



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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Consent
July 31, 2007

Honorable Mayor and
Members of the City Council

Subject: Grant: Acceptance of U.S. Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant

Location/Council District: Citywide

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution** 1) authorizing the City Manager to accept an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant award of \$475,880 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance; and 2) increasing the Police Department's Grant Expense and Grant Revenue Budgets in the amount of \$475,880.

Contact: Sylvia Moir, Lieutenant, 808-0866

Presenters: Not applicable

Department: Police

Division: Fiscal

Organization No: 2117

Description/Analysis:

Issue: The Sacramento Police Department ("SPD") recently applied for \$475,880 in funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The JAG allows state and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The JAG Program replaces the Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant programs with a single funding mechanism. Forty percent of the JAG funding is designated for units of local government.

The SPD is requesting approval to accept and use, upon award, this funding for the City of Sacramento's Helicopter Surveillance Program.

Policy Considerations: Accepting Federal funding is consistent with past practices of using Bureau of Justice Assistance funding to enhance law enforcement operations. The SPD received and used JAG funding in FY2004/05 and FY2005/06.

Environmental Considerations: This proposal does not constitute a “project” and is therefore exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act according to CEQA guidelines Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15378(a).

Commission/Committee Action: None

Rationale for Recommendation: The SPD plans to use the grant funding to fund equipment costs in the Helicopter Surveillance Programs. More specifically, the grant will help fund the purchase of a FLIR Ultra8500XRT, a technologically up-to-date airborne imaging system, night vision goggles, as well as facilitate the overall improvement of the Helicopter Surveillance Program by improving the helicopter’s flight capabilities. The new equipment will increase the effectiveness of the helicopter in assisting and providing valuable information to ground officials and incident commanders.

Given that the quality of thermal imaging can mean the difference between locating and losing a suspect, it is essential that the City have an airborne thermal imager that is lightweight and packed with features to minimize operator workload and maximize missions. Additionally, this system will allow the Department to swiftly and accurately pinpoint problem areas in real time by using the system’s video downlink system. The FLIR Ultra8500XRT is far superior to the old system the SPD currently utilizes.

Financial Considerations: SPD applied for \$475,880 from JAG. This grant does not require any match funding or additional positions. JAG funds can only be used to purchase equipment. This grant does not obligate the City to expend additional City resources.

In accordance with the terms of the grant program, federal funds must be used to supplement existing funds for program activities and cannot replace, or supplant, nonfederal funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose. Grant awards are made in the first fiscal year of the appropriation and can be used over a four-year period.

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Equipment for this grant will be purchased in accordance with the City’s Emerging and Small Business Development program requirements.

Respectfully Submitted by: Sylvia Moir
Sylvia Moir, Lieutenant

Approved by: Albert Nájera
Albert Nájera, Chief of Police

Recommendation Approved:

Ray Kerridge
Ray Kerridge
City Manager

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ATTACHMENT 1

Background

The U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows state and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The JAG Program blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed the most. Forty percent of the JAG funding is designated for units of local government.

ATTACHMENT 2

RESOLUTION NO. 2007-

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

ACCEPTANCE OF FY 2006/07 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

BACKGROUND

- A. The U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows state and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The JAG Program replaces the Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant programs with a single funding mechanism. Forty percent of the JAG funding is designated for units of local government.
- B. As a designated eligible applicant, the Sacramento Police Department has applied for up to \$475,880 in JAG funding. The Police Department is requesting approval to accept and use, if awarded, \$475,880 in Federal funding for the Helicopter Surveillance Program.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. The City Manager, or designated representative, is hereby authorized to accept a grant award on behalf of the City of Sacramento, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, in the amount of \$475,880, including any future extensions or amendments thereof.
- Section 2. The Grant Operating Expense and Revenue Budgets shall be amended as follows:

Grant Revenue Budget:		
255-OGR-GXXX-3511	2007 JAG grant revenue	<u>475,880</u>
	Total grant revenues	\$475,880

Grant Expense Budget:		
255-OGR-GXXX-4464	(Equipment/Supplies)	<u>475,880</u>
	Total grant expenditures	\$475,880