

STAFF REPORT 12/13/2023

To: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Celina Jimenez, Director of Economic Development

SUBJECT: Adopt Resolution No. 2023-80 Authorizing the City Manager to Execute an

Interlocal Agreement Between the Cities of Banning, Beaumont, Cathedral City, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Palm Springs, Perris, City of Riverside, Temecula, and the County of Riverside, California, Concerning the Distribution of 2023 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fund Awards and the Administration and

Use of Such Funds

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council considers adopting Resolution No. 2023-80 authorizing the City Manager to execute an Interlocal Agreement between the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Cathedral City, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Palm Springs, Perris, City of Riverside, Temecula, and the County of Riverside, California, concerning the distribution of 2023 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) fund awards and the administration and use of such funds.

BACKGROUND:

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, territories, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of law enforcement program areas. On July 24, 2023, per County of Riverside Board Policy A-30, the Sheriff's Office notified the Executive Office of its intent to apply for JAG funding. On August 30, 2023, the Riverside Sheriff's Office applied for \$547,705 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), on behalf of 16 cities in Riverside County. On September 25, 2023, the Riverside Sheriff's Office was notified that the grant application submitted under the 2023 BJA FY 23 JAG Program was approved in the amount of \$547,705.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

Due to a funding disparity, the County of Riverside will act as the fiscal agent that will administer the JAG grant and disperse grant funds to the 16 other eligible cities within Riverside County that includes the City of Coachella. The U.S. Department of Justice defines a funding disparity when a county and multiple municipalities, within that county, are all eligible for direct awards, but the sum of the awards for the individual municipalities exceeds 400 percent of the county's award amount. The Interlocal Agreement between the Riverside Sheriff's Office and the 16 cities has been approved by the County of Riverside Board of Supervisors at its meeting of November 7, 2023.

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant is federally funded through JAG and is 100% reimbursable. The Riverside Sheriff's Office is expected to reimburse each of the agencies for their expenses upon receipt of their completed allowable purchases before requesting reimbursement from the DOJ.

The DOJ approved the County as the JAG fiscal agent and has allocated funding to the Department to administer the grant. As the fiscal agent, the Riverside Sheriff's Office will use \$109,299 to fund an Administrative Services Analyst to manage the JAG program on behalf of the County and cities (subrecipients). The fiscal agent will conduct required federal monitoring activities, administer technical assistance, and conduct site visits with the JAG-funded subrecipients. The Sheriff's Office will use \$12,991 of the total funding allocation to train, gather, analyze, and integrate research to support grant proposals. Federal funding will supplement program management, administration, and training activities within the Sheriff's Grants Unit to support public safety projects. JAG funding is allocated to the Riverside Sheriff's Office and 16 cities throughout Riverside County as follows:

| Agency | Allocation |
|--------------------|------------|
| Banning | \$9,812 |
| Beaumont | \$10,977 |
| Cathedral City | \$11,051 |
| Coachella | \$9,143 |
| Corona | \$19,674 |
| Desert Hot Springs | \$19,377 |
| Hemet | \$27,801 |
| Indio | \$38,629 |
| Jurupa Valley | \$23,168 |
| Lake Elsinore | \$13,207 |
| Menifee | \$10,887 |
| Moreno Valley | \$60,829 |
| Palm Springs | \$19,773 |
| Perris | \$19,377 |
| Riverside City | \$120,495 |
| Temecula | \$11,225 |
| Riverside County | \$122,290 |
| TOTAL | \$547,705 |

ATTACHMENTS:

- 2023 JAG Interlocal Agreement
 Resolution No. 2023-80