



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2021

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL

SUBJECT: INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BANNING, BEAUMONT, CATHEDRAL CITY, CORONA, DESERT HOT SPRINGS, HEMET, INDIO, JURUPA VALLEY, LAKE ELSINORE, MENIFEE, MORENO VALLEY, PALM SPRINGS, PERRIS, TEMECULA, CITY OF RIVERSIDE, AND THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, CA CONCERNING DISTRIBUTION OF THE 2021 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD - SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Approve the Interlocal Agreement between the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Cathedral City, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Meniffee, Moreno Valley, Palm Springs, Perris, Temecula, City of Riverside, and the County of Riverside, California, concerning distribution of the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, in the amount of \$113,642 through the County of Riverside.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Approve the Interlocal Agreement between the cities of Banning, Beaumont, Cathedral City, Corona, Desert Hot Springs, Hemet, Indio, Jurupa Valley, Lake Elsinore, Meniffee, Moreno Valley, Palm Springs, Perris, Temecula, City of Riverside, and the County of Riverside, California, concerning the distribution of the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant Award;
2. Authorize the Police Department to apply for grant funding in the amount of \$113,642 through the County of Riverside, acting as fiscal agent for all eligible entities within the county;
3. Authorize the expenditure of grant funds to continue paying for the salary and benefits of a Senior Forensic Specialist position;
4. With at least five affirmative votes, upon receipt of the grant award, authorize an increase in revenues and appropriation expenditures in the amount of \$113,642 in the Grants and Restrictive Programs Fund, Police Department JAG 21 Account assigned by

the Finance Department; and

5. Authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all grant documents associated with the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant Program, including making 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 distributed is based on 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 2021 is \$126,269. Since the County of Riverside is the fiscal agent for 2021, each eligible agency has agreed to provide 10% of their respective allocation to the County for administering the grant leaving the City of Riverside with a funding amount of \$113,642.

The Police Department proposes to use \$110,232 in JAG funds to continue funding the salary and benefits of one Senior Forensic Specialist position for approximately nine 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 \$3,410 will be used to pay the cost of overtime that will be needed to implement the new NIBRS crime data-reporting program, compliance, and training.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 2 *Community Well-Being* and Goal No. 2.4 – Support programs and innovations that enhance community safety, encourage neighborhood engagement, and build public trust.

This item aligns with EACH of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – The Riverside Police Department is dedicated to improving quality of life by creating a safe environment in partnership with the people it serves. The ability to employ a Senior Forensic Specialist, serves the public interest, benefits the City's diverse populations, and results in the greater public good.

2. **Equity** – Riverside Police Department endeavors to provide public safety services to all residents in the City of Riverside. The Senior Forensic Specialist position assists in the achievement of this goal and ensures that those that commit crimes are brought to justice.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – The Justice Assistance Grant will provide funding for a Senior Forensic Specialist, lessening the financial burden on the Police Department.
4. **Innovation** – Through compliance to current rules and regulations associated with forensics, the Riverside Police Department is equipped to adapt to the community's changing needs.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The additional funding from this grant ensures the Police Department has the capacity to preserve, adapt, and grow with the needs of the community.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The total fiscal impact of this action is \$113,642. Upon Council approval and receipt of grant award, an increase in revenues and an appropriation of expenditures in the amount of \$113,642 will be recorded in the Grants and Restricted Programs Fund, Police Department JAG 21 Grant Program, revenue account number 9173500-331100 and expenditure account number 9173500-440110.

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Attachment: Interlocal Agreement