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JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FISCAL YEAR 2022 - 2026

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Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program is the leading source of formula-based federal justice funding to eligible state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas.



Eligible Activities

Eligible program areas include law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives and mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.

FY 2022-2026 JAG Award Funds = \$33,124

The City can submit only ONE (1) Application for the Total Amount. However, the proposed activity can be changed post award during the grant period of FY 2022-2026 by submission of a Change of Scope Grant Award Modification or GAM.



Current JAG Funding

The City is currently utilizing the balance of its FY 2020 -2024 JAG award funding for the City's Out of School Programs Coordinator position to continue the provision of general management, oversight and coordination of the City's out-of-school programs for at-risk youth at the City's Municipal Library. In addition, the City's FY 2021-2025 JAG award funding has been approved for this purpose. This is an eligible prevention and education program under the JAG Program guidelines.

Staff Recommendation for Use of FY 2022-2026 JAG Award

Staff recommends the continuation of the out-of-school literacy, prevention and education programs for at-risk youth at the City's Municipal Library with the FY 2022-2026 JAG award of \$33,124. The funding provided under the FY 2021-2025 JAG award in the amount of \$34,606, combined with the current balance of \$24,205 from the FY 2020-2024 JAG award, will ensure the retention of the City's Out of School Programs Coordinator on a full-time basis through Fiscal Year 2024. The funding from the new JAG award will be sufficient to maintain this position for one additional year in Fiscal Year 2025.

This activity has been conducted since FY 2009 when the City's Youth Empowerment Centers were established. More recently literacy components have been included to now conduct the out of school programs at the Municipal Library. This program has been proven to be highly effective in reducing the incidence of youth delinquency, increasing school attendance and improving academic performance among participating youth (ages 10 – 17).

Staff respectfully requests direction from the City Commission to determine the best use of these funds.



Questions?