

CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE RESOLUTION

MEETING DATE: 05/06/2025

PRESENTER: Daniel Scesney, Chief of Police

TITLE: Resolution supporting the application for and acceptance of a FY 2024

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the United States Department of

Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance to be used for law

enforcement purposes for \$30,676 in total funding with an agreement for \$9,202.80 to be allocated to funding Dallas County projects and \$1,503.12 to be allocated to the City of Dallas for fiscal administration fees and expenditures leaving a net amount of \$19,970.08 to the City of Grand Prairie and authorizing the City Manager to execute documents relative to the acceptance, rejection, alteration, or termination of the grant, including an interlocal agreement with the City of Dallas, Dallas

County, and other Dallas County subrecipients

REVIEWING (Reviewed by the Public Safety, Health, and Environment Committee

COMMITTEE: on 04/21/2025)

PURPOSE OF REQUEST:

The City of Grand Prairie has received notification from the Department of Justice that the City of Dallas and the Grand Prairie Police Department will receive \$30,676 in Justice Assistance Grant funds for law enforcement purposes. An eligibility requirement that must be met prior to the distribution of the grant funds is a disparity test. The disparity test seeks to determine if the award of the grant will create an additional burden on the entity charged with prosecuting "Part I Crimes." Part I Crimes are major crimes which include: murder, rape, robbery, aggravated assault, burglary, theft, and auto theft. Dallas County has indicated, in past awards, that a disparity would exist and requested that the Texas Attorney General declare the awards as disparate thus providing them with a share of the awarded grant funds. The Attorney General declared past awards as disparate resulting in the Justice Assistance Grant allocating this year's award to be disparate as well.

In addition, the Bureau of Justice Assistance will allow only one city within a disparate county, namely Dallas County, to submit the Justice Assistance Grant application. The City of Dallas Fiscal Agent has agreed to submit the grant application and future progress reports for a "Fiscal Agent Grant Administration Fee" assessed to each of the area participating cities, which are eligible in this year's grant program. Of the \$30,676 total allocation to the City of Grand Prairie, Dallas County will receive \$9,202.80 and the City of Dallas will receive \$1,503.12, leaving the City of Grand Prairie with a net total of \$19,970.08 to expend for law enforcement purposes.

Staff recommends this funding be used to on the allowable law enforcement expenses and purchases that best support the operational mission of the Department.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION:

This grant requires no cash or in-kind match.

BODY

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, SUPPORTING AN APPLICATION FOR AND ACCEPTANCE OF A JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) TO BE USED FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PURPOSES IN THE AMOUNT OF \$30,676 IN TOTAL FUNDING WITH AN AGREEMENT TO SHARE \$9,202.80 WITH DALLAS COUNTY AND \$1,503.12 WITH THE CITY OF DALLAS AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE ANY DOCUMENTS RELATIVE TO THE ACCEPTANCE, REJECTION, ALTERATION, OR TERMINATION OF THE GRANT, INCLUDING AN INTER-LOCAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF DALLAS, DALLAS COUNTY AND OTHER DALLAS COUNTY SUBRECIPIENTS

WHEREAS, the City is eligible to receive grant funds through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the grant program requires the City of Dallas to submit a single grant application for all eligible Dallas County entities; and

WHEREAS, all eligible Dallas County entities are required to enter into an inter-local agreement with the City of Dallas, Dallas County, and other Dallas County eligible entities to receive the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the City will share \$9,202.80 of its \$30,676 in JAG funds with Dallas County; and

WHEREAS, the City will share \$1,503.12 of its \$21,473.20 remaining JAG funds with the City of Dallas for "Fiscal Agent Grant Administration Fee;" and

WHEREAS, the City will agree to have the Bureau of Justice Assistance directly transfer \$9,202.80 to Dallas County and \$1,503.12 to the City of Dallas from the \$30,676 JAG funds allocated for the City of Grand Prairie.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas, hereby supports the application for and acceptance of a JAG grant from the United State Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for law enforcement purposes.

SECTION 2. The City Council of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas supports an agreement to share \$9,202.80 of its \$30,676 JAG funds for 2024 with Dallas County.

SECTION 3. The City Council of the City of Grand Prairie, Texas supports an agreement to share \$1,503.12 of its \$30,676 JAG funds for 2024 with the City of Dallas.

SECTION 4. The City Manager is authorized to execute any documents relative to the acceptance, rejection, alteration, or termination of the grant, including an inter-local agreement with the City of Dallas, Dallas County, and other Dallas County Subrecipients.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, ON THIS THE 6TH DAY OF MAY 2025.