INVITATION FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Dear Community Members,

The County of Solano and the Cities of Vacaville, Fairfield, and Vallejo have been allotted $136,511 by the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance under the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program.

In accordance with the requirement of the grant, the County and Cities designated the City of Vallejo as the fiscal agent to apply for the funding on behalf of all the eligible agencies in the County and to administer the grant.

In order to maximize the benefit to each agency and the community they serve, the agencies collectively decided it was best to allow agencies to develop individual spending plans within their own allocations of JAG funds.

These spending plans are as follows:

The City of Vacaville - $18,121 – Funding will be used for specialized Police equipment.

The City of Vallejo - $81,109 – Funding will be used for specialized Police equipment and grant administration.

The City of Fairfield - $37,281 – Funding will be used for specialized Police programs to prevent school violence/bullying, crisis intervention training, and truancy prevention.

The primary goals for this funding are to retain jobs to support law enforcement programs and to provide technology, equipment and supplies to enhance the capabilities of local law enforcement.

On behalf of all the County and Cities, I welcome public comment and input on the intended use of these funds. You may contact Administrative Analyst Bonnie Mirante, the Grant Administrator, directly with your feedback by dialing (707) 648-5565, or by e-mailing her directly at bonnie.mirante@cityofvallejo.net.

Our application must be filed with the Bureau of Justice Assistance no later than June 30, 2016. For more information about the grant program, please visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bja.

Sincerely,

Andrew J. Bidou
Chief of Police
Vallejo Police Department