

City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL

DATE: OCTOBER 1, 2019

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT

WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BANNING, BEAUMONT, COACHELLA, CORONA, DESERT HOT SPRINGS, HEMET, INDIO, JURUPA, LAKE ELSINORE, MORENO VALLEY, PALM SPRINGS, PERRIS, THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CALIFORNIA CONCERNING DISTRIBUTION OF THE 2019 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$101,904 - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Approve the Interlocal Agreement between the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Palm Springs, Perris, the City of Riverside and the County of Riverside, California, concerning distribution of the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, in the amount of \$101,904 through the County of Riverside, who will be acting as the fiscal agent for the grant program.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

- 1. Approve the Interlocal Agreement between the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Coachella, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa, Lake Elsinore, Moreno Valley, Palm Springs, Perris, the City of Riverside and the County of Riverside, California, concerning the distribution of the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant Award;
- 2. Authorize the Police Department to apply for and, upon award, accept 2019 Justice Assistance Grant funding in the amount of \$101,904 through the County of Riverside, acting as fiscal agent for all eligible entities within the county;
- 3. Authorize the expenditure of grant funds towards the continued funding of the salary and benefits for one Senior Forensic Specialist position for approximately nine (9) months;
- 4. Authorize, upon award of the grant, an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$101,904 to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund JAG Joint Law Enforcement Grant revenue account and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund Police-Administrative Services Section JAG Joint Law Enforcement Grant expenditure account as assigned by the Finance Department; and

5. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the Interlocal Agreement and all other agreements and documents necessary to complete transactions concerning the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant Program including the ability to make minor and non-substantive changes.

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.

In the past, the Police Department has received funding directly. However, 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 2019 is \$113,227. Since the County of Riverside is the fiscal agent for 2019, 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 \$101,904.

The Police Department proposes to use \$98,846 in JAG funds to continue funding the salary and benefits of one Senior Forensic Specialist position for approximately nine (9) months.

A requirement of the grant funding is to allocate 3% of the funds toward the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS). Therefore, the remaining \$3,058 will be used to pay the cost of overtime that will be needed to implement the new NIBRS crime data-reporting program.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no impact to the General Fund and no match requirements for this grant. Upon award of the grant, an increase will be made to estimated revenues in the amount of \$101,904 to account number 9166900651-33110000 and to appropriate expenditures in the same amount to account number 9166900651-44011000.

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Attachment: Interlocal Agreement