

Agenda Report

TO: CITY COUNCIL

DATE: JULY 20, 2009

FROM: CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MOU) FOR THE RECEIPT OF GRANT FUNDING.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to allow for the receipt of federal grant funding in the amount of \$83,203.

BACKGROUND

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)) 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 multi-jurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures. The grant is unrelated to recent stimulus grants from the federal government.

The JAG is a formula based grant with \$83,203 available to Pasadena. The grant has the standard non-supplanting requirement.

The JAG requires an MOU between all jurisdictions receiving grant monies and the designated fiscal agent. The Bureau of Justice Assistance has designated the City of Los Angeles as the grant's fiscal agent. As such, the City of Los Angeles will distribute the funds, track expenditures, and submit quarterly reports.

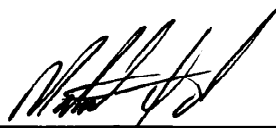
The JAG award will provide enough funding to offset a portion of the cost of one police officer and one police specialist assigned to the Police Department's Youth Accountability Board (YAB) for one year. The total cost of this program is \$209,345.

The Youth Accountability Board (YAB) program continues to be a key factor in reducing the amount of violent crime occurring in Pasadena, especially those crimes committed by juvenile offenders and crimes involving juvenile victims. The program now enrolls 72 juveniles per year. The program is an intervention program that is designed for first-time, non-violent juvenile offenders.

FISCAL IMPACT

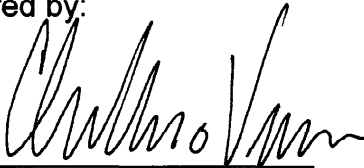
There is no fiscal impact at this time. If the City of Pasadena is successful in obtaining this grant, it will receive a total of \$77,379 which represents the grant amount of \$83,203 less 7% administrative fee from the City of Los Angeles as permitted under this grant.

Respectfully submitted,



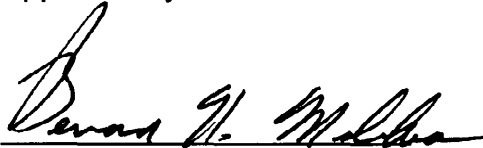
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