

COMMUNITY LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTNERSHIP COMMISSION

Monday, December 10, 2018
9:00 a.m.
Herbert K. Abrams Public Health Center
3950 S. Country Club Road
Tucson, AZ 85714
1st Floor Conference Room

MEETING MINUTES

1. **Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. Upon roll call, those present and absent were as follows:

Members Present

Stevan Borozan
Joe Cameron
Laura Conover - telephonically
Isabel Garcia - arrived at 9:15 a.m
Kristen Landrum - telephonically
Zaira Livier Serrato
Kevin McNichols
Terry Parish
Tiera Rainey - telephonically arrived at 9:57 a.m.
Jessica Rodriguez

Members Absent

Cesar Aguirre
Bobby Lane
Colin Oglesbee
Anakarina Rodriguez
Gabe Ruiz

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. **Call to the Public**

Chair Livier Serrato inquired whether anyone wished to address the Commission. No one appeared.

4. **Review and recommendation of the following Grants:**

- A. **Arizona Department of Public Safety, to provide for the Border Strike Force Bureau Program, \$260,000.00/\$86,666.66 General Fund match (GTAW 19-54)**

It was moved by Commissioner McNichols and seconded by Commissioner Parish to recommend approval of the grant. No vote was taken at this time.

Commissioner McNichols indicated that the grant funding provided for 75% of a deputy's salary and the Sheriff's Department budgeted for the remaining 25%. He added that the Sheriff was responsible for determining how the grant funding would be utilized.

Commissioner Garcia indicated that the funding should be used towards investigating crime syndicates and not focused on the smaller criminals.

Vice-Chair Landrum indicated that additional data needed to be provided on how the funding was being utilized.

Sergeant Patrick Hilliker, Pima County Sheriff's Department, indicated that it was utilized for large scale money laundering, narcotics and human trafficking investigations. He added that they worked with other agencies on these investigations.

Commissioner Garcia also requested additional data be provided. She expressed concerns with the potential for racial profiling and indicated that statistical information needed to be provided for a more comprehensive review by the Commission and an understanding of how it was impacting the community. She also requested that a grants submission schedule be provided so that the Commission could request grant information prior to it being submitted for review.

Upon roll call vote, the motion failed 4-6, Chair Livier Serrato and Commissioners Conover, Garcia, Landrum, Rainey and Rodriguez voted "Nay."

B. Department of Justice, to provide for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, \$25,000.00 (GTAM 19-22)

Discussion for this item was held in conjunction with Items C and D.

Commissioner Cameron indicated that these were separate cases from Item A. He indicated that these were active investigations with case sensitive information that could not be provided to the Commission.

Commissioner Garcia stated that she could not make a decision based on the information provided.

It was moved by Commissioner Parish and seconded by Commissioner Borozan to recommend approval. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 5-5, Chair Livier Serrato and Commissioners Garcia, Landrum, Rainey and Rodriguez voted "Nay."

C. **Department of Justice, to provide for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, \$25,000.00 (GTAM 19-24)**

Discussion for this item was held in conjunction with Items B and D.

It was moved by Commissioner McNichols and seconded by Commissioner Parish to recommend approval. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 5-5, Chair Livier Serrato and Commissioners Garcia, Landrum, Rainey and Rodriguez voted "Nay."

D. **Department of Justice, to provide for the Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force, \$25,000.00 (GTAM 19-25)**

Discussion for this item was held in conjunction with Items B and C

It was moved by Commissioner McNichols and seconded by Commissioner Parish to recommend approval. Upon roll call vote, the motion carried 5-5, Chair Livier Serrato and Commissioners Garcia, Landrum, Rainey and Rodriguez voted "Nay."

5. **Request for Information to the Sheriff's Department**

- DHS Mission for Operation Stonegarden Funds including:
 - What model means
 - What it entails
 - For what purposes is it utilized
- Does PCSD receive any other federal monies designated, or suggested, for collaboration with CBP or ICE?

Commissioners discussed the importance of receiving information and data that was available regarding Operation Stonegarden funding.

Captain John Stuckey III, Pima County Sheriff's Department, provided a handout directly from the Arizona Department of Homeland Security on frequently asked questions for Operation Stonegarden. He stated that the grant application process for 2018 had been submitted, had been approved at the local and state level, and was waiting for approval at the federal level. He added that they could begin receiving funding in 2019 and would present it to the Commission for review and recommendation. He answered questions presented by Commission members and stated he could provide the Commission with additional information requested.

Commissioner Garcia asked that the Sheriff's Department provide information on racial profiling. She also expressed concern with the Sheriff's Department adopting the mission of the agency that provided the funding.

Commissioner Conover indicated that additional data needed to be provided.

Commissioner Garcia asked that the Sheriff's Department provide additional information about the Stonegarden Grant when it was submitted to the Commission for review. She requested that the following information be provided: the overall mission of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), DHS' direction, DHS' mission statement for Stonegarden and how it fits into the government model. She inquired whether law enforcement was required to be on board with Border Patrols' mission in order to collaborate and she asked how the Sheriff's Department fit in with that collaboration.

Captain Theel, Pima County Sheriff's Department, indicated that the Sheriff's Department did not have a role in immigration law, but enforced state law.

Chair Livier Serrato inquired about the funding allocations.

Captain Theel indicated it was approximately \$2 million, \$1.5 million for equipment and \$1.1 million for overtime.

Chair Livier Serrato asked how the funds were utilized.

Captain Theel responded that it provided for an increased presence of deputies in areas such as highway and rural areas and increased public safety.

Commissioner Garcia requested information about the cost to the county, how it impacted the people of color and information on racial profiling.

Commissioner Conover requested information regarding stop ration also be provided at the time Stonegarden would be presented to the Commission.

6. **Adjournment**

As there was no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 11:03 a.m.