

<p>ISSUE BRIEF</p>	<p>Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Applications for the Cities of Eugene and Springfield and Lane County. Action: Host a public hearing and adopt recommendation to jurisdictions on their spending plans for LLEBG funds</p>
<p>Background Information</p>	<p>LLEBG funds are provided to units of local government to underwrite projects designed to reduce crime and improve public safety. LLEBG Program funds must be spent on one or more of the following seven purpose areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting law enforcement. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Hiring, training, and employing new, additional law enforcement officers and necessary support personnel on a continuing basis. b. Paying overtime to currently employed law enforcement officers and necessary support personnel to increase the number of hours worked by such personnel. c. Procuring equipment, technology, and other material directly related to basic law enforcement functions. 2. Enhancing security measures in and around schools and in and around other facilities or locations that the unit of local government considers special risks for incidents of crime. 3. Establishing or supporting drug courts. 4. Enhancing the adjudication of cases that involve violent offenders, including cases that involve violent juvenile offenders. 5. Establishing a multijurisdictional task force, particularly in rural areas, composed of law enforcement officials that represent units of local government. This task force must work with federal law enforcement officials to prevent and control crime. 6. Establishing crime prevention programs that involve cooperation between community residents and law enforcement personnel to control, detect, or investigate crime or to prosecute criminals. 7. Defraying the cost of indemnification insurance for law enforcement officers. <p>These funds have been allocated since the 1996 federal fiscal year. At that time, the PSCC was designated by the three jurisdictions as the required Advisory Board for recommending priorities for the use of these funds. The jurisdictions have filed the applications for their funds but, before they can obligate or draw them down, they are required to bring their spending plans for the funds to the Advisory Board for input. The Advisory Board is required to hold a public hearing to allow an opportunity for the public to hear the spending plans and provide input.</p> <p>The Cities and County recommend the following priorities and amounts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eugene – \$93,171 Federal, \$10,352 Match, \$103,523 Total \$28,171 Technology and Equipment for Eugene Police Department and \$65,000 PSCC Staffing (plus match through Community Corrections funds for PSCC Staffing and City funds for Technology and Equipment) • Springfield – \$32,156 Federal, \$3,573 Match, \$35,729 Total \$32,156 PSCC Staffing (plus match through Community Corrections funds) • Lane County – \$93,170 Federal, \$10,352 Match, \$103,522 Total \$3.849 AIRS Support. \$51.403 Communication Equipment. \$37.918

	PSCC Staffing (plus match through County funds for AIRS and Community Corrections funds for PSCC staffing)
Summary	<p>The program has the following requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jurisdictions must provide 10% non-federal matching funds • To be eligible, jurisdictions must submit an application online authorized by its chief executive officer • In addition, each jurisdiction's chief executive must: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Establish an advisory board to review the application and make non-binding recommendations for the jurisdiction's proposed use of LLEBG funds • Hold at least one public hearing regarding the proposed use of funds <p>The PSCC is the Advisory Board thus must hold the public hearing. The purpose of the hearing is to make the public aware of the LLEBG program and jurisdictions' spending plans.</p> <p>The PSCC Police Services Committee reviewed these spending plans at their October 2 meeting to ensure coordination among the jurisdictions and to provide input to the PSCC to assist them in their review. Sheriff Jan Clements raised concerns about the County's share of funding allocated to pay for PSCC staffing. He informed the group that he would speak with County decision makers on this issue, wanting to leave flexibility due to current and potential budget reductions within the County and the Sheriff's Office.</p> <p>The Police Services Committee unanimously approved a motion which affirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the jurisdictions will allocate resources within the seven allowed LLEBG purpose areas, • the PSCC can provide input on October 10, and • the budgetary authorities of the jurisdictions will make the final decision over these resources. <p>Jurisdictions must complete their online application process confirming that a public hearing has been held and the advisory body has provided input by October 18.</p>
Pertinent Policy	The advisory board must include a member from at least one each of the following: the local law enforcement agency, prosecutor's office, court system, and school system, as well as a nonprofit group (educational, religious, or community group) active in crime prevention or drug use prevention or treatment. Members of the PSCC fit the appropriate categories.
Fiscal Impact Accountability	Funds are allocated proportionate to the State's average annual number of Part I violent crimes compared to the number for all States for the 3 most recent calendar years of data from the FBI, with awards to units of local government proportionate to each local jurisdiction's average compared to the State.
Options	a. Provide input to the jurisdictions concerning the proposed spending plans.
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