



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action item for the City Council meeting of June 25, 2013

DATE: June 4, 2013
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Approval to enter into an interlocal agreement with Nueces County to share the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and approval to submit a grant application to the U. S. Department of Justice for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2013 Local Solicitation

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the City Manager, or designee, to submit a grant application in the amount of \$162,583 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 2013 Local Solicitation with 50% of the funds to be distributed to Nueces County under the established Interlocal Agreement; and authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute Interlocal Agreement between the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County to establish terms for the sharing of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) Program FY 2013 Local Solicitation.

PURPOSE:

The City must apply for these funds each year.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

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 have 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 June 19, 2013.

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
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation
- Prosecution and court programs
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs

With this award, the program has provided a total of \$5,120,083 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.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

OTHER CONSIDERATIONS:

None

CONFORMITY TO CITY POLICY:

Conforms to all city policies.

EMERGENCY / NON-EMERGENCY:

Non-emergency

DEPARTMENTAL CLEARANCES:

Finance
Legal

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

X Operating Revenue Capital Not applicable

Fiscal Year: 2012-2013	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item			162583	162583
BALANCE			162583	162583

Fund(s): Police Grants Fund

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends submitting the application.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant application