



Agenda Report

November 25, 2019

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: Pasadena Police Department

SUBJECT: RECOGNITION AND APPROPRIATION OF THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM MENTAL HEALTH TRAINING GRANT

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that acceptance of this grant is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Article 19, Categorical Exemption section 15323;
2. Amend the Police Department's Fiscal Year 2020 Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriating \$5,940 in JAG Program grant funds awarded through the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) as detailed in the Fiscal Impact section of this report; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to enter into any agreement required by the BSCC for acceptance of these funds.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Pasadena has a Type I Jail Facility that employs 22 Standards and Training for Corrections (STC) eligible staff members. Each staff member is mandated to complete 24 hours of training each fiscal year. The BSCC distributes funds to offset some of the cost to train each staff member. The JAG Program grant will provide additional funding that will allow as many of the 22 eligible staff members as possible to be trained in mental health related topics for corrections, depending on training provider costs. Without these additional JAG funds the jail staff would not have the opportunity to receive additional mental health training over the current 24 hour mandated training.

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The JAG Program (34 U.S.C. §§10151-10158) is a key provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides critical funding necessary to support state and local initiatives including; technical assistance, strategic planning, research and evaluation (including forensics), data collection, training, personnel, equipment, forensic laboratories, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems. The Federal JAG Program supports eight Program Purpose Areas (PPAs) designated by federal statute. These include:

1. Law enforcement programs;
2. Prosecution and court programs, including indigent defense;
3. Prevention and education programs;
4. Corrections and community corrections programs;
5. Drug treatment and enforcement programs;
6. Planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs; and
7. Criminal victim and witness programs (other than compensation).
8. Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention team.

The BSCC is providing \$7 million for local corrections agencies for a statewide mental health training initiative. The funding will be distributed on a per capita basis to local sheriff departments, police departments and probation agencies for mental health related training delivered to their STC eligible staff from May 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

The proposed action is consistent with the City Council's Strategic Planning Goal to ensure public safety through specialized training.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The action is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Article 19, The Categorical Exemption section 15323 (Normal Operations of Facilities for Public Gatherings).

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FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost of this action will be \$5,940 and will be funded by a grant from the Board of State and Community Corrections, resulting in a net-zero fiscal impact to the City. There are no anticipated indirect or support costs such as maintenance and IT support. The following table represents a summary of the revenue and expense accounts for these funds.

Budget Item	Account String	Amount
Revenue	10132022-651400-91231	\$5,940
Conference and Meetings	10132022-812700-91231	(\$5,940)

We are required to complete two Progress reports each quarter during the funding period. One is a federal report utilizing the BJA Performance Measuring Tool (PMT) system. The second is a progress report to the BSCC.

Respectfully submitted,



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