



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Police

Date: July 7, 2015

To: Blong Yang – Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights and Emergency Preparedness

Referral to: John Quincy, Chair - Ways and Means Committee

Subject: Request Permission Accept the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Award

Recommendation: To accept the U.S DOJ Bureau of Justice Assistance 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award for funding through Hennepin County for a total of \$243,130. Of this, the department requests that the appropriation for the City Attorney in 01300-1400100 be increased by the amount of \$143,130 and the appropriation for the Police Department be increased in 01300-4002110 by the amount of \$100,000 and the Revenue Source in 01300-4002110-321010 be increased by \$243,130.

Previous Directives: The Police Department, on behalf of the City, has been receiving the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant since 2005.

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Financial Impact *(delete all lines not applicable to your request)*

- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget
Dept Name: Police
Fund Name: Federal funding
Amount: \$ 100,000
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget or Operating Budget
Dept Name: City Attorney
Fund Name: Federal funding
Amount: \$ 143,130
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
Dept Name: Police

Fund Name: Federal funding

Amount: \$ 243,130

- Action is within the Business Plan
- Request provided to the Finance Department

Community Impact

- City Goals

Supporting Information

This grant award will be operating through Hennepin County with Minneapolis as a sub-recipient to the county's award.

The Police Department requests permission to accept funding from the 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant awarded to Hennepin County to be shared with nine municipalities within the county. The Minneapolis share of the award is \$243,130 to be expended over the next two years. No local match is required.

The City of Minneapolis has several goals it wishes to accomplish with the JAG funds. They are:

- **Collaborative and caring communities help prevent crime**
- **Sustain gains against violent crime**
- **Burglaries and domestic violence focused on and fought**
- **Guns, gangs, graffiti gone**

In order to be more efficient with limited resources, the City intends to build upon existing programs that need expanded funding, new initiatives that address unfunded priority needs, and partnerships with the community and other entities for initiatives that cross jurisdictional lines.

The grant helps fund, through the City Attorney's Office, two attorney positions that are assigned to police precincts to serve as direct, immediate legal resources to uniformed officers and investigators.

Funds allocated to the Police Department will be used for the expansion and upgrade of in-squad cameras in patrol vehicles as well as patrol and investigative details to address emerging patterns or special enforcement details as determined by MPD Administration.