

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 3, 2017

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BANNING,

CATHEDRAL CITY, COACHELLA, CORONA, DESERT HOT SPRINGS, HEMET, INDIO, JURUPA, MORENO VALLEY, PALM SPRINGS, PERRIS, RIVERSIDE, AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CA CONCERNING DISTRIBUTION OF THE 2017 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD - TO APPLY THROUGH RIVERSIDE COUNTY, FISCAL AGENT, FOR GRANT FUNDING IN THE AMOUNT OF \$95,576 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Approve the Interlocal Agreement between the cities of Banning, Cathedral City, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Palm Springs, Perris, Riverside, and the County of Riverside, California, concerning distribution of the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant Award to apply for grant funding through the County of Riverside, who will be acting as the fiscal agent for the grant program, for the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$95,576.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

- 1. Approve the Interlocal Agreement between the cities of Banning, Cathedral City, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Palm Springs, Perris, Riverside, and the County of Riverside, California, concerning distribution of the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant Award to authorize the Police Department to apply for grant funding through the County of Riverside, acting as fiscal agent for all eligible entities within the county, in the amount of \$95,576;
- Authorize the expenditure of grant to continue paying for the salary and benefits of a Senior Forensic Specialist position;
- 3. Upon award of the grant, authorize an increase in estimated revenues and appropriate expenditures in the amount of \$95,576 to an account assigned by the Finance Department; and
- 4. Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to execute the Interlocal Agreement between the cities of Banning, Cathedral City, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indio,

Jurupa Valley, Moreno Valley, Palm Springs, Perris, Riverside, and the County of Riverside, California concerning distribution of the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant Award and all necessary agreements concerning the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant program.

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

In the past, the Police Department has received funding directly. Since 2013, all eligible agencies in Riverside County have applied as a group through one fiscal agent. Riverside County has been the fiscal agent in the odd numbered years and the City of Riverside has been the fiscal agent in the even numbered years.

DISCUSSION:

JAG funds may be used for local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support and information systems for criminal justice. The amount allocated to the City of Riverside for JAG 2017 is \$106,196. Since the County of Riverside is the fiscal agent for 2017, each eligible agency has agreed to provide 10% of their respective allocation to the County for administering the grant. This will leave the City of Riverside with a funding amount of \$95,576.

The Police Department proposes to use its \$95,576 in JAG funds to continue funding the salary and benefits of one Senior Forensic Specialist position.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund and no match requirements for this grant.

Prepared by: Sergio G. Diaz, Chief of Police

Certified as to

availability of funds: Adam Raymond, Chief Financial Officer/City Treasurer

Approved by: Alexander T. Nguyen, Assistant City Manager

Approved as to form: Gary G. Guess, City Attorney

Attachment: Agreement