



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: DECEMBER 1, 2015

ITEM NUMBER: **CC-7**

**SUBJECT:** RECOMMENDED ACCEPTANCE AND ALLOCATION OF THE 2015 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FUNDS

**DATE:** November 10, 2015

**FROM:** POLICE DEPARTMENT

**PRESENTATION BY:** GREG SCOTT, LIEUTENANT

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## **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. Approve staff's recommendation to allocate 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds to the Police Department's operating budget.
2. Approve the attached budget adjustment (BA #16-007) to increase revenue and appropriations in the JAG fund, and allocate funds as follows:
  - Technology Improvement - South Coast Plaza Streaming Live Video to Responding Police Vehicles: \$17,290

## **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 \$332,859 for the 2015 JAG, which is to be allocated among 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 2015 JAG allocation is \$18,999; however, the County retains a 9% administrative fee of \$1,709 and the City's remaining allocation is \$17,290. 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 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.

## **Technology Improvement - South Coast Plaza Streaming Live Video to Responding Police Vehicles:**

The South Coast Plaza (SCP) retail district, located at 3333 Bristol Street and 3333 Bear Street, has been designated by the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as a soft target, potentially vulnerable to terrorist-type activity. South Coast Plaza was rated by DHS as the #10 top target among 600 soft target locations in Orange County. Implementation of this project supports evaluation of a recently completed pilot project which presently enables streaming of live video, of activity at SCP, to police cars. That project was made operational on August 1, 2015 using 2013 JAG funds. 2015 JAG funds shall be utilized to continue operation of the initial project - to enable the evaluation of its practical usefulness and potential for development.

The department's project objectives are as follows:

- (1) Support (fund) continued service of the live video streaming system, to 10 CMPD police vehicles, up to two additional years.
- (2) During this period, evaluate the system's practical benefits with regard to reducing response times and improving coordination of officers responding to critical or potential critical events at SCP.
- (3) During this period, evaluate the feasibility of further developing the system, e.g. augmenting the current system to include police officers' capability of streaming live video, from the SCP police substation, to police cars.

### **ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED:**

Not required on this item.

### **FISCAL REVIEW:**

The attached budget adjustment BA #16-007 increases revenue and appropriations in the JAG/LLEBG fund in the amount of \$17,290 for the support of the objectives 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 2015 JAG allocation of funds be used for the purpose presented.

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- ATTACHMENTS:
1. [Budget Adjustment #16-007](#)
  2. [Agreement to Transfer Funds for 2015 Edwards Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance \(JAG\) Program](#)

2015 JAG GRANT ALLOCATION

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