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| **Statement from Vallejo City Manager, Mike Malone** |

**Vallejo, CA** - Recently, our community has inquired about the Organized Retail Theft grant that has brought millions of dollars to many cities in California to help combat crime.

The City of Vallejo applied for the State grant but unfortunately we received notice that the City was disqualified from the process. Here is a Grant description and explanation of disqualification.

 **Grant Description:**

**The purpose of this program is to support local law enforcement agencies in preventing and responding to organized retail theft, motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft, or cargo theft.**

**Applicants must address at least one of the following program purpose areas (PPAs):**

**Organized retail theft:**

**Projects that promote collaboration and coordination between law enforcement and retailers to reduce organized retail theft**

**Projects that promote collaboration and coordination between law enforcement and district attorney offices to prosecute organized retail theft**

**Development of organized retail theft policies and procedures, memoranda of understanding (MOUs), and/or formal agreements between law enforcement and retailers**

**Deployment of law enforcement officers and task forces to combat organized retail theft**

**Use of proactive approaches to minimize organized retail theft risks, such as antitheft devices, use of cameras and security systems**

**Use of databases, equipment, software, and technology to combat organized retail theft**

**Motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft:**

**Investigations of motor vehicle and motor vehicle accessory theft**

**Motor vehicle theft prevention public awareness campaigns**

**Programs that deter motor vehicle or motor vehicle accessory theft**

**Use of databases, equipment, software, and technology to track stolen motor vehicles and/or motor vehicle accessories**

**Cargo theft:**

**Investigations of cargo theft**

**Projects that promote collaboration and coordination between law enforcement and commercial cargo operators to reduce organized cargo theft**

**Projects that promote collaboration and coordination between commercial cargo operators and District Attorney offices to prosecute organized cargo theft**

**Use of databases, equipment, software, and technology to prevent and track stolen cargo**

In the multi-part application, too much money was allocated to the evaluator we would have hired to oversee the project.

Cal Consulting is an outside organization we used for reviewing and submitting this application. It is the first one that has ever been disqualified since hiring our grants analyst. Staff will ask if there is any way they can reconsider their opinion and resubmit if the State makes funding available for another grant opportunity.

I will let you know if we hear any update in this regard. Thank you for understanding and we share the community’s disappointment in this news and continue to seek grant opportunities to improve public safety for Vallejo.