

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 08/13/07		Item Number: A-8	
AGENDA ITEM: Adoption of a Resolution Authorizing an Application for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program to Improve Public Safety and Use of the Money to Partially Fund a Police Department Training Exercise on Terrorism			
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Fiscal Impact: Yes ☒ No ☐		General Fund: Yes ☐ No ☒	
Public Hearing: ☐		Action Item: ☒ Attachments: ☒	
Public Notification: Master Notification List (08/07/08) Published in the Culver City News on August 2, 2007			
Department Approval: Don Pedersen, Chief of Police (07/09/2007)		City Attorney Approval: (Carol Schwab (by H. Iker) (08/06/07)	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang (08/07/07)		City Manager Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (08/08/07)	
<u>RECOMMENDATION:</u> Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing application for Fiscal Year 07-08 funding cycle appropriation of the U.S. Department of Justice, "Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program" grant funds for specific projects to improve public safety. <u>BACKGROUND:</u> The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program provides funds to law enforcement agencies to prevent and control crime. JAG programs provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize needs and to place grant funds where they are needed most. The JAG 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 \$18,198 to use over a four-year program period. The Department has requested the City Council authorize the acceptance and use of the grant funds to conduct a training exercise on terrorism as further detailed in the attached Interdepartmental Correspondence (Exhibit 1).			

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The Police Department's application Number 2007-F2875-CA-DJ was accepted and is pending approval with the Department of Justice.

DISCUSSION

PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS

The \$18,198 grant revenue would fund approximately 70 percent of the overtime expenses for all police officers and field sergeants to attend the terrorism class. To implement the intended program for one year requires an additional \$7,706 from the Police Department's overtime budget.

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 BJA. It is the Department's intention to use the funds for a one-year program and a one time training class for all involved officers.

MATCH

While matching funds are not required with the JAG Program, the Police Department staff believes that an additional \$7,706 from the Police Department's overtime budget will be required to include every officer and the patrol sergeants in the training exercise.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The total cost of the class is \$25,904, of which \$18,198 will be funded by the grant, and the remaining balance will be absorbed in the departments adopted fiscal year 2007-08 overtime budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Grant Program Narrative
2. Interdepartmental Correspondence dated May 30, 2007

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MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of the 2007-08 application for funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to fund overtime expenses for a special terrorism class for all police officers, field sergeants and patrol lieutenants.
2. Contingent upon award of the Grant, authorize staff to amend the Fiscal Year 2007/2008 Adopted Budget in the amount of \$18,198 in the Grant revenue account (account # 41442500.341435) from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to be utilized to fund overtime expenses for a special terrorism class for all police officers, and field sergeants
3. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute and file all documents pertaining to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, including the application, follow-up documentation, and amendments and other documents needed to implement the grant program.