



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 8, 2015
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of September 15, 2015

DATE: August 25, 2015
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Accepting and appropriating the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program grant

CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the City Manager or designee to execute all documents necessary to accept a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in the amount of \$149,112 for the FY 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program; and Appropriating the \$149,112 in the No. 1061 Police Grants Fund to fund the enhancement of law enforcement efforts by the Police Department and Nueces County under an established interlocal agreement which provides that 50% of the funds be distributed to Nueces County.

PURPOSE:

Accept the grant and appropriate the funds.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

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
- Prosecution and court programs
- Drug treatment programs

With this award, the program has provided a total of \$5,278,946 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, automated ticket writers, 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.

On June 23, 2015, City Council approved the grant application and an interlocal agreement with Nueces County to share the funds on a 50/50 basis.

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: 2014-2015	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item		\$149,112		\$149,112
BALANCE		\$149,112		\$149,112

Fund(s): Police Grants Fund

Comments: There is no match required by the City. The City will pay Nueces County a total of 50% or \$74,556 of the JAG funds received from this award, per the interlocal agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award letter