

Mayor and Council Communication

DATE: 04/28/26

M&C FILE NUMBER: M&C 26-0333

LOG NAME: 35FY2025 BJA JAG GRANT PROGRAM- FORMULA

SUBJECT

(ALL) Authorize Application for, and Acceptance of, if Awarded, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Fiscal Year 2025 Program-Local Formula Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance in an Amount Up to \$577,626.00, 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 2025 from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance in an amount Up to \$577,626.00;
 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 \$577,626.00, for the purpose of funding the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for Fiscal Year 2025.
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DISCUSSION:

April 28, 2026 is the submission deadline for the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program- Local Formula application.

The purpose of the United States Department of Justice (US DOJ) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fiscal Year 2025 (FY2025) Program- Local Formula, 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.

The Fort Worth Police Department Crime Lab (FWPD-CL) will apply for program funding in an amount up to \$577,626.00 in conjunction with the US DOJ designated sub-awardees that were determined on a statutory formula based on violent crime data. If awarded, the FWPD-CL will use its portion for costs associated with the purchase of a Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) to enhance their ability to efficiently manage and track evidence, provide accurate analysis, and produce quality reports. The designated Sub-Awardees will utilize their funding portions for eligible activities based on their priorities and needs for their organization. The grant period for this Award is from 10/01/2024 to 9/30/2028.

No salaries are being charged to this grant, and therefore indirect cost recovery does not apply.

The JAG Program has a public comment requirement that must be completed prior to the submission of the grant application. FWPD-CL utilizes the City of Fort Worth Mayor & Council (M&C) Agenda Meeting process to meet this requirement.

Matching funds are not required under this grant. The funding type is reimbursable. The Grant Application Repository number for tracking purposes is GRNT-APPL-0000000146.

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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