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From: Navarro, Sofia
Sent: Friday, September 15, 2023 4:58 AM
To: Johnson, Jestin; Maher, Sean M.
Cc: Lake, Betsy; Johnston, Cristy; Hanson, Leigh
Subject: FW: Grant Announcement: BSCC Organized Retail Theft Prevention & Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution FY23
Attachments: RE: Support for Public Safety Partnership in Budget Process from BIDs and Business Serving Organizations -BID+ Alliance; Re: Quick check in?
Importance: High

Jestin and Sean,

I understand the information I'm providing does not change the outcome but in the spirit of truth and accountability I needed to share what was recently shared with me.

Please see the email thread Greg shared yesterday evening. According to the email, Niccolo from Townsend flagged the grant opportunity to OPD and others on April 25. Greg followed up the next day with Chief Allison who then assigned it to Amber Fuller, their Grants Coordinator, on April 26. She confirmed she was following up on the grant on April 26 and on June 28 said, "we should have everything written up by the end of this week..."

This new information is very concerning to me as I took accountability for this mishap (based on the information I had) as my staff person, unaware of all this prior communication/coordination, saw the same grant on June 5 and flagged it to Savlan from Jack London BID (see attached email) who then looped in the Metro Chamber. Trying to be helpful and over committing herself (which is a personnel and oversight matter I will address) to something that never should have been her responsibility as an Urban Economic Analyst, she began the coordination from her end. If OPD was already working on this grant and aware since April, I question why this was not mentioned at all during this process to us? Why did this responsibility, which very clearly was OPD's from the start, suddenly become EWD's responsibility to submit? This raises serious concerns and questions for me. It lacks transparency and accountability for their role in this process.

Lastly, if they had been aware and working on this grant since April, uploading their documents the day the grant was due, July 7 (see email from Amber attached) is also concerning. I'd like to meet when appropriate to discuss where we go from here and ensure there's shared accountability.

Respectfully,

Sofia Navarro

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From: Minor, Gregory <GMinor@oaklandca.gov>
Sent: Thursday, September 14, 2023 7:35 PM
To: Navarro, Sofia <SNavarro@oaklandca.gov>; Johnston, Cristy <CJohnston@oaklandca.gov>

Subject: Fw: Grant Announcement: BSCC Organized Retail Theft Prevention & Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution FY23

Hey fyi i just read [this article](#) and was surprised OPD didn't apply as they indicated to me for months that they were handling it, though I never saw the actual application (unless I am referring to a different grant)...

From: Minor, Gregory

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 11:53 AM

To: Fuller, Amber <AFuller@oaklandca.gov>

Subject: Re: Grant Announcement: BSCC Organized Retail Theft Prevention & Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution FY23

Great news and happy to review anything if it would be helpful.

Best

Greg

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 28, 2023, at 11:52 AM, Fuller, Amber <AFuller@oaklandca.gov> wrote:

Good morning Greg,

Yes we're applying for the Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program. We should have everything written up by the end of this week and would definitely appreciate you taking a look at it and providing any feedback if you have time.

Amber Fuller

Acting Grants Coordinator

Oakland Police Department

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From: Minor, Gregory <GMinor@oaklandca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, June 28, 2023 11:26 AM

To: Fuller, Amber <AFuller@oaklandca.gov>

Subject: Re: Grant Announcement: BSCC Organized Retail Theft Prevention & Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution FY23

Hi Amber-

Checking in to see if OPD is applying for this grant. If there's anything I can do to help please let me know.

Thank you,
Greg

From: Fuller, Amber <AFuller@oaklandca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 3:10 PM
To: Minor, Gregory <GMinor@oaklandca.gov>
Cc: Suttle, Kiona <KSuttle@oaklandca.gov>; Marshall, LaRajia <LMarshall@oaklandca.gov>; Allison, Darren <DAllison@oaklandca.gov>
Subject: RE: Grant Announcement: BSCC Organized Retail Theft Prevention & Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution FY23

Good afternoon Greg,

I will follow-up on this grant opportunity.

Thank you for the notification,

Amber Fuller
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From: Allison, Darren <DAllison@oaklandca.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, April 26, 2023 10:31 AM
To: Minor, Gregory <GMinor@oaklandca.gov>; Suttle, Kiona <KSuttle@oaklandca.gov>
Subject: Re: Grant Announcement: BSCC Organized Retail Theft Prevention & Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution FY23

Hi Greg,

I have included Deputy Director Suttle on the email to assign to our grants coordinator for follow-up on this opportunity. Our team should be able to handle pending their assessment. Thank you.

Darren

On Apr 26, 2023, at 10:27, Minor, Gregory <GMinor@oaklandca.gov> wrote:

Hi Chief Allison-

Hope all is well.

I forwarded this opportunity to the Special Operations Section (Off Romero, Sgt Cabral, Lt Febel and Cpt Johnson) as this could be a good opportunity to gain resources to deter targeted burglaries of cannabis businesses (as well as other businesses). Do you think OPD will take it from here or would it be helpful if I organized a teams meeting to discuss this grant (and if so, who should I include)?

Thank you,
Greg

From: Niccolo De Luca <ndeluca@TownsendPA.com>

Sent: Tuesday, April 25, 2023 8:51 PM

To: Goldman, Zach <ZGoldman@oaklandca.gov>; Hines, Brittany <BHines@oaklandca.gov>; Minor, Gregory <GMinor@oaklandca.gov>; Suttle, Kiona <KSuttle@oaklandca.gov>; Allison, Darren <DAllison@oaklandca.gov>

Cc: Alex Gibbs <agibbs@TownsendPA.com>

Subject: Grant Announcement: BSCC Organized Retail Theft Prevention & Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution FY23

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Hello Team Oakland,
Not sure if there is a level of interest in going for these public safety opportunities but I have had some chats with some of you about the problems so sending your way. Please see below and let us know if we should bring others in on this.

1. Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program

Approximately \$242,250,000 is available during this funding period, and California police departments, sheriffs' departments, and probation departments are eligible to apply. The maximum an applicant may apply for is up to \$6,125,000 in the Medium Scope category OR up to \$15,650,000 in the Large Scope category. No match is required.

Applicants must propose activities, strategies, or programs that address a minimum of one (1) of the following Program Purpose Areas (PPAs):

- PPA 1: Organized Retail Theft
- PPA 2: Motor Vehicle or Motor Vehicle Accessory Theft
- PPA 3: Cargo Theft

Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Automated License Plate Readers
- Cameras
- Case Management Systems
- Computers/Laptops/Tablets
- Databases
- Investigative Software
- Online and Print Advertising
- RFI Tracker/Tracking Devices
- Routers/Modems/Hotspots
- Staff expenses, including overtime
- Vehicles

Applications are due by 5:00 PM (PST) on July 7, 2023.

2. Organized Retail Theft Vertical Prosecution Grant Program

Approximately \$28,500,000 is available during this funding period, and California District Attorneys are eligible to apply. The maximum an applicant may apply for is up to \$800,000 in the Small Scope category OR up to \$2,050,000 in the Large Scope category. No match is required.

Grant funds must be used to employ a vertical prosecution model, and to dedicate at least one deputy district attorney and one district attorney investigator whose primary role is the investigation and prosecution of organized retail theft crimes. Vertical prosecution means a prosecutor is assigned to an organized retail theft case from beginning to end (e.g., initial hearing/arrangement to sentencing). Under this model, the victim(s), witness(es), and impacted law enforcement official(s) have a single point of contact throughout the process.

In support of these efforts, eligible expenses include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Case Management Systems
- Computers/Laptops/Tablets
- Databases
- Hiring Staff and/or Contractors
- Investigative Software
- Online and Print Advertising
- Staff expenses, including overtime

Applications are due by 5:00 PM (PST) on July 7, 2023.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding either of these programs and if you would like to schedule a touch base meeting to discuss potential projects for application.

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