



CITY OF
CORPUS CHRISTI

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action Item for the City Council Meeting May 5, 2026

DATE: May 5, 2026
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Approval to submit a grant application to the U. S. Department of Justice for the FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County to share the awarded grant funds

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$212,068.00; and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for the distribution of Justice Assistance Grant Program funds in the amount of \$106,034.00 to Nueces County should the grant be awarded and the remaining \$106,034.00 to be used by the City.

SUMMARY:

This is a resolution to authorize the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and also to enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County to share the grant funds if they are awarded. The grant is available to the City for the purchase of law enforcement equipment.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

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. Because of this, the City has agreed to split the funds 50/50 with Nueces County. This 50/50 agreement between the City and the County has been in place since 2008.

Under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Corpus Christi has been declared a disparate jurisdiction by the Department of Justice. 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 sent to the United States Department of Justice's Office of Justice

Programs, 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, as has been the case in the past. The City and Nueces County agree to enter into a new interlocal agreement each year when beginning the JAG application process. The interlocal agreements are specific to each JAG grant's particular requirements. The Nueces County Commissioners Court approved the interlocal agreement on April 15, 2026.

The City will use the funds received from this grant to partially fund year four of the five-year lease-agreement between the City and Axon Enterprise, Inc. for 445 tasers, supplies, software licenses, and training for the Corpus Christi Police Department. The five-year lease agreement between the City and Axon Enterprise, Inc. was approved by the City Council on September 13, 2022. The City uses a combination of funds from the Crime Control and Prevention District and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to fund the lease agreement for the 445 tasers, supplies, software licenses, and training between the City and Axon Enterprise, Inc. CCPD's goal is to have 506 tasers for its total inventory.

With this award, the program has provided a total of \$6,574,847.00 in grant funds to the City since the program began in 1996. In previous years, the funds have been used to purchase vehicles and other law enforcement equipment as well as to fund the five-year lease agreement for 445 tasers, supplies, software licenses, and training. The grant period is from October 1, 2026 through September 30, 2027. CCPD has been awarded this grant since 1996. Last year, the City and County were awarded a total of \$186,309.00 from this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to apply for the grant which will result in the City not receiving the potential grant funds in order to continue the purchase contract for the tasers. It will also result in the City not entering into the Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County in order for the City split the funds received from the grant with Nueces County for their work in providing criminal justice services such as incarceration and prosecution for the City.

FISCAL IMPACT:

If awarded, \$212,068 of grant monies will be appropriated in FY 2026 Police Grants Fund for the distribution of JAG Program funds in the amount of \$106,034.00 to Nueces County and the remaining \$106,034.00 to be used by the City. There is no City cash match required for this grant.

Funding Detail:

Fund:	1061 Police Grants Fund
Dept:	29 Police Department
Org/Activity:	89 Grants & CIP
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	various
Amount:	\$212,068.00

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the submission of a grant application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$212,068.00; and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for the distribution of Justice Assistance Grant Program funds in the amount of \$106,034.00 to Nueces County should the grant be awarded and the remaining \$106,034.00 to be used by the City, as presented.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Resolution
Interlocal Agreement