



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

First Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 20, 2020
Second Reading Ordinance for the City Council Meeting of October 27, 2020

DATE: September 21, 2020
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<p>Accepting and Appropriating the FY2020 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Award for the Police Department</p>
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CAPTION:

Ordinance authorizing the acceptance of a grant from the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in an amount of \$157,601.00 for the FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program for the Corpus Christi Police Department; and appropriating \$157,601.00 in the Police Grants Fund with \$78,800.00 to be distributed to Nueces County based on an interlocal agreement and the remaining \$78,801.00 to be used by the City.

SUMMARY:

This ordinance authorizes the acceptance of a grant and appropriation of funds for the FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program for the purchase of equipment to enhance law enforcement efforts. The funds will be used to purchase equipment such as tasers, video equipment for interview rooms, and consoles for the Department Operations Center.

BACKGROUND AND FINDINGS:

Under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Corpus Christi has been declared a disparate jurisdiction and has 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 must be completed, signed, and faxed to 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. The Nueces County Commissioners Court approved the interlocal agreement on July 29, 2020. City Council approved the agreement on August 11, 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.

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 2019 JAG grant amount was \$80,917.00 with funding used to purchase tasers, undercover pole cameras, traffic monitoring software, and body cameras. The FY 2020 awarded funds will be used to purchase tasers, video equipment, and enhancements to the Department Operations Center which serves as the Emergency Operations Center for the Police Department.

ALTERNATIVES:

None

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact in FY21 is the acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$157,601.00 and appropriating \$157,601.00 to the Police Grants Fund. There is no required match funding. Due to an interlocal agreement \$78,800.00 will be distributed to Nueces County and the remaining \$78,801.00 to be used by the City for the purchase of equipment.

Funding Detail:

Fund: 1061 Police Grants Fund
Organization/Activity:
Project:
Account: 520090 Minor Tools
530000 Professional Services

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends accepting the grant and appropriating the funds.

LIST OF SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Grant award
Interlocal agreement with Nueces County