



Staff Report

File #: 21-0881

REQUEST FOR CITY COUNCIL ACTION

DATE: 10/06/2021

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT:

Acceptance of a Interlocal Agreement for distribution of the 2021 Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The United States Department of Justice provides funding to local government and federally recognized Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions through local awards of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The grant's mission is to assist state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence and augment officer safety. Funds received are to be used for technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice that will improve or enhance law enforcement programs.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the City Council:

- a. Authorize the City Manager to sign and enter into an Interlocal Agreement Concerning Distribution of the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant Award.
- b. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute any required grant documents that are in compliance with the City Council's actions hereunder.
- c. Accept the U.S. Department of Justice 2021 Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$19,463, with ten percent (10%) of the award, or \$1,947, to be allocated to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department as the grant's Fiscal Agent. Three percent (3%) of the remaining award (after the fiscal agent portion), or \$526, is designated for the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).
- d. Appropriate \$17,516 from the U.S. Department of Justice Grant Fund 411 and increase the

estimated revenue by the same amount to be received from the U.S. Department of Justice.

BACKGROUND & HISTORY:

In June 2021, the U.S. Department of Justice notified the City of Corona of its eligibility for a \$19,463 award from the 2021 Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant local formula grant. Local government award allocations are based on a jurisdiction's population and proportion of the state's 3-year violent crime average.

The United States Department of Justice merged the eligible agencies in Riverside County together for funding. This merger requires an agreement between the 15 eligible agencies to identify the award distribution and designate one agency as the fiscal agent, which is the Riverside County Sheriff's Department.

ANALYSIS:

The City Council is recommended to authorize the City Manager to sign and enter an Interlocal Agreement in coordination with fifteen (15) other agencies within Riverside County. The interlocal agreement is between the cities of: Banning, Beaumont, Cathedral City, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa, Lake Elsinore, Menifee, Moreno Valley, Palm Springs, Perris, Riverside, Temecula, and the County of Riverside. The City of Corona would receive reimbursement funding from the 2021 Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

Of the \$19,463 allocated to the City of Corona, ten percent (10%) of the award, or \$1,947, is designated to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department as the grant's Fiscal Agent. Three percent (3%) of the award, or \$526, is designated to be utilized for the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). The Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) intends NIBRS to be the nation's law enforcement crime data reporting standard. This money is to be used by state and local jurisdictions in working toward compliance to ensure data submission requirements will be met and to be NIBRS certified. The Department will utilize the \$526 NIBRS funding for NIBRS training. The remaining \$16,990 of funding will be used for technology to support transparency and best police practices. A technological platform will be established to help mitigate public records requests that will allow for the training, development, and purchase of redaction computer equipment necessary to release police body-worn camera videos. Furthermore, the grant will provide computer equipment and monitors for Command Staff. This equipment will allow real-time monitoring of crime trends, directed enforcement efforts, response times to priority calls, and calls for service to utilize data to evaluate and develop police strategies and best practices.

The 2021 Local Edward Byrne Memorial JAG project period will be from October 1, 2020, to September 30, 2024.

The City Attorney has reviewed and approved as to form the proposed Grant Agreement.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

Approval of the recommended actions will result in an appropriation and revenue estimate increase of \$17,516 in the U.S. Department of Justice Grant Fund 411. There is no local match requirement for this award. The 2021 Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant will reimburse the

City for the following items:

Computer Equipment and Supplies	\$14,716
Training-Redaction, NIBRS, and Public Records Act	2,800
Total	\$17,516

Any unused budget will carry forward into Fiscal Year 2023.

Fund	07/01/21 Est. Fund Balance	Budgeted Revenues/Sources	Budgeted Expenditures/Uses	Fund Balance Impacts	06/30/22 Est. Fund Balance
US DOJ Grant Fund 411	(\$6,443)	\$168,100	(\$153,794)	Appropriation (\$17,516) Revenue Increase \$17,516	\$7,863

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

This action is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the common sense exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in questions may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This action of equipment purchases, and training is minimal, and there is no possibility this will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no environmental analysis is required.

PREPARED BY: MICHELLE ADAMS, MANAGEMENT ANALYST II

REVIEWED BY: ROBERT NEWMAN, CHIEF OF POLICE

Attachments:

1. Exhibit 1 - Interlocal Agreement Concerning Distribution of the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant Award