



CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: November 17, 2009

ITEM NUMBER: Item Number

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

DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2009

FROM: POLICE DEPARTMENT

PRESENTATION BY: CHRISTOPHER SHAWKEY, CHIEF OF POLICE

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RECOMMENDATION:

Approve staff's recommendation to allocate the 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 #10-014 to increase revenue and appropriations in the JAG fund and allocate proceeds as follows:

- Broadband Services for Mobile Data Computers (MDCs) \$30,525

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 09-10, the County of Orange was awarded \$880,454 in 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 \$33,543. However, the County is allowed to charge an administrative fee of \$3,018 therefore the City will receive the remaining amount of \$30,525.

ANALYSIS:

Recommendations of proposed items 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.

Broadband Services for MDCs

The broadband service for MDCs will allow field personnel to access and utilize multiple applications (e.g., mapping, wanted flyer retrievals, crime analysis information, field report-writing capabilities, streaming video, local, statewide and multi-state law enforcement information-sharing applications such as COPLINK, photo identification capabilities, fingerprint identification capabilities, etc.), while in the course of their duties. The availability of these applications will augment standard operations and enhance the overall effectiveness of field personnel.

ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:

Not required on this item.

FISCAL REVIEW:

The attached budget adjustment BA #10-014 increases revenue and appropriations in the JAG/LLEBG fund in the amount of \$30,525 for the support of broadband services as described in the "Analysis" 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 2009-2010 allocation of funds be used for the purposes presented.

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ATTACHMENTS: 1. [Budget Adjustment #10-014](#)
 2. [Agreement to Transfer Funds for 2009 Edwards Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance \(JAG\) Program](#)