



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2014

ITEM NUMBER:

**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE AND ALLOCATION OF THE 2014 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FUNDS

**DATE:** October 2, 2014

**FROM:** POLICE DEPARTMENT

**PRESENTATION BY:** GREG SCOTT, LIEUTENANT

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve staff's recommendation to allocate 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds to the Police Department's operating budget.
2. Approve the attached budget adjustment (BA #15-009) to increase revenue and appropriations in the JAG fund, and allocate funds as follows:
  - Facility Security System Upgrade - \$18,026

## **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.

The County of Orange was awarded \$434,569 for the 2014 JAG, which is 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 2014 JAG allocation is \$19,809; however, the County retains a 9% administrative fee of \$1,783 and the City's remaining allocation is \$18,026. There are no City matching requirements for acceptance of this grant.

## **ANALYSIS:**

Recommendations of proposed items should meet several criteria. First, any proposal or project considered should enhance crime reduction efforts 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.

**Facility Security System Upgrade:** In general, law enforcement is a target to both foreign and domestic threats. The department intends on expanding its current security system to include other police facilities. The department's project goal is to expand upon its security system by installing new card access points at the Police Department's Communications Center and Westside Substation facilities. The installation of these new card access points will improve the department's security system and enhance its monitoring capabilities of police facilities. NAF funds will cover project costs which exceed the \$18,026 from the 2014 JAG allocation.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

Not required on this item.

**FISCAL REVIEW:**

The attached budget adjustment BA #15-009 increases revenue and appropriations in the JAG/LLEBG fund in the amount of \$18,026 for the support of the objective described in the "Analysis" section of this document. There are no City matching requirements for acceptance of this grant.

**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 2014 JAG allocation of funds be used for the purpose presented.

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- ATTACHMENTS:
1. [Budget Adjustment #15-009](#)
  2. [Agreement to Transfer Funds for 2014 Edwards Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance \(JAG\) Program](#)