



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 29, 2019
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of November 12, 2019

DATE: September 27, 2019
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Accepting and appropriating the 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing acceptance of grant from U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in amount of \$175,175 for FY 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and appropriating \$175,175 in Police Grants Fund with \$80,917 of funds distributed to Nueces County and \$13,340 of funds distributed to City of Robstown. The remaining funds of \$80,918 will be used by the City for enhancement of law enforcement efforts.

SUMMARY:

The City has been awarded \$175,175 from the U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for FY 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. As the fiscal agent for the grant, funds will be distributed to Nueces County in the amount of \$80,917 and \$13,340 of the funds will be distributed to the City of Robstown. The remaining funds of \$80,918 will be used by the City for enhancement of law enforcement efforts. The City must accept the award and appropriate the funds, then disburse the funds as outlined above.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

JAG funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice for any one or more of the following purpose areas:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Drug treatment programs

With this award, the program has provided a total of \$5,607,137 in grant funds to the City since the program began in 1996. The funds have been used to purchase backbone equipment for the Mobil Data/Automated Vehicle Location project, 27 police package vehicles, 69 unmarked police units, a property van, SWAT equipment, a bomb suit, digitized radios, radios for the Communications van, digital cameras, radars, video cameras, personal computer hardware and software, an upgrade to the computer system and the radio microwave system, a mobile police substation, polygraph instrument, air packs, SWAT rescue vehicle, radios for Project 25

compliance, automated ticket writers, and other police equipment. The Police Department, Nueces County, and City of Robstown proposes to reduce crime and improve public safety through the purchase of equipment and technology and the training of law enforcement officers and support personnel.

ALTERNATIVES:

The grant funds provide equipment, technology, and training for law enforcement officers. Without this grant, the funds will have to come from a different source to supply the same needs for the department.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The grant funds in the amount of \$175,175 will be placed in the Police Grants fund. The amount of \$80,917 will be distributed to Nueces County and \$13,340 will be distributed to Robstown. The remaining \$80,918 will be used by the City to enhance enforcement efforts. There is no match required by the City for this grant.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061 - Police Grants
Organization/Activity: 820827F, 820828F, & 820829F
Mission Element: 151
Project # (CIP Only):
Account: 520090 Minor tools & equipment
530000 Professional services

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds in the amount of \$175,175 where \$80,817 will be distributed to Nueces County and \$13,340 will go to Robstown. The remaining \$80,918 will be used for law enforcement efforts by the City.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award letter
Interlocal agreements with Nueces County and City of Robstown