



# City of Eustis

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TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manger

DATE: November 16, 2023

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-101: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANTS (FY2022-JAGD-R7025)

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## **Introduction:**

Resolution Number 23-101 authorizes the Mayor and the Chief of Police to accept and utilize funds in the amount of \$4,050.00 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, FY2022-JAGD-R7025. The grant will be utilized for the purchase of 15 gas masks and 30 filters. The acquisition of 15 gas masks and 30 air filters will greatly increase both officer and public safety. Since their inception, gas masks were designed to keep airborne toxins out of the wearer's respiratory system. This kind of protection is an important part of duty gear for police who are often asked to enter hazardous environments that contain toxic gas or high concentrations of smoke. Not only do gas masks protect the respiratory system, but they also allow for wearers to maintain visibility when dealing with these kinds of environments.

The addition of the 15 gas masks and 30 air filters will not only be an additional step to increase the Eustis Police Departments abilities and preparedness when responding to critical situations, it will increase the Department's ability to better protect its officers and serve the citizens of the City of Eustis.

## **Recommended Action:**

The administration recommends approval of Resolution Number 23-101.

## **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 FY2022-JAGD-R7025 award of \$4,050.00 would be the purchase of 15 gas masks and 30 air filters.

The FY2022-JAGD-R7025 grant award will allow the Eustis Police Department to acquire 15 gas masks and 30 air filters. The acquisition of the gas masks and filters will significantly increase the ability of the Eustis Police Department to protect the citizens of the City of Eustis, while at the same time increasing officer safety, and its ability to assist other law enforcement agencies within the area.

**Community Input:**

There has been no specific community input associated with this resolution.

**Budget/ Staff Impact:**

The approximate \$4,794.73 purchase of 15 gas masks and 30 air filters has a budget impact of approximately \$744.73 beyond the grant award of \$4050.00. Monies from the police department's general fund will be utilized to cover the approximate \$744.73 difference.

**Reviewed By:**

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