



Staff Report

TO: City Council
FROM: Sean Thuilliez, Chief of Police
DATE: February 21, 2023
SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Fiscal Year 2022 Interlocal Agreement

Description Request to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department to receive JAG grant funding to purchase two (2) electric patrol bicycles.

Background and Analysis:

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is seeking applications for the 2022 FY Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (see Attachment A). This program assists state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. BJA will award JAG Program funds to eligible units of local government under the FY 2022 JAG Program Local Solicitation.

In general, JAG funds awarded to a unit of local government under this FY 2022 solicitation may be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice, including any one or more of the following:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)
- Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs

Staff is seeking City Council's approval to enter an interlocal agreement between the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and the City of Beaumont to seek JAG funds in the amount of \$10,633.00 (see Attachment B). Under the agreement, the City of Beaumont will purchase two (2) electric public safety bicycles and related safety equipment in the amount of \$10,004.00, and \$1,064 will be allocated to the Riverside County Sheriff's Department for providing administrative services for the FY2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (see Attachment A).

The Beaumont Police Department embraces a Community Policing Philosophy. The movement toward community policing has gained momentum in recent years and is critical now more than ever as police and community leaders search for more effective ways to promote public safety and build relationships among citizens and other community members. The Beaumont Police Department has assessed changes in orientation, organization, and operations that will benefit the community by improving the quality of life and building relationships with the people we serve.

One area that has been identified to meet this goal is to expand the bicycle patrol team. The City of Beaumont maintains itself as one of the fastest-growing cities in the State of California, with new housing and a growing business district, the visibility, maneuverability, and accessibility of uniformed bicycle patrol officers will enhance the Beaumont Police Department's community policing program. This program will be a collateral assignment to existing operations.

Fiscal Impact:

After the administrative services fees paid to the Riverside Sheriff's Department, the total cost to purchase the bicycles will exceed the grant funding by \$435. This excess cost will come from the Police Department General Fund budget 100-2050-8040-0000.

The grant funds will be deposited into the Grant Fund Account and any costs or fees associated with the purchases will be utilized from the expense account 240-2355-7096-0000, which is budgeted at \$12,000.

Recommended Action:

Authorize staff to apply for the FY 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program, and

Authorize City Council to enter into an interlocal agency agreement between the Riverside County Sheriff's Department and the City of Beaumont to seek JAG funds for FY 2022.

Attachments:

- A. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2022 Solicitation.
- B. Interlocal Agreement