

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL

City of Salinas, California

DATE: August 16, 2016

FROM: Kelly McMillin, Chief of Police

BY: Henry Gomez, Commander

**SUBJECT: JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (LOCAL JAG FORMULA 2016)
APPLICATION AND MOU**

RECOMMENDATION:

Police Department staff recommends the City Council approve the attached resolution approving submittal of a Justice Assistance Grant application and the execution of an MOU related to the funding for the JAG grant.

DISCUSSION:

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 Sheriff'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. When beginning the JAG application process, 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 \$98,308. The City of Salinas Police Department will receive \$80,701; and Monterey County will receive \$17,607.

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 Mayor to sign the MOU and approves the submittal of the grant application.

The Salinas Police Department intends to utilize its portion of the JAG allocation to purchase four used sedans, plus safety equipment, for the use of investigators. The local vendor chosen to supply these vehicles is Gold Star Motors in Salinas. They were determined to have the vehicles most suited for the

Investigations Division at the best prices. This will assist the police department in investigating crimes and ensuring public safety more effectively.

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 during the City Council meeting and will satisfy the public hearing requirement.

ISSUE:

Shall the City Council approve the Memorandum of Understanding and authorize the submission of the Justice Assistance Grant application for the purchase of vehicles to be used by investigators?

FISCAL IMPACT:

Upon approval, the City of Salinas will receive approximately \$80,701 and Monterey County will receive \$17,607 in Justice Assistance Grant funds.

TIME CONSIDERATIONS:

The FY 2016 Justice Assistance Local Solicitation Grant was submitted in accordance with grant guidelines on June 30, 2016. If the City Council acts today, it will enable this process to continue forward.

ALTERNATIVES AVAILABLE TO COUNCIL:

The City Council may take no action. This will result in the City receiving no federal funds.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS:

Securing grant resources supports the City Council goal of promoting Salinas as a City of Peace.

CONCLUSION:

JAG funding will be used to purchase vehicles from Gold Star Motors for the use of investigators and related safety equipment. Staff recommends the City Council approve the attached resolution and MOU in order to secure allocated JAG funding through this joint application.

Attachments:
Resolution