



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Sean Thuilliez, Chief of Police
DATE: September 1, 2020
SUBJECT: **Authorize City Staff to Apply for the Fiscal Year 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and Authorize the City Manager to Execute an Interlocal Agency Agreement with the County of Riverside to Seek Justice Assistance Grant Funds**

Background and Analysis:

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications for the Fiscal Year 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (see Attachment A). This program assists state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

The JAG Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. BJA will award JAG funds to eligible units of local government under the Fiscal Year 2020 JAG Program Local Solicitation.

In general, JAG funds awarded to a unit of local government under this Fiscal Year 2020 solicitation may be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice, including any one or more of the following:

- Law enforcement programs;
- Prosecution and court programs;
- Prevention and education programs;
- Corrections and community corrections programs;
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs;
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs;
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation); and
- Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs.

Staff is seeking City Council approval to enter into an interlocal agreement between the County of Riverside and the City of Beaumont to seek JAG funds in the amount of \$11,461 (see Attachment B). Under the agreement, the City of Beaumont will purchase two (2) electric public safety bicycles and related safety equipment in the amount of \$10,004.

\$310 will be allocated toward the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) training and \$1,147 will be allocated to the Riverside City Police Department for providing administrative services for the FY2020 JAG Program (see Attachment C).

The Beaumont Police Department embraces a community oriented policing philosophy. The movement toward community policing has gained momentum in recent years and is critical now more than ever as police and community leaders search for more effective ways to promote public safety and build relationships among citizens and other community stakeholders.

One area that has been identified to meet this goal is revitalizing the City's bicycle patrol team. As one of the fastest growing cities, the visibility, maneuverability and accessibility of uniformed bicycle patrol officers will enhance the Beaumont Police Department's community policing program. This program will be a collateral assignment to existing operations.

Fiscal Impact:

There is not an anticipated fiscal impact to the General Fund.

The grant funds will be deposited into the Grant Fund Account and any costs or fees associated with the purchases will be utilized from the expense account 240-0000-4455-0000.

Recommended Action:

Authorize staff to apply for the Fiscal Year 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program, and
Authorize the City Manager to execute a interlocal agency agreement between the County of Riverside and the City of Beaumont to seek JAG funds for Fiscal Year 2020.

Attachments:

- A. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2020 Solicitation.
- B. Interlocal Agreement
- C. JAG Grant Budget FY 2020