



CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: JUNE 4, 2019

DEPARTMENT: POLICE DEPARTMENT

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TITLE: 2017 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION AND MOU

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

A motion to approve a resolution approving the submittal of the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application and the execution of an MOU related to the funding for the JAG grant.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council approve a resolution approving the submittal of the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application and the execution of an MOU related to the funding for the JAG grant.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Salinas Police Department has been selected to receive an award of \$79,129 from the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The award is a disparate jurisdiction award, shared with Monterey County, for which the City of Salinas will act as the fiscal agent. City Council approval of both the resolution and MOU are required to accept grant funds, which will be used to purchase portable radios and body cameras for patrol officers.

BACKGROUND:

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their local needs and conditions.

The formula for allocating JAG funds is based on the FBI's Uniform Crime Report (UCR) crime data. The formula calculations for JAG result in an allocation of funds referred to as a disparate allocation. This occurs when a city or municipality is scheduled to receive an amount one and one-half times greater than a county with concurrent jurisdiction. Multiple disparate allocations occur when multiple cities or municipalities are collectively eligible to receive four times more

than the county. This JAG grant includes the City of Salinas and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office.

Jurisdictions certified as disparate must submit a joint application for the aggregate of funds allocated to them, specifying the amounts and purposes of the funds that are to be distributed to each of the units of local government. A Memorandum of Understanding must be completed, signed, and submitted to the Office of Justice Programs, indicating which agency will serve as the applicant/fiscal agent for the joint funds. The City of Salinas will serve as applicant/fiscal agent. The total allocation for both jurisdictions is \$97,148. The City of Salinas Police Department will receive \$79,129; and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office will receive \$18,019.

The prepared Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) details the distribution of funds and names the City of Salinas as the fiscal agent for the grant. The attached resolution authorizes the City Manager to sign the MOU and approves the submittal of the grant application and receipt of grant funds.

The Salinas Police Department intends to utilize its portion of the JAG allocation to purchase three mobile radios and related equipment and a dozen body-worn cameras, for use by patrol officers. The radios will enhance communication among SPD officers, firefighters, other law enforcement, and public safety personnel. The body-worn cameras are important tools for collecting evidence, documenting police/public encounters, and maintaining public trust.

The FY 2017 Justice Assistance Local Solicitation Grant was submitted in accordance with grant guidelines on September 5, 2017, and the execution of the grant award is pending the approval of the resolution and MOU.

The grant requires a public hearing be held to receive input from all interested persons regarding the intended expenditure of funds. This report and attached resolution will be available for comment before and during the City Council meeting and will satisfy the public hearing requirement.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This approval will help meet the City Council's Strategic Plan goal of Safe, Livable Community.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Police Department works with the Legal department during approval and Finance department during implementation of the JAG award.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Upon approval, the City of Salinas will receive approximately \$79,129 and Monterey County will receive \$18,019 in Justice Assistance Grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution – 2017 JAG

MOU – 2017 JAG