



City of Eustis

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TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manger

DATE: April 20, 2023

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION NUMBER 23-41: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANTS (FY2021-JAGC-8C090)

Introduction:

Resolution Number 23-41 authorizes the Mayor and the Chief of Police to accept and utilize funds in the amount of \$5,801.00 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, FY2021-JAGC-8C090. The grant will be utilized for the purchase of Duty Level AR-15 Patrol Rifle Build Systems, which will yield 10 Duty Level AR-15 Patrol Rifles. The acquisition of the Duty Level AR-15 Patrol Rifle Build Systems will greatly increase both officer and public safety, by giving the Eustis Police Department the ability to engage in a variety of enforcement situations. In addition, by purchasing these systems the Eustis Police Department will ensure that it has obtained (and can issue to its officers) high quality dependable firearms that can be counted on to operate in an enforcement environment, while at the same time ensuring that the best value for each tax payer dollar is obtained. This purchase will also allow the Eustis Police Department to be equipped with an adequate number of patrol rifles so that all its officers, who are authorized to carry an AR-15 patrol rifle, can be issued one.

The practice of purchasing AR-15 components (Build Systems) and assembling them to build a rifle suitable for law enforcement use has become the standard for police and sheriff departments with qualified armorers. While AR-15 rifles can be purchased in their entirety, the selection of components and their assembly into AR-15 Patrol Rifles results in a higher quality rifle at lower price than purchasing individual rifles of the same quality.

Recommended Action:

The administration recommends approval of Resolution Number 23-41.

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 FY2021-JAGC-8C090 award of \$5,801.00 would be the purchase of Duty Level AR-15 Patrol Rifle Build Systems.

The FY2021-JAGC-8C090 grant award will allow the Eustis Police Department to acquire Duty Level AR-15 Patrol Rifle Build Systems. The acquisition of the Duty Level AR-15 Patrol Rifle Build Systems 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 total purchase price will be no more than \$7,011.04. The grant will cover \$5,801.00 of the purchase, leaving a maximum of \$1,210.04 to be covered by the Police Department's general fund budget.

Reviewed By:

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Prepared By:

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