



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action item for the City Council meeting of October 15, 2024

**DATE:** October 15, 2024  
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**Approval to submit a grant application to the U. S. Department of Justice for the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County to share awarded grant funds**

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$186,309.00 for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for the distribution of Justice Assistance Grant Program funds in the amount of \$93,154.00 to Nueces County and \$93,155.00 to the City of Corpus Christi should the grant be awarded.

### **SUMMARY:**

This is a resolution to authorize the submission of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2024 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.

### **BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:**

The Justice Assistance Grant (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 Nueces County, yet Nueces 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 with Nueces County. The agreement between the City and Nueces County to split the funds received by the City from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program has been in place since 2008.

Under JAG, Corpus Christi was declared a disparate jurisdiction in 2008 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 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 this year's interlocal agreement on October 2, 2024.

If awarded, the City will use the grant funds to partially fund year three 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 used a combination of funds from the Crime Control and Prevention District and the FY 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to fund the first year of the five-year lease agreement between the City and Axon Enterprise, Inc.

With this award, the program has provided a total of \$6,468,813.00 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. Last year, the City and County were awarded a total of \$227,389.00 from this grant.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The alternative is not to apply for the grant and instead search for funding elsewhere. However, this funding is not budgeted as part of the FY 2025 General Fund Budget, so it will result in not being able to continue paying for the five-year lease agreement with Axon Enterprise, Inc. for 445 tasers, supplies, software licenses, and training. It will also result in the City not entering into the interlocal agreement with the County.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

The application process has no fiscal impact. If awarded, the grant funds will be appropriated in the FY 2025 Police Grants Fund. No City cash match will be required if the grant funds are awarded.

**Funding Detail:**

Fund:	N/A
Activity:	N/A
Department:	N/A
Project # (CIP Only):	N/A
Account:	N/A

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends submitting the grant application and entering into the interlocal agreement with Nueces County, as presented.

**LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:**

Interlocal agreement with Nueces County