



City of Eustis

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TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: November 7, 2024

SUBJECT: Resolution Number 24-94: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (FY2023-JAGC-6N118)

Introduction:

Resolution Number 24-94 authorizes the Mayor and the Chief of Police to accept and utilize funds in the amount of \$7,721.00 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, FY2023-JAGC-6N118. The grant will be utilized for the purchase of REP Fitness physical fitness equipment. The equipment includes a REP Ares 2.0 functional trainer a PR 5000 power rack and multiple attachments and miscellaneous gym pieces. The Eustis Police Department recognizes the importance of maintaining officer fitness and readiness to ensure the health and safety of its personnel. Physical fitness plays a key role in law enforcement, enhancing officer performance, reducing injury risks, and contributing to overall wellness. The proposed fitness equipment includes a combination of strength-training equipment, and functional fitness tools that support the physical conditioning of officers.

Background:

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, strategic planning, research and evaluation, data collection, training, personnel, equipment, forensic laboratories, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems that will improve or enhance such areas as:

- 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)

The Eustis Police Department has determined the following:

The best use of the current FY2023-JAGC-6N118 award of \$7,721.00 would be the purchase of REP Fitness, physical fitness equipment.

The FY2023-JAGC-6N118 grant award will allow the Eustis Police Department to acquire REP Fitness physical fitness equipment. The acquisition of the REP Fitness physical fitness equipment will significantly increase the ability of the Eustis Police Department to maintain a high standard of physical readiness, which is essential for effective law enforcement. By improving officers' strength, endurance, and overall health, the equipment will enhance their ability to respond swiftly and safely to emergencies, protect the community, and handle physically demanding situations. This investment in officer wellness not only reduces the risk of injuries but also ensures that officers are fit for duty, ultimately benefiting the safety and well-being of the residents of Eustis.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of Resolution Number 24-94.

Budget/ Staff Impact:

The total cost of the REP Fitness equipment is \$7,733.85. Monies from the police department's general fund will be utilized to cover the cost difference over the \$7,721.00 grant award.

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