

Alameda County Sheriff's Office

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Gregory J. Ahern, Sheriff

Director of Emergency Services
Coroner - Marshal

AGENDA ITEM__August 1, 2017

July 26, 2017

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County Administration Building
1221 Oak Street
Oakland, CA 94612

**SUBJECT: ACCEPT THE 2016 COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM GRANT TO
SUPPORT THE E PLURIBUS UNUM PROGRAM**

Dear Board Members:

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the Sheriff, by title, to apply for, accept and administer the 2016 Countering Violent Extremism Grant in the amount of \$499,125 to establish the E Pluribus Unum program, a partnership between the Alameda County Sheriff's Office and community based organizations, to develop a structured support system and utilize a collaborative approach to provide re-entry services to incarcerated inmates and those returning to the community from the Santa Rita Jail facility for the grant period 12/1/16 - 11/30/18;
2. Authorize the Auditor-Controller to make the budgetary adjustments as directed in the attached financial recommendation.

DISCUSSION/SUMMARY:

On June 23, 2017, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office (ACSO) received official notice of being awarded funding from the FY 2016 Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) Grant Program in the amount of \$499,125. The established grant period December 1, 2016 through November 30, 2018 was set by the federal government, which cannot be extended. Due to the late grant award approval by the federal government, programs and services provided have been delayed approximately six months. ACSO, along with our community based partners, will work expeditiously to provide programs and services within the established grant award period.

The Alameda County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Deputy Sheriff's Activities League and the Ta'leef Collective, will create a culturally competent and informed network of support, known as the "E Pluribus Unum" (EPU) project, for incarcerated adults in the criminal justice system within

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Alameda County. The Ta'leef Collective is a community based organization which has extensive experience in providing mental health and spiritual wellness services to justice-involved individuals. They provide the ideal experience in learning about the Islamic culture and promote an innovative approach in which clients can embrace a moderate translation of the Islamic faith. They offer community care, educational programs, wellness programs and services and financial assistance to the formally incarcerated through a series of training courses and employment opportunities. The EPU project will service Alameda County, including residents within the Ashland/Cherryland community where inmates return upon release.

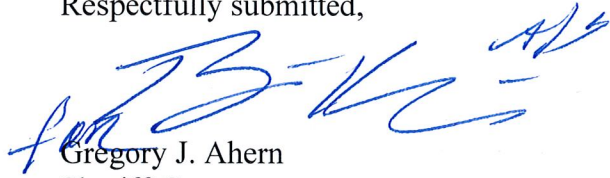
Though this collaboration, incarcerated adults will work with a clinical case manager prior to reintegration back into the community to establish an individualized re-entry plan to link these individuals with the necessary services that address their specific risks and needs to reduce the risks of recidivism. This will be accomplished by developing a referral network to assist those individuals who may be susceptible to violent extremism. Re-entry participants will also be eligible for paid transitional employment.

In addition, Operation My Hometown (OMHT) staff will work in coordination with the Ta'leef Collective in offering a three-part workshop to re-entry case managers to enhance their understanding of Muslim community issues and provide training on the concepts of the Ta'leef Collectives's trauma-informed curriculum, which includes one-on-one and group counseling.

FINANCING:

The additional appropriation requested will be fully offset with funding from the 2016 Countering Violent Extremism Grant. This request will not impact the net County cost in FY 2017-18 or in future years.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory J. Ahern", is written over the typed name.

Gregory J. Ahern
Sheriff-Coroner

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FINANCIAL RECOMMENDATION**AGENDA DATE:** 8/1/2017**Subject of Board Letter:** 2016 COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM GRANT**BY:** 2018**FUND:** 10000

The use of Designations, as follows:

NAME OF DESIGNATION	ORG	AMOUNT

The increase (decrease) in anticipated revenue, as follows:

Informational				
ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
290905	458900	00000	SHG18COUNTEPU16	\$499,125
ORG TOTAL				\$499,125

Informational				
ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
ORG TOTAL				\$0

GRAND TOTAL ANTICIPATED REVENUE \$499,125

The increase (decrease) in appropriations, as follows:

Informational				
ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
290905	610000	00000	SHG18COUNTEPU16	\$499,125
ORG TOTAL				\$499,125

Informational				
ORG	ACCT	PROG	PROJ/GR	AMOUNT
ORG TOTAL				\$0

GRAND TOTAL APPROPRIATION \$499,125