



CITY OF NORMAN, OK STAFF REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/26/2021

REQUESTER: Lisa Tullius

PRESENTER: Kevin Foster, Chief of Police

ITEM TITLE: PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING ACCEPTANCE, APPROVAL, REJECTION, AMENDMENT, AND/OR POSTPONEMENT OF A GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$31,075 TO THE CITY OF NORMAN AND CLEVELAND COUNTY FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE/BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (DOJ/BJA) THROUGH THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM WITH NORMAN'S PORTION OF \$27,875 TO BE USED BY THE NORMAN POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS AND UPDATING FORENSIC SERVICES; CONTRACT K-2122-13; AND BUDGET APPROPRIATION FROM THE SPECIAL GRANT FUND BALANCE AS OUTLINED IN THE STAFF REPORT.

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Justice (DoJ), fiscal year 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, announced that grant funds are available to the City of Norman and Cleveland County in the amount of \$31,075. These entities are considered disparate jurisdictions based on a U.S. Department of Justice formula that includes population, crime statistics, and other law enforcement related data. Norman's share of the award is \$27,875 with the remaining \$3,200 passing through to Cleveland County. The grant requires that a public hearing be conducted prior to disbursement of any funds.

The Norman Police Department received notice of an award for the 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Award No. 15PBJA-21-GG-01749-JAGX) on October 14, 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Project No.1, Community Relations and Public Relations Event Funding: The Norman Police Department's commitment to Community Oriented Policing has supported various initiatives focused on building trust and strengthening relationships with community stakeholders. Experience has shown that outreach efforts are more successful when the department provides information, food, and services. Grant funding will allow the department to host a minimum of

twelve events (including neighborhood cookouts, Safety Town and Police Athletic League efforts, and State of Oklahoma Identification events) during the grant period.

Project No.2, Upgrade and Maintenance of Forensic Services: Appropriately processing crime scenes requires specialized training and equipment to ensure a high level of service in accordance with expected industry standards. Expendable supplies must be changed when they expire, equipment that is not serviceable must be replaced, and certifications must be obtained and updated. Grant funding allows the department's two Forensic Technicians to procure new consumable supplies, remove non-serviceable equipment from inventory, and obtain forensic training and independent professional credentialing (through the International Association of Identification).

Project No. 3, Pass Through to the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office: The grant identifies both the Norman Police Department and the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office as "Disparate Jurisdictions" with the City of Norman as the lead agency. Grant rules require disparate jurisdictions to share funding. The Cleveland County Sheriff's Office has indicated that their share of grant funds would be used to update several in-car computers.

RECOMMENDATION No. 1: That a public hearing be conducted where each person in attendance receives a copy of the agenda and attachments and is eligible to speak about this topic, as required by the grant.

RECOMMENDATION No. 2: Approval of the grant by Council and acceptance by the Mayor approving electronic acceptance by the Chief of Police by:

1. *Signing and Dating* the attached Interlocal Agreement with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office,
2. *Signing and Dating* the Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government,
3. *Initialing* the DoJ Certified Standard Assurances, and
4. *Initialing* the DoJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; etc.

RECOMMENDATION No. 3: Appropriation of \$31,075 from the Special Grant Fund balance (account 22-29000); and allocate as follows:

1. \$6000 to Gen Supplies - Public Info (account 22660117-43015; GP0035)
2. \$6000 to Other Supply - Food & Bev (account 22660117-43106; GP0035)
3. \$8653 to Minor Equipment/Tools (account 22660117-43699; GP0035)
4. \$4130 to Professional Services - Other (account 22660117-44099; GP0035)
5. \$3092 to Employee Travel Workshops (account 22660117-44604; GP0035)
6. \$3200 to Misc Svcs -Pass Thru CCSO (account 22660117-44754; GP0035)

Upon reimbursement, deposit funds into Other Revenue-JAG Grant (account 226-333333).