

RESOLUTION NO. 2023 -90

A RESOLUTION APPROVING PARTICIPATION IN THE 2023 SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, DEPARTMENT OF LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY, OFFICE OF ATTORNEY GENERAL.

WHEREAS, the City of Vineland Police Department is seeking authorization to submit an application for personnel grant (Grant 23-0614) funding for a project under the Safe and Secure Communities Program; and

WHEREAS, the Police Department is applying for funds in an amount of \$48,600.00, to provide for additional law enforcement personnel to address crime in a focused community-oriented manner, for a grant period from August 15, 2022 through August 14, 2023; and

WHEREAS, the total project cost of \$198,040.00 includes the federal fund amount of \$48,600.00 and the in-kind match of \$149,440.00;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Vineland that

1. The City of Vineland Police Department is approved to participate in the 2023 Safe and Secure Communities Grant Program Administered by the State of New Jersey, Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of Attorney General.
2. The City of Vineland accepts the grant funding in the amount of \$48,600.00 for the Police Department's additional law enforcement personnel project, under the Safe and Secure Communities Program.
3. The Mayor is hereby authorized and directed to execute such grant documents required for the participation in the above program.

Adopted:

President of Council

ATTEST:

City Clerk

APPLICATION AUTHORIZATION

Authorization of the municipality to submit an application to and enter into an agreement with the Department of Law and Public Safety, Office of the Attorney General, to participate in the State's Safe and Secure Communities Program at an estimated total project cost of \$ 48,600.00.

On behalf of the unit of government, the undersigned certifies and agrees that:

The Project Director reviewed the contents of the application, it is accurate, and certifies that the factual statements and data set forth in the application and attachments are true to the best of his or her knowledge and belief.

The Project Director has reviewed and is familiar with all statutory and regulatory requirements regarding the use of the funds being provided to undertake grant programs and activities; has sought and obtained legal advice from the Applicant's legal counsel as considered appropriate or necessary, and shall be responsible for undertaking the programs and activities described in the application.

As the duly authorized representative of the Applicant, I ensure that the Applicant, if successful, shall use these grant funds to carry out the project and activities specifically described in the application.

As the duly authorized representative of the Applicant, I am responsible for authorizing expenditures and disbursements of grant funds.

As the duly authorized representative of the Applicant, I ensure that the Applicant, if successful, shall comply with any and all Federal, State, municipal, statute, regulation, circular, policy or code regarding the use of these funds.

All grant funds shall be used exclusively for the purposes specified in the grant award.

The Applicant shall not reduce its baseline regular complement of police officers and other law enforcement personnel during the grant period.

The Applicant shall pay all fringe benefit expenses and all costs in excess of the grant award.

The Applicant shall comply with all conditions applicable to grants awarded pursuant the Safe and Secure Communities Act, N.J.S.A. 52:17B-159 et seq. and regulations, N.J.A.C. 13:79-1 et seq.

As of the date of this document, the Applicant municipal police department's number of regular, sworn, appointed municipal officers, who have the full power to arrest and who regularly exercise police powers regarding the enforcement of the general criminal and motor vehicle laws of this State, is as follows:

159 Police Officers 0

Other Law Enforcement Personnel
(non-police employees who enhance
a project's law enforcement capacity)

This application consists of the following attachments in addition to this form:


1. Applicant Information Form
2. Program Application Narrative
3. Budget Detail Form
4. Subaward Contract
5. Governing Body Resolution and Certifications
6. General and Special Conditions
7. State Single Audit Requirements & Certification

I certify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. I am aware that if any of the foregoing statements made by me are willfully false, I am subject to punishment pursuant to N.J.S.A. 2C:28-3.

City of Vineland
Applicant Municipality

Grant # 23-0614

Mayor Anthony Fanucci
Printed Name
(Mayor, Chief Executive or Village President)


Signature
(Mayor, Chief Executive or Village President)

2/16/2023
Date

Chief Pedro Casiano
Printed Name of Project Director


Signature of Project Director

2/14/23
Date

SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES GRANT PROGRAM
PROGRAM APPLICATION NARRATIVE

SUBRECIPIENT: City of Vineland

GRANT NUMBER: 23-0614

PROJECT DURATION: 08/15/2022 to 08/14/2023

Total Number of Sworn Law Enforcement Officers: 159

Number of Officers funded by the grant: 7

Number of Civilians funded by the grant: 0

GOAL OF THE SAFE AND SECURE COMMUNITIES PROGRAM:

The Safe and Secure Communities Program is designed to provide municipalities with funding for additional law enforcement personnel to address crime in a focused community-oriented manner.

1. To what specific target areas and/or specific assignments will the Safe and Secure funded officers be assigned:

SEE ATTACHMENT

2. List SPECIFIC problems and proposed strategies that the Safe and Secure Communities Grant funded officers will employ to reduce crime:

SEE ATTACHMENT

3. (If applicable) To what specific assignments will the Safe and Secure funded civilian personnel be assigned: N/A

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Sergeant Nicholas Sterchele, Officers Julio Dejesus, Dion Colvin, Kimberly Beu, Ashley Arocho, along with Special Class Two Officers Donald Felice and William Burris are assigned to the Vineland Police Department Juvenile Unit. Juvenile Unit personnel concentrate on issues within the city schools in our community. These Officers work to deter criminal activity, gang activity, and other offenses, taking enforcement action when necessary. They also supervise and coordinate several juvenile programs. Activities performed by these Officers during the grant term include, but were not limited to:

- Patrol duties within city schools, school sporting events, graduation, and other events.
- Assist school administrators and students on issues affecting the schools.
- Investigate criminal activity and other offenses by juveniles and adults in the schools and community. Officers make arrests, as viewed or requested, for various offenses during the grant term.
- Monitor gang activity and maintain gang intelligence.
- Conduct Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT) classes in schools.
- Assist in the Police Athletic League. PAL includes sports programs, summer camps, and other events for juveniles.
- Oversee the Police Explorer Program which is a scout type program for juveniles who are interested in law enforcement. Explorers hold monthly meetings and take part in community and police related activities throughout the year, such as parades and other community events.
- Organize Police Youth Week in cooperation with other law enforcement agencies within the county. Police Youth Week is a weeklong overnight boot-camp style program for juveniles interested in law enforcement.
- Administer the Safety Patrol Program and escort the school Safety Patrols on their annual trip to Washington, D.C.
- Supervise the School Crossing Guards and staff crossing guard posts as necessary.

2. List SPECIFIC problems and proposed strategies that the Safe and Secure Communities Grant funded officers will employ to reduce crime:

- The Officers assigned to the Vineland Police Department Juvenile Unit have a primary responsibility to investigate crimes involving juveniles. Officers perform patrol duties within the schools, work with school administration on issues affecting the schools and its staff, conduct investigations, monitor and maintain gang intelligence, work with at risk juveniles, and sponsor a number of programs for juveniles to participate in.
- Officers supervise several juvenile programs including Gang Resistance Education and Training (GREAT), Police Athletic League (PAL) which includes sports programs and summer day camps, Police Explorers, Police Youth Week, and school Safety Patrols. All of these programs provide juveniles with positive activities to participate in. Involvement in these programs and interaction with these officers is a positive influence in the juveniles' lives.
- Officer participation and supervision of these activities in the school system, and community, has had a positive impact on crime, reduced gang activity, and has improved quality of life issues.

3. (If applicable) To what specific assignments will the Safe and Secure funded civilian personnel be assigned:

N/A

Applicant: City of Vineland

Grant # 23-0614

Budget Detail Form

COST ELEMENT	State Share	Local Match	Project Total
A. Salaries and Wages			
List the names, ranks, and salaries of all personnel assigned to the grant.			
Sgt. Nicholas Sterchele \$126,000.00	\$6,943.00	0.00	\$6,943.00
Ptl. Julio DeJesus 108,415.00	6,943.00	0.00	6,943.00
Ptl. Dion Colvin 102,894.00	6,943.00	0.00	6,943.00
Off. Kimberly Beu 74,284.00	6,943.00	0.00	6,943.00
Off. Ashley Arocho 63,242.00	6,943.00	0.00	6,943.00
SLEO Donald Felice 36,400.00	6,943.00	0.00	6,943.00
SLEO William Burris 36,400.00	6,942.00	0.00	6,942.00
TOTAL: \$547,635.00			
A-1. Fringe Benefits			
Include your agency's fringe benefit rate.			
FICA/Medicare 1.45% \$ 7,940.00	48,600.00	0.0	48,600.00
Pension 29.80% 141,500.00			
TOTAL: \$149,440.00	0	149,440.00	149,440.00
	\$48,600.00	\$149,440.00	\$198,040.00