



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Future item for the City Council meeting of August 14, 2018
Action Item for the City Council meeting of August 21, 2018

DATE: July 24, 2018
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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 2018 Local Solicitation

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing submittal of grant application in amount of \$178,821 for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program with funds to be distributed to Nueces County in amount of \$82,042 and City of Robstown in amount of \$14,736; and authorizing Interlocal Agreements with Nueces County and City of Robstown for distribution of JAG Program funds.

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 and serve as the fiscal agent for the City of Robstown in the amount of \$14,736. 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). This is the second year the City of Robstown has had a specific allocation of funds designated.

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, County, and the City of Robstown have agreed that the City will serve as the lead agency. The Nueces County Commissioners Court approved the interlocal agreement as well as proposed expenditures on August 8, 2018. The City of Robstown City Council is

scheduled to review the interlocal agreement and grant proposal on August 20, 2018.

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 \$5,902,732 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, police package vehicles, 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: 2017-2018	Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)	Current Year	Future Years	TOTALS
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item			\$178,821	\$178,821
BALANCE			\$178,821	\$178,821

Fund(s): Police Grants Fund

Comments:

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends submitting the application.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Interlocal agreement with Nueces County and City of Robstown