



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: September 15, 2009

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE AND ALLOCATION OF 2009 RECOVERY ACT EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS

**DATE:** AUGUST 24, 2009

**FROM:** POLICE DEPARTMENT

**PRESENTATION BY:** RON SMITH, SUPPORT SERVICES CAPTAIN

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve staff's recommendation to allocate the Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for fiscal year 2009-2010 to the Police Department's operating budget.

Approve the attached budget adjustment BA #10-007 to increase revenue and appropriations in the Recovery Act JAG fund and allocate proceeds as follows:

Patrol Rifles	\$ 32,000
Online Crime-Reporting System	\$ 29,000
Tasers	\$ 16,684
Mobile Data Computer (MDC) and Radio	\$ 15,000
Parcel Mapping Service Agreement	\$ 10,000
Inventory-Control Bar Code System	\$ 4,000
Crime Mapping Software License	\$ 2,500
Security Monitors	\$ 2,500
Total	\$111,684

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Recovery Act JAG Program is an element of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 and is designed to combat violent crime while stabilizing the local budget. Recovery Act JAG funds are separate from and in addition to the typical Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funds the City annually receives.

For fiscal year 09-10, the County of Orange was awarded \$3,959,880 in Recovery Act JAG funds to be allocated across 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 09-10 allocation is \$137,881.

## **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, local agencies involved in this program agree to use a portion of their total funding to supplement PROACT. The amount of funding required for PROACT is \$13,788, which is retained by the County along with an administrative fee.

### **Online Crime-Reporting System**

Establishing an online crime-reporting system via internet and/or kiosk in the Police Department lobby will allow routine, non-emergency reports to be logged without the presence of a police officer, thereby increasing officer availability for emergency service calls and encouraging the public to report crime.

### **Patrol Rifles**

Increasing the current patrol rifle inventory will provide additional firearms technology to all Department first responders.

### **Mobile Data Computer (MDC) and Radio**

Outfitting the newest Animal Control vehicle with an MDC and radio will provide access to Department information and communication systems, and will allow the unit to deploy in the field.

### **Tasers**

Increasing the current Taser inventory will provide greater availability of less-lethal technology to first responders, as well as supplant existing Tasers recommended for replacement.

### **Parcel Mapping Service Agreement**

Installing Orange County parcel mapping data in police helicopters will enhance effectiveness with regional air operations, increase officer safety by allowing precision containments, and enable air crews to videotape the exact location of incidents.

### **Inventory-Control Bar Code System**

Implementing a bar code system will more accurately and expeditiously control Property-Evidence inventory than the prior logging system.

## **Crime Mapping Software License**

Purchasing an additional seat for the crime mapping software will allow more officers to better identify and address ongoing and emerging crime trends, thereby increasing patrol efficiency.

## **Security Monitors**

Installing four new security monitors will increase viewing capabilities of the current security system and save staff time.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

Not required on this item.

### **FISCAL REVIEW:**

The attached budget adjustment BA #10-007 increases revenue and appropriations in the Recovery Act JAG fund in the amount of \$111,684 for the support of various police operations as listed in the "Analysis" section of this document.

### **LEGAL REVIEW:**

Not required on this item.

### **CONCLUSION:**

Based upon the criteria outlined in the Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, staff recommends that the fiscal year 2009-2010 allocation of funds be used for the purposes presented.

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Attachments: 1 [Budget Adjustment #10-007](#)  
2 [Agreement to Transfer Funds for 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance \(JAG\) Program](#)