



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action item for the City Council meeting of July 26, 2022

DATE: June 28, 2022
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Approval to submit a grant application to the U. S. Department of Justice for the FY 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County to share Funds.

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the FY 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$206,608.00; and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for the distribution of Justice Assistant Grant Program funds in the amount of \$103,304.00 to Nueces County and \$103,304.00 to the City of Corpus Christi should the grant be awarded.

SUMMARY:

The grant is available to the City for the purchase of law enforcement equipment.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Corpus Christi has been declared a disparate jurisdiction by the Department of Justice and therefore the City has agreed to split the funds 50/50 with Nueces County. The JAG funds are based on Part 1 violent crimes reported by the City and County. The City reports a greater amount of Part 1 crimes than the County, yet the County is responsible for providing criminal justice services such as incarceration and prosecution for the City. This 50/50 agreement has been in place since 2008. For FY 2021, the City was awarded \$192,413.

Jurisdictions certified as disparate must submit a joint application for the aggregate of funds allocated to them, specifying the amount of the funds that are to be distributed to each of the units of local government and the purposes for which the funds will be used. When beginning the JAG application process, an interlocal agreement with Nueces County must be completed, signed, and faxed to OJP, indicating who will serve as the applicant/fiscal agent for the joint funds. The City and County have agreed that the City will serve as the lead agency.

The Nueces County Commissioners Court approved the interlocal agreement on July 6, 2022. Each interlocal agreement is good for the grant award period of three years.

With this award, the program has provided a total of \$6,261,963.00 in grant funds to the City since the program began in 1996. The funds have been used to purchase vehicles and other law enforcement equipment. If awarded, the funds received from the grant in 2022 will be used to help CCPD purchase 420 replacement tasers.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant and not purchase additional law enforcement equipment. Instead, CCPD would need to identify funds to purchase the new tasers.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no match required by the City.

FUNDING DETAIL:

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity: 820836F (City) & 820837F (Nueces County)
Mission Element: 151 Respond to Calls for law enforcement
Project # (CIP Only): N/A
Account: 520090 Minor Tools and Equipment

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submitting the application, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Interlocal agreement with Nueces County