed services are currently not funded; and

WHEREAS, up to \$750,000.00 is available through the U.S. Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance for a period of up to three years for Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Program Competitive Grant; and

WHEREAS, the grant requires no matching funds from the City of Las Cruces; and

WHEREAS, the City staff seeks authorization to submit a grant application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the governing body of the City of Las Cruces:

(I)

THAT the City of Las Cruces, Community Development Department be authorized to submit an application to the Bureau of Justice Assistance for the proposal for Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs Competitive Grant for expansion of the JCP.

(II)

THAT City staff is hereby authorized to do all deeds necessary in the accomplishment of the herein above.

DONE AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2010.

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



City Attorney

APPROVED:

Mayor

VOTE:

Mayor Miyagishima: _____
Councillor Silva: _____
Councillor Connor: _____
Councillor Pedroza: _____
Councillor Small: _____
Councillor Sorg: _____
Councillor Thomas: _____

BUDGET NARRATIVE
(Based on a 36 Month grant cycle)

Line Item Detail for Base Budget – JUVENILE CITATION PROGRAM Expansion			
Line Item Description	Federal funded		Justification/Description
Juv. Citation Director			
Permanent Position-Full/Part Time	\$305,760		Salary for: 1 FT Intake Specialist, 2 FT Community Educators and 1 Tracking Specialist
Employee Benefits	\$217,194		PERA, SSI FICA, SSI Medicare, Workers Comp, Retiree Health, Insurance Admin Fee, Family Health, Life & Disability, Dependant Life, Family Dental
Employee In-State Travel	\$15,000 (\$5000/ yr)		Reimbursement for staff in-state travel to training & meetings, face-to-face tracking & monitoring service component of JCP.
Supplies-Office Supplies	\$10,290 (\$3430/yr)		Basic office needs, i.e. pens, pencils, paper, tape, etc.,
Educational/Recreational	\$15,000 (\$5000/yr)		Provides training aids youth classes, parent/youth presentation, and community service projects. Includes youth curriculum workbooks, curriculum videos, and direct service project supplies.
Printing & Photographic	\$1,950 (\$650/yr)		Printing costs for educational materials, marketing materials, reports and general printing needs.
Postage & Mailing	\$1050 (\$350/yr)		Mailing costs for correspondence sent to clients and outside agencies
Telecommunications	\$9000 (\$3000/yr)		Telephone lines, cell phone, fax line expenses
Total	\$540,384		

GRANT OVERVIEW WORKSHEET

Title of Grant Program: Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs

Funding Organization: US Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice

Section Applying: Community Development / Neighborhood Services

Description of Proposed Project: This funding is for an expansion of the existing Juvenile Citation Program, to provide two new levels of programming.

Strategic Plan Performance Budget	Goal: Goal:	Objective: Objective:	Strategic Plan: Strategic Plan:
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- Existing City Programs/Efforts** (Ex: request for environmentally-friendly weed management. Parks and Recreation Section's existing budget and work activities include weed management)
- Expansion of Existing Program/Efforts** (Ex: request for advertising to increase public awareness of the Farmer's market. The advertising campaign will be an increase over current activities/budget)
- New Initiative, Not Budgeted** (Ex: request to implement a recreational activity that is currently not included in the City's recreations programs)

Project Maintenance If the grant specifies that the project must be maintained/operated after the grant period ends, list the requirements:

Amount Section anticipates requesting: \$540,384

Match Requirement (%) 0

Projected Match In-kind: NA
Match Source: NA

Cash: NA

Grant Application Due: May 18, 2010

Grant Duration (Months/years): 36 months

MOU or Joint Powers Agreement Required: No

Grant Collaborators (List other City Departments or Outside Agencies):
Juvenile Probation and Parole Office (JPPO)

Employees To Be Hired (number to be hired, full-time or part-time positions and 1 sentence job responsibilities):
2 FT Community Educators: Facilitate curriculum & community service. 1 FT Intake Specialist: Conducts Eligibility Intake Assessments. 1 FT Tracking Specialist: Tracking, data & reporting.

GRANT OVERVIEW WORKSHEET

Grant Manager *(Responsible for contract, project operations, budget management, and reports as prescribed)*

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Date: 4/23/10

Reviewed & Approved by:

Signature: *David Wein*

Date: 5-3-10