

**Board of State and Community Corrections
(BSCC)
Organized Retail Theft Prevention
Grant Program
Item 4.1**

**San José Police Department
Request Overview**

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Background

Organized Retail Theft:

Definition (490.4 PC): Two or more people acting in concert to steal merchandise with the intent to sell, exchange, or return the merchandise for value.

Nationwide:

- \$125.7 Billion in economic losses
- \$39.2 Billion in lost wages
- 8 out of 10 retailers reported increased incidents of violence and aggression this past year

California:

- \$19 Billion in economic losses to retailers
- Retailers closing stores in major cities

* Statistics from US Chamber of Commerce



Background

Retail Theft:

San José:

- 2021 Reported Retail Theft Cases: 4,610
- 2022 Reported Retail Theft Cases: 5,756
- 25% increase from 2021 to 2022

California State Budget Act of 2022: Organized Retail Theft Prevention Grant Program through Senate Bill 154 to prevent and respond to organized retail theft.

July 7, 2023 - SJPD Submitted a Grant Proposal for \$8.49 million for October 2023 through December 2026.

- Over 100 applicants

September 14, 2023 – BSCC approved the grant.

- One of 38 grantees



Project Description

Project Goals:

- Reduce organized retail theft within the City
- Increase successful criminal prosecutions
- Collaborate with allied agencies and retail partners

Project Components:

- Investigative Resources
- Field Resources
- Technology Resources



Project Funding

Budget Category	2023 – 2024	2024 – 2025	2025 – 2026	Total
Salaries, Benefits and Overtime	\$1,360,679	\$1,428,713	\$1,500,152	\$4,289,544
Equipment	\$1,100,000	\$1,264,597	\$1,264,596	\$3,629,193
Data Collection/Evaluation, Training, Services/Supplies	\$330,000	\$120,306	\$120,306	\$570,612
Total	\$2,790,679	\$2,813,616	\$2,885,054	\$8,489,349



Project Description

Investigative Resources

- **Organized Retail Theft Detail**
 - Financial Crimes Unit
 - 1 Full-Time Forensic Analyst (non-sworn)
 - 4 Part-Time Investigator/Analysts (non-sworn)
 - Investigate cases, gather intelligence, provide outreach to retail partners, track crime statistics and patterns, identify hotspots, identify and document best practices, etc.
 - Collaborate with the District Attorney's Office for prosecution
 - Provide training and intelligence to patrol and loss prevention
- **Detectives (Sworn) Overtime**
 - Apprehension and arrest of suspects, search warrants, suspect interviews, etc.



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Field Resources

- **Overtime Patrol Officers (Sworn)**
 - Proactive patrol and retail crime enforcement
 - Deployed at malls and other hotspot locations
 - Timely response to critical Organized Retail Theft events
 - Deterrence and prevention
- **Overtime Community Service Officers**
- Timely response to cold crimes
 - Thorough initial investigations
 - Documentation and Investigation



Project Description

Technology Resources

- **300 Automated License Plate Readers**
- Assist in identification and apprehension
 - Strategically deployed for retail theft prevention, apprehension and prosecution
- **Additional Forensic Technology**
 - Latent Fingerprints workstation
 - Forensic Software and workstations
 - Vehicles and Radios, etc.



QUESTIONS

