



City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: August 18, 2020

TO: Jim Throop, City Manager

FROM: Joseph Mariani, Chief of Police
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SUBJECT: Application for 2019 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award

Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council:

- 1) Authorize the Lompoc Police Department to apply for the 2019 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Grant) to obtain Federal allocation of \$14,475; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign all grant forms, assurances and certifications associated with the Grant, including the attached Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Lompoc and County of Santa Barbara (Agreement).

Background:

For the last 23 years the Lompoc Police Department has depended upon the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant funds provided by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to partially cover selective enforcement programs.

In 2005 the U.S. Department of Justice changed the method for distribution of the Grant funds. Due to that change, the Grant application is required to be processed locally as opposed to regionally, as was the case in previous years. The application process also requires that the local governmental unit (County of Santa Barbara) approve of the local agency's application. There is no local matching requirement under the Grant.

The County of Santa Barbara has been allocated Grant funds in the amount of \$18,809 and the City has been allocated Grant funds in the amount of \$14,475, for a total amount of \$33,284 as the aggregate allocation to the City and County.

Discussion:

The City anticipates the County will utilize the available aggregate Local Grant funds administered by the County, over the course of the Grant funding project toward the costs of maintaining and equipping the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Bomb Squad (a county wide response team). The City also anticipates the County will utilize the remaining aggregate Grant Funds to reimburse the City, and other participating local law enforcement agencies, for costs incurred while participating in, or supporting, maintaining and equipping, the Santa Barbara County Sheriff's Bomb Squad (a county wide response team), over the course of the Grant funded project.

The governing bodies of the County and City find the performance of the Agreement is in the best interests of both parties, the undertaking will benefit the public, and the division of costs fairly compensates the performing party for the services or functions under the Agreement.

Conclusion:

In order to obtain the Federal allocation of \$14,475 in Grant funds, the City Council must authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign all grant forms, assurances and certifications associated with the 2019 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

Respectfully submitted,

Joseph A. Mariani, Chief of Police

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

Jim Throop, City Manager

Attachment: Interlocal Agreement Between the City of Lompoc and County of Santa Barbara (2019 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Award