

Legislation Text

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Resolution Authorizing Grant Application and Execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2016

| Department: | Police |
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| Council District: | All |
| Public Hearing: | 7/19/16 |
| Advertising Date/By: | 7/7/16/City Clerk |
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PURPOSE:

Collectively, the City of Greensboro, City of High Point and Guilford County have been awarded Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2016 funding totaling \$204,515. In accordance with Department of Justice funding requirements Council is required to offer public input prior to their consideration to approve proposed grant fund allocations and a Memorandum of Understanding between the participating jurisdictions. On June 21, 2016, the Greensboro City Council was presented with a resolution calling a public hearing for July 19, 2016 to consider authorizing grant application and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2016.

BACKGROUND:

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program awards are formula-based, non-competitive federal criminal justice funds which do not require a match. JAG allocations are based on violent crime and population and the local unit of government award allocations are based on their proportion of the state's 3-year violent crime average. The Greensboro Police Department will serve as the lead/fiscal agency for the FY 16 JAG for the award period of October 1, 2015 through September 30, 2019.

This grant is a disparate allocation between the Greensboro Police Department, High Point Police Department and Guilford County Sherriff's Department. A disparate allocation occurs when a city or municipality is allocated more funds than the county, while the county bears more than 50 percent of the costs associated with prosecution or incarceration of the municipality's Part 1 violent crimes. These agencies have agreed to reallocate \$204,515 in JAG funds to the City of High Point for a total of \$41,454; to Guilford County for a total of \$51,542; and to the City of Greensboro for a total of \$111,519. An application process is required to approve the proposed use of funds.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This is a reimbursable grant; no match required. Any expenses exceeding the JAG funding will be absorbed by each agency's budget. If approved and awarded as proposed, the Greensboro Police Department will leverage \$ 111,519 in federal funds.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

City Council is requested to adopt the attached resolution and Memorandum of Understanding authorizing the Police Department to apply for and the City of Greensboro to execute the agreement for the appropriation of the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$204,515.