



Memorandum

File #: 19-00117

City Council

3/28/2019

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: Grover C. Robinson, IV, Mayor

SUBJECT:

FY18 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM: LOCAL SOLICITATION

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council approve and authorize the Mayor to execute the acceptance of the 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program: Local Solicitation, between the City of Pensacola and the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs in the amount of \$27,010 upon award of grant. Further, that City Council authorize the Mayor to take all actions necessary relating to the finalization of the grant. Finally, that City Council adopt the supplemental budget resolution appropriating the grant funds.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

The Pensacola Police Department (PPD) will be submitting a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Assistance, under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula (Local Solicitation) to support efforts in DUI Enforcement.

To increase effectiveness and efficiency in DUI investigations, the grant will provide funding for the creation of an Intoxilyzer room at the PPD Headquarters. Currently, a room has been shared with all agencies in the area at the Escambia County Sheriff's Office. The PPD provides the agency inspections and PPD officers are often called to court to testify for other agency arrests. Having multiple agencies share the room causes some accountability issues when certain requirements are not followed. With the City of Pensacola having its own Intoxilyzer room, the PPD's responsibilities will be limited to PPD cases only. The room will also have a camera which will record directly into the evidence system, reducing time officers currently have to spend downloading video from their body worn cameras. The grant will also provide funding for overtime allowing officers to focus on high intensity traffic enforcement.

The JAG Program blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs (under Title XI-Department of Justice Reauthorization) to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are most needed. The JAG Program provides states, tribes and local governments funding to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based upon local needs and conditions. Matching funds are not required under the JAG Program.

Among the grant requirements are that the Pensacola Police Department notify City Council of its intended use of the grant and to allow the citizens an opportunity to comment prior to the application submission.

PRIOR ACTION:

None

FUNDING:

Budget: \$27,010

Actual: \$27,010

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The estimate grant award for the FY18 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Program Local Solicitation is \$27,010, based on the 2018 Florida Local JAG Allocations. Projects to be funded from this grant award do not require a local match. Approval of the supplemental budget resolution will appropriate funding for this grant.

CITY ATTORNEY REVIEW: Yes

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STAFF CONTACT:

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Tommi Lyter, Chief of Police

ATTACHMENTS:

1. FY 18 Local Solicitation Budget Detail Worksheet
2. Supplemental Budget Resolution
3. Supplemental Budget Explanation

PRESENTATION: No