



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 6, 2007

ITEM NUMBER:

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE AND ALLOCATION OF 2007 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

DATE: OCTOBER 16, 2007

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESENTATION BY: RON SMITH, SUPPORT SERVICES CAPTAIN

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve staff's recommendation to allocate the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for fiscal year 2007-2008 to the Police Department's operating budget.

Approve the attached budget adjustment BA #08-013 to increase revenue and appropriations in the JAG fund and allocate proceeds as follows:

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| Orange County Pro-Active Methamphetamine Laboratory Investigative Team (PROACT) | \$15,857 |
| In-Vehicle 800MHz Radios | \$15,857 |

BACKGROUND:

The City of Costa Mesa has participated in the JAG Program (formerly the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant, LLEBG) since 1996. The funds have enabled the Police Department to acquire needed equipment and technology.

For fiscal year 07-08, the County of Orange was awarded \$795,499 in JAG funds to be allocated to all Orange County agencies. Each agency's funding allocation is based on the level of Part One violent crimes reported to the FBI over a 3-year period. Costa Mesa's 07-08 allocation is \$31,714.

ANALYSIS:

Recommendations of each proposed item should meet several criteria. First, any proposal or project considered should enhance crime reduction effort and improve public safety for the community. Second, each proposal is subject to the elements contained in one or more of the purpose areas outlined by the U.S. Department of Justice. Third, it is important that proposals address the concerns and requirements of the Police Department as well as projects that benefit the community at large.

Orange County Pro-Active Methamphetamine Laboratory Investigative Team

In a collaborative effort to benefit the County of Orange, all local agencies involved in this program agree to use a portion of their total funding to supplement PROACT.

In-Vehicle 800MHz Radios

Current handheld radios are ineffective and potentially unsafe methods of detective communication during lengthy surveillances, as battery power is often exhausted midway through the investigation. This safety issue will be remedied by installing three in-vehicle radios, providing stronger signals and unlimited battery power.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Not required on this item.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The attached budget adjustment BA #08-013 increases revenue and appropriations in the JAG/LLEBG fund for the support of various police operations as listed in the "Recommendation" section of this document.

LEGAL REVIEW:

Not required on this item.

CONCLUSION:

Based upon the criteria outlined in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, staff recommends that the fiscal year 2007-2008 allocation of funds be used for the purposes presented.

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Support Services Captain

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Director of Finance

Attachments: 1 [City Council Resolution](#)
2 [Budget Adjustment #08-013](#)
3 [Agreement to Transfer Funds for 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance \(JAG\) Program](#)