



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Action item for the City Council meeting of August 11, 2020

DATE: July 10, 2020
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Approval to submit a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County to Share Grant Funds

CAPTION:

Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of \$157,601; and authorizing an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County for the distribution of JAG Program funds in an amount of \$78,800 to Nueces County should the grant be awarded and the remaining \$78,801 to be used by the City.

SUMMARY:

This item will authorize the submittal of a grant application to the Department of Justice for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and authorize an Interlocal Agreement with Nueces County to split the grant award 50/50. 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 have 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. The City reports a greater amount of Part 1 crimes than the County, yet the County is responsible for providing criminal justice services such as incarceration and prosecution for the City. This 50/50 agreement has been in place since 2008.

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 and County have agreed that the City will serve as the lead agency. The Nueces County Commissioners Court approved the interlocal agreement on July 29, 2020.

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 \$5,685,938 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 2020 will be used to purchase tasers, video equipment, and enhancements to the Department Operations Center.

ALTERNATIVES: Not accept the grant and do not purchase additional law enforcement equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no match required by the City.

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