



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JUNE 28, 2016**

FROM: RIVERSIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT 2016 PROGRAM FOR \$429,942 – APPROVAL TO ACT AS FISCAL AGENT FOR THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND ALL ELIGIBLE CITIES WITHIN RIVERSIDE COUNTY, SUBMIT A JOINT APPLICATION, APPROPRIATION OF FUNDS–TRANSFER AND SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Approval for the City of Riverside to act as fiscal agent for the County of Riverside and all cities within Riverside County that are eligible to apply jointly for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, in the amount of \$429,942.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City to act as fiscal agent for the JAG 2016 program for the City of Riverside and the County of Riverside;
2. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to submit the JAG grant application, accept the assurances and certifications associated with the application and make non-substantive changes in documents associated with the application;
3. Upon grant award, accept \$429,942 into a trust account, authorize an increase in estimated revenues and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to an account assigned by the Finance Department; and
4. Transfer and appropriate as spent, the \$429,942 and any interest earned into the revenue project account to be assigned by the Finance Department.

BACKGROUND:

The 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 crime statistics. Murder, rape, robbery, assault, burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft and arson are Part 1 crimes.

JAG 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:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment programs
- Planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs
- Crime victim and witness programs

In the past, the Riverside Police Department (RPD) has received grant funding directly under JAG, one-time stimulus-related funding, acted as fiscal agent for all eligible agencies in Riverside County, and was sub-recipient for the 2013 and 2015 JAG when Riverside County acted as the fiscal agent for all eligible agencies in Riverside County. This year, we have been notified that all eligible agencies within Riverside County must apply jointly in order to receive aggregate funding of \$429,942. Riverside County and each eligible city within Riverside County have agreed to provide 10% of their respective allocation to the City of Riverside for administering the grant. The joint grant will be managed by existing Police Department personnel. A schedule of adjusted allocations and proposed uses by agency is attached (Attachment 3).

RPD proposes to use its \$141,508 in JAG funds plus accrued interest to continue to provide the salary and benefits of one Evidence Technician position for approximately one year and to purchase one marked patrol unit. Salary and benefits for the Evidence Technician are estimated at \$107,920. The remaining \$33,588 will be used toward the purchase of a marked patrol unit.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Of the total grant in the amount of \$429,942, RPD will receive approximately \$141,508 plus interest. No matching funds are required.

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Attachments:

1. Inter-local Agreement
2. Application SF 424
3. Allocations and Proposed Uses by Jurisdiction