

CITY OF SANTA ROSA
CITY COUNCIL

TO: MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL
FROM: PAM LORENCE
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES OFFICER
SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF THE 2020 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE
ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

AGENDA ACTION: MOTION

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended by the Police Department that the Council, by motion, approve the application for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, an annual allocation program, that was made available for public comment for a period of 30 days and authorize submission of the required Certifications and Assurances by the Mayor.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The U.S. Department of Justice, through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program has designated an award of \$47,280 for the City of Santa Rosa for the 2020 award cycle.

Grant requirements include review of the application by the governing body and making the application available for public review and comments for 30 days prior to the Certifications and Assurances being filed. The public notice was posted on the Police website for public comment on July 24, 2020.

BACKGROUND

1. The 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ), provides funds to units of local government for the control and prevention of crime.
2. This is a non-competitive formula grant based on population and crime rates. The USDOJ has allocated an amount of \$47,280 for the City of Santa Rosa for the 2020 award cycle.
3. The USDOJ requires the application be made public for a period of 30 days for public comment. The application was posted on the Police website on July 24, 2020.

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4. In light of an early USDOJ deadline, the initial application has been filed. With Council approval under this item, the application will be amended to include the required Certifications and Assurances after expiration of the 30 day notice period in accordance with USDOJ regulations.
5. The Santa Rosa Police Department proposes to use this funding towards the purchase of operational equipment and supplies including a taser training suit, K9 bite suits, crowd control communication megaphone, leg wrap restraints, gas masks and a GPS tracking device.
6. In the past five years the department has purchased several items with this funding such as: electric motorcycles, pole cameras, firearms training simulator, body-worn cameras, ballistic shields, 40mm less lethal rifles, Forensic Recovery Evidence Device for investigation of digital evidence and the design of a Critical Incident Training Facility.

PRIOR CITY COUNCIL REVIEW

Not applicable.

ANALYSIS

1. The Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program is a statutory allocation, per Title 42 of the United States Code, Section 3751(a).
2. There are no requirements for cost match, retention, or maintenance of effort associated with this funding, and therefore, the award will have no adverse impact on the Department's Operating Budget.
3. The funds will be used to purchase equipment to enhance the Police Department's operational activities.

FISCAL IMPACT

Upon formal award of the 2020 JAG grant, grant revenues and expenditures will be included in the Department budget. There will be no increase to general fund costs. Ongoing repair, maintenance and access fees for any purchases made with JAG funds will be paid out of the Department's operational budget.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

This action is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it is not a project which has a potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment, or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, pursuant to CEQA Guideline section 15378.

BOARD/COMMISSION/COMMITTEE REVIEW AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Not applicable.

NOTIFICATION

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENTS

- Attachment 1 – Certifications and Assurances
- Attachment 2 - Grant Application

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