

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 7/11/05		Item Number: <u>PH-1</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Public Hearing of the City Council of Culver City Regarding the Proposed Use of Available Funds to Improve Public Safety as a Result of the Federal "Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program" (JAG).			
Contact Person/Dept.: Lt. Ed Baughan		Phone Number: (310) 253-6260	
Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☒		Action Item: ☐ Attachments: ☐	
Public Notification: Publication in the Culver City News on 7/1/05 and 7/8/05 Master Notification List Date:			
Department Approval: John A. Montanio 6/22/05		CAO Approval: Jerry Fulwood 6/30/05	
City Controller Approval: Jim Lavery 6/28/05			

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council, after a public hearing, consider and approve the Fiscal Year 2005 – 2006 funding cycle appropriation of the U.S. Department of Justice, "Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program" (JAG) grant funds for specific projects to improve public safety.

This is a budget amendment item that requires a 4/5ths vote for approval.

PROCEDURE:

- Mayor seeks motion to receive and file the affidavit and notice of publication.
- Mayor calls on staff for brief report and/or poses questions to staff.
- Mayor declares the Public Hearing open and calls for public comment.
- Mayor and Council move to close the Public Hearing.
- Mayor calls for staff comment/response to public input.
- Council discusses the matter and arrives at its decision.

BACKGROUND:

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program provides funds to law enforcement agencies to prevent and control crime. JAG merges the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs and provides agencies with the flexibility to prioritize needs and to place grant funds where they are needed most.

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The Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant establishes a program of criminal justice grants administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, to aid state and local governments in implementing effective criminal justice improvement projects. Grant funds may be used to support projects that improve the prevention, apprehension, prosecution, adjudication, detention, and rehabilitation of violent crime and drug offenders. Additionally, law enforcement projects, including officer training, are eligible for funding.

The Culver City Police Department is eligible to receive \$17,026 over a four year program period. The Department would use an additional \$584 from its training account to fund the one time additional expenses associated with the project above what the grant monies cover.

The Police Department's application Number 2005-F1366-CA-DJ was accepted and the Department approved for funding of \$17,026.

PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS

Simunition Training consists of specially modified weapons that essentially shoot a paint ball type of ammunition that can be discharged in non-confined or confined areas. They are non-deadly and do not produce injury to people who utilize approved safety equipment. Instead of officers standing in front of a paper target and shooting, the officers are acting out real-life scenarios with converted guns that shoot paint pellets at human targets that shoot back with similarly modified *Simunition* guns. The programs typically take place in an abandoned warehouse where officers perform mock vehicle stops, building searches and respond to domestic violence disputes. This dynamic, scenario-based training through role playing helps officers make better decisions. Ammunition and conversion of the weapons and protective equipment is very expensive

The Department will purchase Simunition approved safety equipment and Simunitions ammunition to be used to enhance the proficiency of patrol officers. Currently the Police Department does not have a pistol range and the officers must travel considerable distance to practice with their weapons. This Simunition training will allow officers to train at or near the police station under realistic type situations. This will allow the officers to spend more time in the field on patrol and less time in traveling to off-site locations for weapons training.

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The Department will conduct one additional Simunitions training exercise per year with the additional grant funding. The funding for this program will come from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

Federal funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace, or supplant, nonfederal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.

Length of Award

Awards are made in the first fiscal year of the appropriation and may be expended during the following 3 years, for a total of 4 years. Extensions beyond this period may be made on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Director of Bureau of Justice Assistance.

Match

A match is not required with the JAG Program.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The program provides funding in the amount of \$17,026 and the Department intends to utilize an additional \$584 from its training budget to cover the one time additional expenses needed to purchase the required equipment.

ATTACHMENTS:

None

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Approve a budget amendment to add new grant revenue (Edward Byrne Justice Assistance) in the amount of \$17,026 and approve the recommendation of the Culver City Culver City Police Department staff to appropriate the grant funds of \$17,026 in Fiscal Year 2005 to purchase Simunition approved safety equipment and Simunition ammunition to be used to enhance the efficiency of patrol officers.
2. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer or his designee to execute and file documents pertaining to the JAG, including the application, follow-up documentation, award amendments and other documents needed to implement the grant program

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