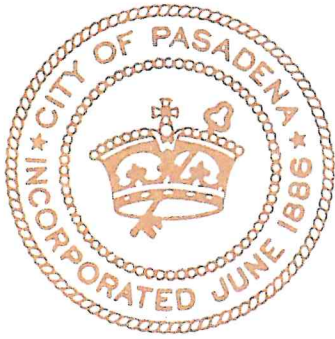




Agenda Report

October 27, 2026

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

THROUGH: Finance Committee

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE GRANT RELATED DOCUMENTS FOR OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAM EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND AMEND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2027 OPERATING BUDGET BY RECOGNIZING REVENUE AND APPROPRIATING \$39,196 IN GRANT FUNDS

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Find that the project proposed herein is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15061 (b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption that CEQA applies only to projects that may have an effect on the environment;
2. Authorize the City Manager to execute all grant-related documents pertaining to Office of Justice Program Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and
3. Amend the Police Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2027 Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriating \$39,196 in the General Fund (101).

BACKGROUND:

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 was accepting solicitation offers for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award for a maximum of \$39,196.

Named after Edward "Eddie" R. Byrne, an officer in the New York City Police Department who was murdered while protecting a witness in a drug case, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the leading federal source of criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. Administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the JAG Program provides states, territories, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of programs. Some of these programs include, but are not limited to, crime prevention and programs that aid in investigations.

On April 29, 2026, the Pasadena Police Department (PPD) submitted an application requesting grant funding for \$39,196 to provide training and to acquire certification for Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) operators.

It is a priority for the Pasadena Police Department to keep the Pasadena community safe through crime prevention efforts, deterring crime and enhancing investigations.

Currently, the Pasadena Police Department Special Weapons and Tactics Team is the only operational unit approved to use UAS and has UAS trained personnel. However, the Pasadena Police Department is seeking to expand the training program for succession planning purposes within the department, allowing additional personnel to receive training and earn UAS certification.

This funding will support the training and travel associated with the UAS certification courses for up to ten personnel.

The grant period runs from October 1, 2024 through October 1, 2028.

COUNCIL POLICY CONSIDERATION:

Acceptance of the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is consistent with City Council policies and priorities related to enhancing public safety. This aligns with the City's commitment to fostering a safe and livable community for residents, businesses, and visitors, while leveraging outside funding to maximize available resources.

ENVIRONMENTAL ANALYSIS:

The proposed contract has been determined to be exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3), the "Common Sense" exemption 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 Edward Byrne's Justice Assistance Grant Program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

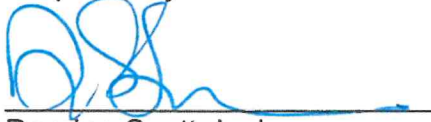
Approval of the recommended actions will amend the Police Department's FY 2027 Operating Budget by recognizing revenue and appropriating \$39,196 in the General Fund (101) for U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

Respectfully Submitted,



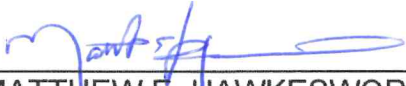
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