



# Agenda Report

November 22, 2021

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and City Council

**THROUGH:** Finance Committee

**FROM:** Police Department

**SUBJECT: RECOGNIZE REVENUE AND APPROPRIATE \$43,434 FROM THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUND TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2022 OPERATING BUDGET**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find the proposed action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the General Rule that CEQA only applies to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment;
2. Authorize the City Manager to accept the grant award in the amount of \$43,434; and
3. Amend the Fiscal Year 2022 Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriations of \$43,434 in the Police Department's General Fund (101) as detailed in the Fiscal Impact Section of this report.

**BACKGROUND:**

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Fiscal Year 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award solicitation offers an opportunity for Pasadena Police Department to receive a maximum of \$43,434 in grant funding to further "the Department's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence." The amount is based on a statutory formula which is based on the unit of local government's proportion of the state's 3-year violent crime average.

On August 16, 2021, the Police Department submitted a grant application requesting grant funding in the amount of \$43,434 to purchase in-the-field equipment for the Special Investigations Section focusing on officer safety. The intent is to use the grant funding to purchase fentanyl detection equipment. The grant funding will allow the Police Department to purchase a handheld x-ray scanner to detect concealed illicit drugs, firearms, cash, and explosives in secret compartments in vehicles behind walls of dwellings and other compartmentalized areas. This tool would reduce officer exposure to narcotics, such as fentanyl or other narcotics laced with fentanyl. In addition to the handheld x-ray scanner, the remaining funds will be utilized to purchase in-the-field Fentanyl/Heroin Test Kits that will improve Officer Safety when handling illicit narcotics out in the field, reducing risk of fentanyl, fentanyl derivatives, and heroin exposures.

Pasadena Police Department's Special Investigations Section has currently worked jointly on several investigations with local narcotics teams. Below are a few cases worked with criminal justice agencies in the State:

- March 2021: A narcotics investigation led to a seizure from a residence in the city of Los Angeles of approximately 5 kilos of heroin, approximately 2 kilos of cocaine and approximately 16,000 fentanyl pills.
- April 2021: Special Investigations Section detectives along with Alhambra Police Department Narcotics Unit seized 28 pounds of methamphetamine, 6 kilos of heroin and 2 kilos of fentanyl from a vehicle.
- May 2021: Joint investigation with DEA seized 1 kilo of fentanyl.
- June 2021: Joint investigation with DEA seized 37 kilos of fentanyl.

On October 8, 2021, the Police Department received notification that the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) approved the application submitted for an award under the funding opportunity entitled 2021 BJA FY 21 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation in the amount of \$43,434. No matching funds are required by the City.

The grant period runs from October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022. No matching funds are required.

**COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:**

The proposed action is consistent with the City Council's Strategic Plan Goals to ensure public safety. The Bureau of Justice Assistance ("BJA") recognizes that many state and local criminal justice systems currently face challenging fiscal environments and that an important, cost-effective way to relieve those pressures is to share or leverage resources through cooperation among federal, state, and local law enforcement.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:**

The proposed purchase order contract has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which 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 question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Such is the case with the proposed grant from the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This action will amend the Police Department's Fiscal Year 2022 General Fund Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriations of \$43,434. The funding from the Department of Justice will be used for the purchase of a handheld x-ray scanner and in-the-field fentanyl detection test kits as detailed in the chart below. There are no anticipated indirect or support costs such as maintenance and IT support.

| Budget Item                  | Account String        | Amount          |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Equipment (x-ray scanner)    | 10133035-810900-91107 | \$40,000        |
| Fentanyl Detection Test Kits | 10133035-810100-91107 | \$ 3,434        |
| <b>Total Appropriation</b>   |                       | <b>\$43,434</b> |
| <b>Total Revenue</b>         | 10133035-624000-91107 | <b>\$43,434</b> |

Respectfully submitted,

  
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