



CITY OF SAN MATEO

City Hall
330 W. 20th Avenue
San Mateo CA 94403
www.cityofsanmateo.org

Agenda Report

Agenda Number: 11

Section Name: {{section.name}}

File ID: {{item.tracking_number}}

TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Police Department
MEETING DATE: September 21, 2020

SUBJECT:
Edward Byrne 2020 Justice Assistance Grant Program – Application

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt a Resolution to approve the submittal of an application to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program for the 2020 local solicitation in the amount of \$17,062; and if awarded, authorize execution of all required documents and appropriate funds to the Police Grants Budget Program.

BACKGROUND:

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program provides federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions to support a range of law enforcement programs. Applicants are limited to units of local government appearing on the 2020 JAG Allocations List. The procedure for allocating JAG funds is a formula based on population and crime statistics in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure each state receives an appropriate share. Sixty percent of funding is allocated to the states, and forty percent is allocated to local recipients. The City of San Mateo's 2020 allocation is \$17,062.

JAG has several primary purpose areas: law enforcement; prosecution and court; prevention and education; corrections and community corrections; drug treatment; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement; and crime victim and witness protection. Within these purpose areas, funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, strategic planning, research and evaluation, data collection, training, personnel, equipment, forensic laboratories, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems.

The Police Department has submitted for grant funds to cover the cost of several enhanced training opportunities for staff. This will include training to further develop officers' performance and decision-making ability in high-stress situations where tactics involving de-escalation, crisis intervention, and use of force are necessary; as well as training to increase expertise in behavioral science as applied to police use of force cases to identify ways to improve future performance, training, policy, supervision, and equipment.

The grant terms also require a portion of the award be dedicated to achieving compliance with the new statistics and reporting system that will be implemented by the FBI in 2021 – the National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). This set aside will be used to support training for staff responsible for collecting and submitting crime statistics, to further understand the existing records management system and to ensure proper system set up to report NIBRS information.

Costs for these training activities are estimated at \$10,000, with final actual costs determined once registration fees are known and a final determination has been made regarding the number of staff to partake in the training. Any remaining grant funds will be used to purchase Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for police patrol cars. Having quick access to

an AED and incorporating these devices into the emergency dispatching process when a sudden cardiac arrest is suspected can help save lives.

BUDGET IMPACT:

If the JAG grant is awarded, Council approval is requested to appropriate \$17,062 into the Police Grant (Fund 20) budget. The JAG grant requires no matching funds and will result in no impact to the General Fund.

ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This action is not a project subject to CEQA, because it can be seen with certainty that it will not cause a physical change in the environment. (Public Resources Code Section 21065.)

NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Proposed Resolution

STAFF CONTACT

Ed Barberini, Chief of Police
ebarberini@cityofsanmateo.org
(650) 522-7600

Tricia Toomey, Business Manager
ttoomey@cityofsanmateo.org
(650) 522-7623