

Mayor and Council Communication

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LOG NAME: 35FY2023 DOJ JAG PROGRAM-FORMULA

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Application for, and Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Fiscal Year 2023 Program from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance in an Amount Up to \$650,000.00, Authorize Execution of a Grant Agreement with the United States Department of Justice and Related Memoranda of Understanding with Sub-Grantees Identified by the Department of Justice, and Adopt Appropriation Ordinance

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council:

1. Authorize the application for, and the acceptance of, if awarded, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance in an amount up to \$650,000.00;
 2. Authorize the execution of a grant agreement with the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance;
 3. Authorize the execution of related memoranda of understanding with sub-grantees identified by the Department of Justice; and
 4. Adopt the attached appropriation ordinance increasing estimated receipts and appropriations in the Grants Operating Federal Fund, subject to receipt of the grant, in an amount up to \$650,000.00, for the purpose of funding the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2023.
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DISCUSSION:

The City of Fort Worth Police Department (FWPD) will apply for program funding in an amount up to \$650,000.00 in eligible grant expenses including but not limited to training, supplies, equipment, or contractual services. The goal of the United States Department of Justice (US DOJ) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fiscal Year 2023 (FY2023) Program, which was established by the US DOJ, is to allow local governments to support a broad range of activities aimed at preventing crime and improving the criminal justice system. FWPD will apply for the grant in conjunction with the US DOJ identified sub-awardees that were determined on a formula basis through crime data. In general, FWPD will request funds to purchase police equipment, supplies, contracts, and training. Selected projects will be approved through our Chain of Command and Needs Assessment process. No employee positions are funded through this grant.

The JAG Program has a public comment requirement that must be completed prior to the submission of the grant application. FWPD utilizes the City of Fort Worth Mayor & Council (M&C) Agenda Meeting process to meet this requirement. The grant application is typically released in mid-June with an early August due date.

Matching funds are not required under this grant. The funding type is reimbursable. Indirect costs are an allowable budget category in this grant. No indirect cost revenues are expected to result from this program.

The grant will serve ALL COUNCIL DISTRICTS.

A Form 1295 is not required because: This contract will be with a governmental entity, state agency or public institution of higher education: U. S. Department of Justice

FISCAL INFORMATION / CERTIFICATION:

The Director of Finance certifies that upon approval of the above recommendations, and adoption of the attached appropriation ordinance, funds will be available in the current operating budget, as appropriated, in the Grants Operating Federal Fund. The Police Department (and Financial Management Services) will be responsible for the collection and deposit of funds due to the City. Prior to an expenditure being incurred, the Police Department has the responsibility to validate the availability of funds. This is a reimbursement grant.

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