

AGENDA ITEM #7
October 27, 2009

Public Hearing/Action

MEMORANDUM

October 22, 2009

TO: County Council

FROM: Susan J. Farag, Legislative Analyst *SJF*

SUBJECT: **Public Hearing and Action:** Special Appropriation - \$86,752 -- American Recovery and Reinvestment Act -- Violence Against Women Formula STOP Grant Program, Family Justice Center Protective Order Enforcement

BACKGROUND

This special appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget for the Office of the Sheriff was introduced on October 20, 2009, requesting appropriation authority to spend \$86,752 awarded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Violence Against Women Formula STOP Grant Program. According to the Executive's Transmittal Memo, these funds will be used to hire one Client Assistance Specialist (Victim Assistant) position in the Sheriff's Office.

The position will work in the Family Justice Center, and will be responsible for managing protective orders, acting as liaison between victims and law enforcement, and coordinating of services for clients at the FJC.

According to the Office of the Sheriff, the FJC has already served more than 600 clients since its opening in May 2009. This grant would fund the Victim Assistant position for an 18-month term. The incumbent will be bilingual and assist with intake to determine the various needs clients have.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

This special appropriation is being presented to the Council without review by the Public Safety Committee. Action is scheduled to follow today's public hearing.

Council staff recommends approval.

This packet contains:

Executive Transmittal Memo
Draft Special Appropriation Resolution
Grant Award Letter

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Isiah Leggett
County Executive

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MEMORANDUM

October 5, 2009

TO: Phil Andrews, President, County Council

FROM: Isiah Leggett, County Executive 

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #10-288 to the FY10 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Office of the County Sheriff
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act --Violence Against Women Formula
STOP Grant Program, Family Justice Center Protective Order Enforcement, \$86,752

I am recommending a special appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget of the Office of the County Sheriff in the amount of \$86,752 for American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funding for Violence Against Women Formula STOP Grant Program. This appropriation will fund one Client Assistance Specialist (Victim Assistant) for the Sheriff's Office.

This increase is needed because it will fund a Victim Assistant in the new Family Justice Center (FJC) who would be responsible for triage of protective orders at the FJC, provide liaison between victims and law enforcement, and coordination of services for clients presenting at the FJC. During this difficult economic time, the County has made a strong investment and commitment to the goal of reducing the incidence of domestic violence in the county. The FJC was created to provide "wrap around services" for families in need. We have identified the critical need for a Victim Assistant to triage cases and provide linkages for the victims seeking services. Recovery Act funding would meet this need, create employment when the County is unable to, and enhance the work of the Center.

I recommend that the County Council approve this special appropriation in the amount of \$86,752 and specify the source of funds as Federal ARRA grant funds.

I appreciate your prompt consideration of this action.

- c: Raymond Kight, Sheriff
- Joseph Beach, Director, Office of Management and Budget
- Kathleen Boucher, Assistant Chief Administrative Officer
- Uma S. Ahluwalia, Director, Health and Human Services
- John McCarthy, State's Attorney

Resolution No: _____
Introduced: _____
Adopted: _____

COUNTY COUNCIL
FOR MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

By: Council President at the Request of the County Executive

SUBJECT: Special Appropriation #10-288 to the FY10 Operating Budget
Montgomery County Government
Office of County Sheriff
American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Violence Against Women Formula
STOP Grant Program, FJC Protective Order Enforcement, \$86,752

Background

1. Section 308 of the Montgomery County Charter provides that a special appropriation: (a) may be made at any time after public notice by news release; (b) must state that the special appropriation is necessary to meet an unforeseen disaster or other emergency or to act without delay in the public interest; (c) must specify the revenues necessary to finance it; and (d) must be approved by no fewer than six members of the Council.

2. The County Executive has requested the following FY10 Operating Budget appropriation increases for the Office of the County Sheriff:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
\$85,800	\$ 952	\$ 0	\$86,752	Federal ARRA Grant Funds

3. This increase is needed because it will fund a Victim Assistant in the new Family Justice Center (FJC) who would be responsible for triage of protective orders at the FJC; provide liaison between victims and law enforcement and coordination of services for clients presenting at the FJC. During this difficult economic time, the county has made a strong investment and commitment to the goal of reducing the incidence of domestic violence in the county. The FJC was created to provide "wrap around services" for families in need. We have identified the critical need for a victim assistant to triage cases and provide linkages for the victims seeking services. Recovery Act funding would meet this need, create employment when the county is unable to and enhance the work of the Center.
4. The County Executive has requested a special appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget in the amount of \$86,752 for Violence Against Women Formula STOP Grant Program, FJC Protective Order Enforcement, and specifies that the source of funds will be Federal ARRA grant funds.
5. The public was notified by a news release.

Action

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland, approves the following actions:

1. A special appropriation to the FY10 Operating Budget of the Office of the County Sheriff is approved as follows:

<u>Personnel Services</u>	<u>Operating Expenses</u>	<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Source of Funds</u>
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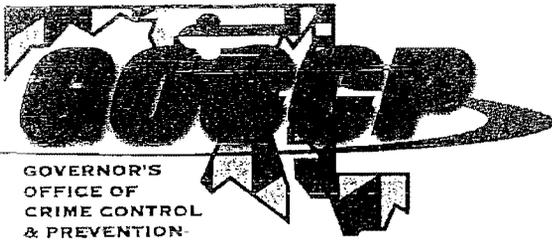
2. Any fund appropriated in this resolution must not be spent for any purpose until two days after the Council has received from the County Executive a copy of the grant award letter from the Federal or state government which provides all funds to be spent.
3. The County Council declares that this action is necessary to act without delay in the public interest and that this appropriation is needed to meet the emergency.

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Linda M. Lauer, Clerk of the Council

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OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

The Honorable Isiah Leggett
County Executive
Montgomery County Executive's Office
Executive Office Building
2nd Floor
101 Monroe Street
Rockville MD 20850

RE: VARA-2009-1025

Dear County Executive Leggett:

I am pleased to inform you that your grant application, submitted by **Montgomery County Government**, entitled "**FJC Protective Order Enforcement**" in the amount of \$86,752.00 has received approval under the Violence against Women Formula Grant Program (ARRA of 2009 (Public Law 111-5)). Enclosed is the Grant Award packet containing information and forms necessary to initiate the project.

This grant will fund the program described below:

The Montgomery County Sheriff's Office FJC Protective Order Enforcement program supports the activities of the new Family Justice Center (FJC). The center provides a one-stop shop for victims of domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking. The program brings together multiple-agencies to provide victim advocacy, assistance with protective orders and criminal charges, legal representation for protective orders, safety planning, counseling, immigration legal services, and other social services. Grant funds provide salary for a Bi-lingual Victim Assistant who triages cases and coordinate services with law enforcement and collaborative partners at the FJC.

Please pay particular attention to the instructions included on the Grant Award. It is important that you **carefully review all of the revised General and Special Conditions** attached to this Award. **New Electronic Reporting Requirements are listed in the General Conditions section.** The Chief Elected Official, or another legally authorized official of the jurisdiction, state agency, or 501(c)(3) receiving the Grant Award, must sign the original Grant Award Acceptance form and return it to the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention within **Twenty-One (21) Calendar days.** Should the acceptance form not be received, requests for reimbursement cannot be honored.

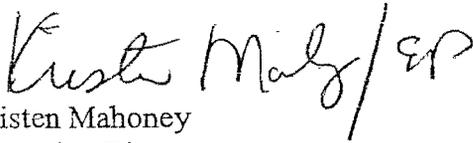
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A copy of the Grant Award, Notification of Project Commencement, and Individual Project Reports will be sent to the Project Director. The Project Director will be responsible for completing these and other required forms now and at the end of each reporting period. If the Project Director changes, this Office should be notified immediately to avoid potential reporting problems.

Projects may commence as soon as the Grant Award is signed and you have reviewed and accepted all of the General and Special Conditions. No funds may be encumbered or expended prior to this time without the specific written approval of the Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention.

If you have any questions or need any clarification regarding this Grant Award, please contact Angee Carpintieri, your program monitor, or Amy Steinly-Marks, Grants Manager, at (410) 821-2828. We look forward to working with you on this project and anticipate its success in helping to address criminal justice problems in our State.

Sincerely,

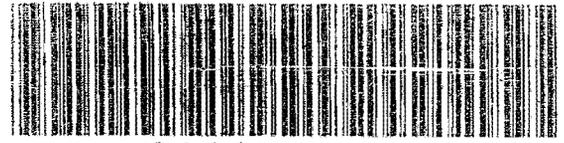
A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Kristen Mahoney/EP". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name and title.

Kristen Mahoney
Executive Director

cc: Ms. Hannah Sassoon

Date : 06/19/2009

Grant Award Number: VARA-2009-1025



VARA-2009-1025

Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention

300 East Joppa Road, Suite 1105
Baltimore, Maryland 21286-3016

Grant Award and Acceptance

CFDA Number: 16.801

A. TITLE OF PROJECT	FJC Protective Order Enforcement		
B. GRANTEE	Montgomery County Government		
C. IMPLEMENTING AGENCY	Montgomery County Sheriff's Office		
D. PERIOD OF AWARD	07/01/2009 to 12/31/2010		
Awarded Funds	Cash Match Funds	In Kind Match Funds	Project Total
\$86,752.00	\$0.00	\$38,697.00	\$125,449.00

Award is hereby made for financial assistance by the Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention in accordance with the

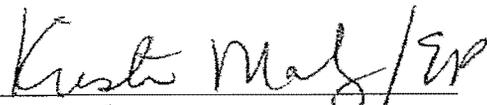
Violence against Women Formula Grant Program (ARRA of 2009 (Public Law 111-5))

This grant is subject to the General Conditions and any Special Conditions attached to this award, as well as all statutes and requirements of the State of Maryland.

This Grant Award incorporates all the information, conditions, representations and Certified Assurances contained in the grantee's application.

The grant shall become effective as of the date of the award, unless otherwise specified in the award, upon return within 30 days of a fully executed original of this Award signed by the duly authorized official of the grantee unit of government or grantee agency receiving this Award.

FOR THE STATE OF MARYLAND:


Executive Director
Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention

GRANTEE ACCEPTANCE:


Signature of Authorized Official
Kathleen Boucher
Asst. Chief Administrative Officer
Typed Name and Title
Date 7/13/09

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