



**AGENDA MEMORANDUM**  
for the City Council Meeting of May 8, 2012

**DATE:** 04/12/2012

**TO:** Ronald L. Olson, City Manager

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Execute an interlocal agreement with Nueces County to share the JAG grant  
Submit a grant application to the Department of Justice for the JAG grant

**CAPTION:**

- A. Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to execute an interlocal agreement between the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County to establish terms for the sharing of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2012 Local Solicitation.
- B. Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application in the amount of \$169,575 to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for funding eligible under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2012 Local Solicitation; 50% of the funds to be distributed to Nueces County under the established interlocal agreement. Grant funds will be used for the enhancement of law enforcement efforts by the Police Department and Nueces County.

**GROUND AND FINDINGS:**

- A. Under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) (previously Local Law Enforcement Block Grant LEBG), we have been declared a disparate jurisdiction and have agreed to split the funds 50/50 with Nueces County. A disparate allocation occurs when a constituent unit of local government is scheduled to receive one and one half times more (four times more for multiple units of local government) than another constituent unit(s), while the other unit of local government bears more than 50% of the costs of prosecution or incarceration that arise for Part 1 violent crimes reported by the geographically constituent unit(s).

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, a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) 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 staff met and agreed that the City will serve as the lead agency, and the Nueces County Commissioners Court approved the interlocal agreement as well as proposed expenditures on April 11, 2012.

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

With this award, the program has provided a total of \$5,038,791 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, and other police equipment.

The Police Department and Nueces County proposes to purchase law enforcement equipment within the Attorney General Priority areas of gang enforcement/prevention, cybercrime, and intelligence analysis.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

None

**OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:**

Council approval to enter into interlocal agreement and submit the grant application.

**EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:**

Non-Emergency

**DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:**

Finance – Grants management

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

<b>Fiscal Year: 2011-2012</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item				
BALANCE				

Fund(s): Police Grants Fund

**Comments:**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends approving the interlocal agreement and submitting the grant application

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Interlocal agreement with Nueces County