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Agenda Report

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TO: City Council
FROM: Drew Corbett, City Manager
PREPARED BY: Police Department
MEETING DATE: September 19, 2022

SUBJECT:
Edward Byrne 2022 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 2022 local solicitation in the amount of \$21,088; and if awarded, appropriate funds to the Police Grants Budget Program and authorize the Chief of Police to execute all required documents.

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 2022 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 2022 allocation is \$21,088.

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 proposed utilizing the funds to purchase software to enhance and modernize our ability to provide excellent customer service. The desired product will help determine the best way to engage with a customer (i.e. email or text); will automatically send a custom message to reporting parties or 911 callers to keep them updated on the status of their call or inquiry; and will help staff assess our performance by collecting subsequent feedback through mobile-friendly surveys. Use of the grant funds for this purpose is consistent with departmental efforts and strategic initiatives related to enhancing transparency, accountability and efficiency.

BUDGET IMPACT:

If the JAG grant is awarded, Council approval is requested to appropriate \$21,088 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

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