



# City of Eustis

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TO: Eustis City Commission

FROM: Tom Carrino, City Manager

DATE: October 3, 2024

SUBJECT: Resolution Number 24-78: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants (FY2023-JAGD-6N044)

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## **Introduction:**

Resolution Number 24-78 authorizes the Mayor and the Chief of Police to accept and utilize funds in the amount of \$4,428.00 from the Federal Fiscal Year 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, FY2023-JAGD-6N044. The grant will be utilized for the purchase of 5 tactical ballistic helmets. The acquisition of 5 tactical ballistic helmets for the Eustis SWAT team increase both officer and public safety. Tactical ballistic helmets are critical for law enforcement officers, especially those in specialized units like SWAT or tactical response teams. These helmets provide essential head protection against ballistic threats, such as bullets, shrapnel, and blunt force impacts, which officers may encounter during high-risk operations. By safeguarding officers, tactical helmets help ensure their safety while enabling them to effectively carry out their duties in dangerous environments.

The addition of the 5 tactical ballistic helmets will not only be an additional step to increase the Eustis Police Department's 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 24-78.

## **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-JAGD-6N044 award of \$4,428.00 would be the purchase of 5 tactical ballistic helmets.

The FY2023-JAGD-6N044 grant award will allow the Eustis Police Department to acquire 5 tactical ballistic helmets. The acquisition of the tactical ballistic helmets 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 will be an opportunity for public input when this item is considered by the Eustis City Commission on October 3.

**Budget/ Staff Impact:**

The approximate \$4,461.48 purchase of 5 tactical ballistic helmets has a budget impact of approximately \$33.48 beyond the grant award of \$4,428.00. Monies from the police department's general fund will be utilized to cover the approximate \$33.48 difference.

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