



AGENDA REPORT

Date: October 24, 2017

To: City Manager for Council Action

From: Chief of Police

Subject: Authorize the City Manager to Execute all Documents Related to the 2017 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Funds and Accept Estimated Appropriations in the Amount of \$12,254 to be used for the Cost of Purchasing Police Equipment

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

In early 2005 the Bureau of Justice Administration (BJA) made the decision to combine the Byrne Formula Grant and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs into the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). An Agenda Report was submitted on March 8, 2005, which outlined these changes. Initially, either the County of Santa Clara or the City of San Jose has been responsible for submitting a joint application. This year, as in the past several years, the City of Santa Clara submitted a standalone application. The City of Santa Clara has had the good fortune to be awarded \$72,925 in JAG funds the past five years (FY12/13, \$14,855; FY 13/14, \$13,373; FY 14/15, \$15,847; FY 15/16, \$14,044; and FY 16/17, \$14,806). The maximum amount the Police Department is eligible to receive during this grant cycle is \$12,254. If funded, the Police Department will have until September 30, 2018, to expend these dollars.

The Police Department will utilize the 2017 JAG funds to purchase body armor vests, an infrared digital camera and license plate reader (LPR) software. The purchase of body armor would supply Detectives with critical safety equipment that protects against gunfire and improvised weapons. An infrared digital camera provides Crime Scene Investigators with the proper tools to document and reconstruct a crash or crime scene. The use of LPR technology would allow license plate information to be shared with law enforcement agencies. This would provide investigators with information that could lead to the identification and apprehension of offenders.

ADVANTAGES AND DISADVANTAGES OF ISSUE

The acceptance of JAG funds will allow the Police Department to increase officer safety, improve upon investigative tools for use at crash and crime scenes, and address crime prevention. These funds must supplement, not supplant, existing funding, as required by law. This year's funding of \$12,254 will go towards purchasing body armor vests, an infrared digital camera and license plate reader (LPR) software.

The Police Department will have to fulfill the standard grant requirements (such as quarterly reporting, fiscal accountability, etc.).

There are no disadvantages to accepting this grant.

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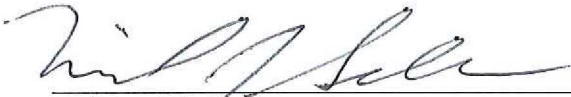
ECONOMIC/FISCAL IMPACT

The amount of \$12,254 from the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (177-7752-55580-(G)JAG17) will go towards funding the purchase of equipment.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Council:

1. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents related to the 2017 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG);
2. Approve estimated Police Grants Revenue from Other Agencies (177-7752-55580-(G)JAG17) in the amount of \$12,254 and appropriations in the amount of \$12,254 to (177-7752-88040-(G)JAG17-(I)4795);
3. Approve the rollover of unexpended appropriation to future years.



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APPROVED:


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