



## AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action item for the City Council meeting of August 13, 2019

**DATE:** July 26, 2019

**TO:** Peter Zaroni, City Manager

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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 2019 Local Solicitation

### **CAPTION:**

Resolution authorizing submittal of grant application in the amount of \$175,175.00 for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program with funds to be distributed to the City of Corpus Christi in the amount of \$80,918.00, Nueces County in the amount of \$80,917.00 and the City of Robstown in the amount of \$13,340.00; and authorizing Interlocal Agreements with Nueces County and City of Robstown for distribution of the JAG program should the grant be awarded.

**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), the City has been declared a disparate jurisdiction and have agreed to split the funds with Nueces County and serve as the fiscal agent for the City of Robstown in the amount of \$13,340. The remaining \$161,835 will be split 50/50 between the City of Corpus Christi and Nueces County. 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 third 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 the Office of Justice Programs, 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 will consider the interlocal agreement on August 7 and the City of Robstown City Council on August 19.

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 \$5,983,651 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. The award will be used to purchase tasers and other police equipment. The award is expected to be received in September 2019.

**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

<b>Fiscal Year: 2018-2019</b>	<b>Project to Date Expenditures (CIP only)</b>	<b>Current Year</b>	<b>Future Years</b>	<b>TOTALS</b>
Line Item Budget				
Encumbered / Expended Amount				
This item			\$175,175	\$175,175
BALANCE				

**Funding Detail:**

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund  
 Organization/Activity:  
 Mission Element: 151 Respond to Calls for law enforcement  
 Project # (CIP Only):  
 Account: 520090 Minor Tools and Equipment

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends submitting the application.

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