



## **CITY OF SALINAS COUNCIL STAFF REPORT**

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**DATE:** FEBRUARY 15, 2022

**DEPARTMENT:** SALINAS POLICE DEPARTMENT

**FROM:** ROBERTO FILICE, CHIEF OF POLICE

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**TITLE:** 2021 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT ACCEPTANCE AND MOU

### **RECOMMENDED MOTION:**

A motion to approve a Resolution accepting the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant and authorizing the execution of all grant acceptance documents with the City and County of Monterey, including Memorandum of Understanding after final approval and signature by County of Monterey.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council accept 2021 Justice Assistance Grant award and authorize the execution of all grant acceptance documents and the MOU with County of Monterey related to grant funding; and establish the 2021 JAG appropriation of \$88,622 and corresponding revenue budget to support allowable grant purchases.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The Salinas Police Department, serving as Fiscal Agent for the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant with sub-awardee Monterey County District Attorney's Office, has been selected to receive the grant award of \$88,622 with \$69,735 to be allocated to the City of Salinas and \$18,887 to be allocated to the County of Monterey. The grant will support the City's configuration of the Police Service Records Management System for NIBRS reporting, as well as other allowable purchases, likely related to the purchase and/or lease of License Plate Reader (LPR) camera systems.

### **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 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 \$88,622. The City of Salinas Police Department will receive \$69,735; and the Monterey County District Attorney's Office will receive \$18,887.

The City of Salinas portion of the grant is planned to support the configuration of the records management system for NIBRS reporting, as well as a purchase of solar-powered license plate recognition (LPR) camera systems to enhance our capabilities to solve a variety of crimes throughout the City. The District Attorney's Office portion of the grant is to be allocated to renew licenses for their Computer Forensic Lab which will enable the lab to continue to review, catalog, and analyze digital evidence, which grows exponentially every year, as well as to support training for records personnel in using their updated records management system for NIBRS reporting.

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 execute all grant approval documents and the MOU between the City and the County.

#### POLICE COMMUNITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Police Chief discussed the acceptance of the 2021 JAG during his Chief's Report to the Police Community Advisory Committee on November 18, 2021. The Committee did not provide any comments or concerns in response to this grant award.

#### 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:

Approving the proposed resolution will support the City Council's Strategic Plan Goal of Public Safety.

#### DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Police Department has coordinated with the Legal Department on the MOU and will coordinate with the Legal and Finance Department during implementation.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Proposed funding from the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant will be utilized to purchase allowable equipment as described in this report. There will be no recurring fees associated with these purchases. The City of Salinas will serve as the Fiscal Agent for the grant, with no matching funds required.

ATTACHMENTS:

Resolution – 2021 JAG

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) – 2021 JAG