



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: JULY 14, 2015

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) 2015 PROGRAM – APPROVAL TO APPLY JOINTLY THROUGH RIVERSIDE COUNTY, FISCAL AGENT FOR 2015 JAG FUNDING FOR RIVERSIDE’S ALLOCATION OF \$99,266

ISSUES:

City Council consideration to 1) approve the Police Department’s request to continue its partnership with Riverside County to receive funding through the JAG 2015 grant; 2) upon grant award, accept funding in the amount of \$89,339 applied for through Riverside County, who is acting as the fiscal agent and applied for the grant on behalf of all of the eligible entities within Riverside County for JAG 2015 funding (ten percent (\$9,927) of the City of Riverside’s initial allocation of \$99,266 will be re-allocated to the County for grant administration); and 3) approve issuance of a purchase order to Raceway Ford for the purchase of two (2) replacement vehicles in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 22576 Section 201(g).

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the continued partnership between the Riverside Police Department and Riverside County to receive JAG 2015 funding;
2. Authorize the Police Department to accept funding through the JAG 2015 grant through Riverside County, acting as fiscal agent for all eligible entities within the County;
3. Authorize the City Manager or his designee to execute the Interlocal Agreement with Riverside County and all eligible entities within the County, as well as all necessary agreements between the City and Riverside County;
4. Upon award of the grant, approve the issuance of a purchase order to Raceway Ford of Riverside, California, for the purchase of two (2) 2015 Ford Fusions in the total amount of \$39,010 in accordance with Purchasing Resolution 22576 Section 201(g).

BACKGROUND:

The Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The purpose of the JAG program is to provide funds to states and units of local government to underwrite projects to reduce crime and improve public safety.

The amount of funding is distributed on the basis of population and Part 1 violent crime statistics.

Justice Assistance Grant funds may be used for local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice for any one or more of the following purpose areas:

1. Corrections and community corrections programs
2. Crime victim and witness programs
3. Drug treatment programs
4. Law enforcement programs
5. Planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs
6. Prevention and education programs
7. Prosecution and court programs

The Riverside Police Department has received JAG funding since the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) was changed to the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program in 2005. Eligible Riverside County agencies were notified again this year that all eligible agencies within Riverside County must choose a fiscal agent to apply jointly and to administer the grant in order to receive funding. Riverside County will be the fiscal agent for 2015 funding. Each eligible agency within Riverside County has agreed to provide 10% of their respective allocation to the County of Riverside for administering the grant which is outlined in the Interlocal Agreement.

Ten percent (\$9,927) of the City of Riverside's initial allocation of \$99,266 will be re-allocated to the County for grant administration. The Police Department proposes to use the remaining \$89,339 grant funds to purchase the following:

- Two (2) unmarked Ford Fusion automobiles estimated total at \$39,010;
- Electronic Citation Devices, peripherals and support not to exceed the remaining grant funds, estimated to be \$50,329. Upon award, the Police Department will identify a vendor that meets the specifications of the devices and will return to the City Council for approval to purchase the devices.

On October 21, 2014, the City Council approved the award of Bid No. 7279 to Raceway Ford for the purchase of twenty (20) 4-door all-wheel drive police interceptor SUV pursuit vehicles, twenty-five (25) Ford Fusion sedans, five (5) Ford Taurus sedans and one (1) Ford Explorer SUV. Raceway Ford has agreed to honor the same pricing for two (2) Ford Fusion sedans. Purchasing Resolution 22576, Section 201(g) states that competitive procurement shall not be required when goods or services can be procured from a Contractor who offers the same or better price, terms and conditions as the contractor previously offered as the lowest responsible bidder under competitive procurement or negotiations conducted by the City or another public agency, provided that, in the opinion of the Purchasing Services Manager, it is in the best interests of the City to do so. The Purchasing Services Manager believes that it is in the City's best interest to purchase two (2) unmarked 2015 Ford Fusion automobiles from Raceway Ford, at the agreed upon pricing and that this purchasing resolution applies.

Raceway Ford has agreed to honor the same pricing for two (2) 2015 Ford Fusion sedans for a total cost of \$39,010 for both vehicles.

The Purchasing Services Manager concurs with the recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact to the General Fund and no matching requirements for this grant. It is important to note that the JAG funds may not be used to supplant funds. They must be used to increase the amount of funds that would otherwise be available from local sources.

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Availability of fund: Brent Mason, Finance Director/Treasurer
Approved by: Alexander T. Nguyen, Assistant City Manager
Approved as to form: Gary G. Geuss, City Attorney

Attachment: MOU with Allocation Schedule