



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: AUGUST 4, 2020**

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

SUBJECT: 2020 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$385,710 - CITY OF RIVERSIDE TO SUBMIT JOINT APPLICATION AND ACT AS FISCAL AGENT FOR COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AND ALL ELIGIBLE CITIES WITHIN COUNTY - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUES:

Authorize the City of Riverside to submit a joint grant application and to act as fiscal agent for the County of Riverside and all eligible cities within Riverside County for the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$385,710; upon grant award, approve acceptance of the grant in the same amount, and authorize a supplemental appropriation.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the City of Riverside to submit a joint grant application and to act as fiscal agent for the County of Riverside and all eligible cities within Riverside County for the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant Program with the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$385,710;
2. Approve, upon grant award, the acceptance of grant funds in an amount of \$385,710 for the County of Riverside and all eligible cities within Riverside County for the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant Program;
3. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents, accept all assurances and certifications associated with the grant, and make non-substantive changes;
4. Authorize, upon grant award, an increase in the amount of \$385,710 into a trust account, and authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$385,710 in the grant

project revenue account and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to grant project expenditure account; and

5. Transfer and appropriate as spent, \$385,710 and any interest earned from the grant trust account.

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, theft and arson are Part 1 crimes. JAG funds may be used to provide for additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice.

In the past, the Riverside Police Department has received grant funding directly from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance. Since 2013, Riverside County and the City of Riverside have been alternating the grant submittal and fiscal agent responsibilities.

DISCUSSION:

For the 2020 JAG program, it is the City of Riverside's turn to submit the grant application and act as the fiscal agent for the County of Riverside and all cities within Riverside County that are eligible. The total JAG allocation for Riverside County and all eligible cities with the County is in \$385,710. The City of Riverside's allocation is \$136,681 plus accrued interest. Additionally, 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.

The Riverside Police Department proposes to use its portion of the grant, \$136,681 plus accrued interest, to provide the salary and benefits of one Senior Forensic Specialist position for one year. The salary and benefits for the Senior Forensic Specialist position is estimated at \$106,000.

The JAG 2020 also requires that 3% of the funds be allocated toward implementing the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) program. NIBRS will be replacing the Uniformed Crime Reporting (UCR) system by January 1, 2021. Riverside is required to set aside 3% or \$4,101, of its allocation for NIBRS implementation.

The remaining funds of approximately \$26,580 will be used to purchase police related equipment and supplies.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Of the total grant funds in the amount of \$385,710, the Riverside Police Department will receive \$136,681 plus accrued interest and 10% of each eligible agency's respective allocation. No

matching funds are required.

Upon grant award, an increase will be made in the amount of \$385,710 into the grant trust account 0000721-225124. An increase will also be made in estimated revenues to the grant revenue account 9170500651-33110000 and expenditures will be appropriated in the same amount to grant project account 9170500651-44011000.

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

Attachment:	Allocations by Agency
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