

City of Culver City, California
City Council Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: 3/13/06		Item Number: <u>A-4</u>	
AGENDA ITEM: Resolution Authorizing an Application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to Improve Public Safety in the Downtown Business District			
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: Master Notification List (03/09/06)			
Department Approval: William Burck, Chief of Police (03/01/06)		CAO Approval: Jerry B. Fulwood (03/09/06)	
City Controller Approval: Marlee Chang (03/09/06)			

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the City Council adopt a resolution authorizing and application for the Fiscal Year 06-07 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.

BACKGROUND:

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 \$10,526 to use over a four year program period. The Department has requested and received tentative approval from the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Staff to contribute \$1,951 to the proposed program.

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The Police Department's application Number 2006-F1133-CA-DJ was accepted and is pending approval with the Department of Justice.

PROPOSED USE OF FUNDS

The primary objective of the Culver City Police Department is to identify weekend dates (Friday or Saturday) and times that represent the highest crime rate in the Downtown Business district. The Police Department is eligible to receive \$10,529 in grant funds through the JAG grant. This amount would fund approximately 175.5 hours of overtime for a Police Officer. To fully implement the intended program for one year requires an additional 32.5 hours of overtime which equates to \$1,951 for a total funding amount of \$12,480. With a total of 208 hours of overtime funding, one uniform officer working with a uniform reserve officer would be assigned to the Downtown Business District to patrol and suppress developing crime problems. The specific weekend days and hours will be determined based on crime pattern analysis

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. The Department intends to use all the funds for this one year program, beginning no earlier than July 1, 2006 and concluding prior to June 30, 2007.

Match

A match is not required with the JAG Program; however for the program to run for one full year, the Culver City Redevelopment Agency Staff has tentatively agreed to fund the overtime assignment for 32.5 hours at a cost to the agency of \$1,951.

FISCAL ANALYSIS:

The program is completely funded by the grant, including officer benefit package and liability reserves.

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ATTACHMENTS:

1. Grant Program Narrative
2. Proposed Resolution Authorizing the Filing of the City's 2006-07 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application.

MOTION:

That the City Council:

1. Adopt a Resolution authorizing the filing of the 2006-07 application for funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to fund one officer on an overtime basis one day per week for assignment in the Downtown Business District; and,
2. Contingent upon award of the Grant, authorize staff to include in the Fiscal Year 2006/2007 Proposed Budget an amount of \$10,529 in the Grant Fund for revenues from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to be utilized to fund an officer on an overtime basis one day per week for assignment in the Downtown Business District beginning no earlier than July 1, 2006; and,
3. Designate the Chief Administrative Officer, or his designee, as the authorized City official 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.