



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action item for the City Council meeting of July 20, 2021

DATE: July 20, 2021
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Approval to submit a grant application to the U. S. Department of Justice for the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 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 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$192,413.00; and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for the distribution of Justice Assistance Grant Program funds in the amount of \$96,206.00 to Nueces County and \$96,207.00 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 and 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. Part 1 violent crimes include homicide, burglary, aggravated assault, and robbery. While the City reports a greater amount of Part 1 crimes than the County does, the County is responsible for providing criminal justice services, such as incarceration and prosecution for the City. This 50/50 funding agreement between the City and the County has been in place since 2008.

Jurisdictions certified as disparate under JAG 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 Office of Justice Programs, indicating who will serve as the applicant/fiscal agent for the joint funds. Since 2007, both the City and County have agreed that the City will serve as the lead agency. The Nueces County Commissioners Court approved the current interlocal agreement on July 7, 2021.

With this award, the program has provided a total of \$6,158,659.00 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. The funds awarded in 2021 will be used to purchase law enforcement equipment for vehicles, forensics, and special operations.

ALTERNATIVES:

The alternative is not to accept the grant and do not purchase additional law enforcement equipment.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact as there is no match required by the City.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity: 820834F & 820835F
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.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Interlocal agreement with Nueces County