



**CITY OF PACIFICA
COUNCIL AGENDA SUMMARY REPORT**

7/10/2017

SUBJECT:

Resolution Authorizing Receipts and Allocation of \$30,174 in Board of State and Community Corrections Grant Funds to Enhance Homeless Outreach Efforts

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Adopt Resolution Authorizing the Receipt and Allocation of \$30,174 in Board of State and Community Corrections Grant Funds to Enhance Homeless Outreach Efforts.

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BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION:

Established in 2012, the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is an independent statutory agency that provides leadership to the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems, expertise on Public Safety Realignment issues, is a data and information clearinghouse and provides technical assistance on a wide range of community corrections issues. In addition, the BSCC promulgates regulations for adult and juvenile detention facilities, conducts regular inspections of those facilities, develops standards for the selection and training of local corrections and probation officers and administers significant public safety-related grant funding.

The BSCC's work involves extensive collaboration with stakeholders, including local probation departments, county administrative offices, justice system partners, community-based organizations, and others. The BSCC sets standards and provides training for local adult and juvenile corrections and probation officers. It is also the administering agency for a host of federal and state public safety grants, including evidence-based practices to fight gangs, and works to address the over- representation of youth of color in the juvenile justice system. Policy for the agency is set by the thirteen member Board of State and Community Corrections, whose members are prescribed by statute, appointed by the Governor and the Legislature, and subject to approval by the State Senate. The Board Chair reports directly to the Governor.

Incorporated in the BSCC's mission is to provide grants to local law enforcement for programs and initiatives intended to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve, including, but not limited to, providing training for front-line peace officers on issues such as implicit bias; funding for research to examine how local policing services currently are being delivered; assessing the state of law enforcement-community relations; comparing the status quo with the best practices in the policing profession and receiving recommendations for moving forward, including the identification of policing models and operational options to improve policing; problem-oriented policing initiatives; restorative justice programs that address the needs of victims, offenders, and the community; behavioral

health training and any one-time costs associated with implementing, expanding, and maintaining a program designed to capture peace officer interactions with individuals in the community.

The BSCC's City Law Enforcement Grant of the Budget Act of 2016 allocated \$512,971.00 to law enforcement agencies within San Mateo County. The associated mandate of this grant is to increase positive outcomes between municipal law enforcement and high-risk populations. Local law enforcement agencies may use the funds to supplement, not supplant, the following:

- (a) Homeless outreach teams
- (b) Crisis intervention training for officers
- (c) Gang resistance education and training (GREAT)
- (d) Resources for drug endangered children
- (e) Outreach to high-risk youth
- (f) Youth diversion programs
- (g) Gang and violence prevention programs

Rather than spend the aforementioned funds as a county, the San Mateo County Police Chiefs Association has decided to disperse these funds equally in the amount of \$30,174 to each law enforcement agency within the county. The Brisbane, Broadmoor, Burlingame, Colma, Hillsborough, Pacifica, San Bruno and South San Francisco Police Departments have expressed a desire to allocate this funding in a manner that would enhance homeless outreach efforts.

The listed law enforcement agencies have met with LifeMoves, the organization that facilitates the San Mateo County Homeless Outreach Team (HOT), to develop a plan to expand the Homeless Outreach Team impact on homelessness through dedicated efforts in the aforementioned cities. This funding will allow LifeMoves to increase its capacity to serve the vulnerable, unsheltered homeless population in these specific cities in San Mateo County including single adults, families and veterans, with the ultimate goal of helping them return to stable housing and long-term self-sufficiency. LifeMoves will dedicate additional staff resources to serve unsheltered homeless individuals and families in the above identified cities.

The LifeMoves outreach program takes a regional approach to serving unsheltered homeless individuals and families in our community. The HOT case managers conduct outreach to unsheltered homeless individuals in five currently-identified regions in San Mateo County. Each city named in this funding plan (Brisbane, Broadmoor, Burlingame, Colma, Hillsborough, Pacifica, San Bruno and South San Francisco) is served by HOT in one of the five regions where LifeMoves currently provides outreach services. This service remains uninterrupted. With this additional funding, LifeMoves plans to name a sixth region that will dedicate HOT efforts to specifically to participating cities. LifeMoves and police department representatives communicate weekly regarding homeless individuals and to discuss any issues that may arise. This includes discussing areas that might draw inhabitants or concerns from local merchants that homeless individuals are affecting their business.

This one-time funding will expand LifeMoves' impact and increase its capacity to more effectively serve the homeless families and individuals living in the community for a two-year

period. This additional funding will allow LifeMoves to implement the following:

- Increase capacity and provide additional outreach services. LifeMoves will dedicate a member of the outreach team to serve Brisbane, Broadmoor, Burlingame, Colma, Hillsborough, Pacifica, San Bruno and South San Francisco. The dedicated LifeMoves staff will continue to develop a relationship with identified law enforcement to conduct outreach in these cities.
- LifeMoves will begin the hiring process once the funding is granted and plans to hire the dedicated staff member within six weeks of the receipt of funds. Typically, LifeMoves provides a comprehensive training program to the new employees (and ongoing training to all staff) to ensure staff members are prepared to work effectively with homeless individuals and achieve program performance objectives. Trainings include topics such as best practices and Housing First principles, motivational interviewing, harm reduction, suicide and self-harm prevention, conflict prevention and resolution, field safety and crisis prevention, and effective strategies for engaging difficult-to-serve populations.
- The outreach workers will meet with law enforcement regularly to identify where homeless individuals and families reside, work to develop a rapport with the homeless citizens, make referrals to primary and behavioral health care, connect unsheltered homeless people to housing resources, and provide access to basic needs such as meals, showers, toiletries and emergency shelter.
- To continue to enrich the relationship and collaborative efforts between LifeMoves and key law enforcement agencies, LifeMoves outreach staff will work remotely in available office space within the police departments. LifeMoves outreach staff and key members of each city's police department will serve the community's homeless population through concerted efforts.
- LifeMoves will provide a Rapid Response to the communities identified in this proposal regarding homelessness. The outreach team provides Rapid Response when communities have an issue regarding homelessness; the community contacts the HOT team to make initial contact with the unsheltered homeless individuals or families. The HOT team responds the next business day to develop relationships with the identified unsheltered homeless individuals. In general, the HOT staff does not remove homeless individuals from the area, but they do work to connect unsheltered individuals to important resources, and develop therapeutic relationships to work with individualized needs. The staff dedicated to the communities included in this proposal will respond the next business day and provide a brief report to the entity requesting the support.

LifeMoves has a long history of effectively managing multiple federal, state, county, and local municipality contracts. In addition, LifeMoves has a track record of successfully working with fiscal programs, and contracts staff that enables LifeMoves to partner in an effective and cost-efficient service delivery continuum. LifeMoves consistently completes successful audits, successfully delivers outcomes, submits timely and accurate reports, and ensures compliance with contractual obligations.

Further, LifeMoves is an experienced user of Clarity, San Mateo County's homeless management system, with quality assurance plans and procedures in place to ensure timely

and accurate input of client demographic information, program output, and client outcome data review. A quality assurance team meets regularly to perform file reviews. Program staff, senior staff, and Board leadership routinely analyze and review data and reports for accuracy, completeness, program and contract compliance, and effectiveness.

Staff recommends the acceptance of the one-time BSCC grant funding in the amount of \$30,174, with the funding being allocated to LiveMoves.

ALTERNATIVE ACTION:

- 1) Decline to accept the BSCC funds
- 2) Accept the BSCC funds, but direct staff to allocate the funding to other than LiveMoves for the HOT team.

RELATION TO CITY COUNCIL GOALS AND WORK PLAN:

A Healthy and Compassionate Community: Increasing the funding to LiveMoves provides increased services to the homeless population in Pacifica.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Acceptance of this funding and allocating it to LiveMoves will have no fiscal impact on the City.

ORIGINATED BY:

Police

ATTACHMENT LIST:

None (TXT)



**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PACIFICA
AUTHORIZING THE RECEIPT AND ALLOCATION OF \$30,174 IN BOARD OF STATE AND
COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS GRANT FUNDS TO ENHANCE HOMELESS OUTREACH
EFFORTS**

WHEREAS, the California Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) is an independent statutory agency that provides leadership to the adult and juvenile criminal justice systems; and

WHEREAS, the BSCC's work involves extensive collaboration with stakeholders, including local probation departments, county administrative offices, justice system partners, community-based organizations, and others; and

WHEREAS, incorporated in the BSCC's mission is to provide grants to local law enforcement for programs and initiatives intended to strengthen the relationship between law enforcement and the communities they serve; and

WHEREAS, the BSCC's City Law Enforcement Grant of the Budget Act of 2016 allocated \$512,971.00 to law enforcement agencies within San Mateo County; and

WHEREAS, the San Mateo County Police Chiefs Association has decided to disperse these funds equally in the amount of \$30,174 to each law enforcement agency within the county; and

WHEREAS, the Brisbane, Broadmoor, Burlingame, Colma, Hillsborough, Pacifica, San Bruno and South San Francisco Police Departments have expressed a desire to allocate this funding in a manner that would enhance homeless outreach efforts; and

WHEREAS, this funding will allow LifeMoves to increase its capacity to serve the vulnerable, unsheltered homeless populations in the participating cities; and

WHEREAS, LifeMoves will dedicate additional staff resources to serve unsheltered homeless individuals and families in the above identified cities.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Pacifica authorizes the receipt and allocation of \$30,174 in Board of State and Community Corrections grant funds to enhance homeless outreach efforts.

PASSED AND ADOPTED at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pacifica, California, held on the 10th day of July 2017, by the following vote:

AYES, Councilmembers:
NOES, Councilmembers:
ABSENT, Councilmembers:
ABSTAIN, Councilmembers:

CITY OF PACIFICA

Mike O'Neill, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathy O'Connell, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michelle Marchetta Kenyon, City Attorney