



Legislation Text

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Resolution Authorizing Grant Application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2020- \$241,872

Council Priority: Promote Public Safety & Reduce Crime

Department: Police
Council District: All

Public Hearing: NA
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PURPOSE:

The Greensboro Police Department, High Point Police Department and Guilford County Sheriff's Office wish to jointly apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 20 in the amount of \$241,872. Council is requested to adopt the attached resolution approving the grant application.

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 (GPD) will serve as the lead/fiscal agency for the FY 20 JAG for the award period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023.

These agencies have agreed to reallocate \$241,872 JAG funds to the Greensboro Police Department (\$133,029.60); Guilford County Sheriff's Department (\$59,544.80); and the High Point Police Department (\$49,297.60). This grant is a disparate allocation between the Greensboro Police Department, High Point Police Department and Guilford County Sheriff's Department.

Over the past decade, the Greensboro Police Department has used JAG funds to purchase more than 18 patrol vehicles and trailers, instituted and funded their Electronic Monitoring program, and purchased a 3D laser crime scene scanner used to map homicide and fatal accident scenes for evidentiary and court purposes. For the 2020 JAG, anticipated expenditures include 2 bomb technician suits for their Hazardous Device Team. GPD is part of the Regional Response Team covering 11 North Carolina counties and is the only Hazardous Device Team member. The suits have a limited life, cost approximately \$32,000 apiece, and the current GPD bomb suits are expiring. Further, the department wishes to fund racial equity training for the department that is outside of its City budget. Other expenditures include a fingerprint machine to allow citizens to be fingerprinted for employment opportunities that require them as part of the hiring process.

BUDGET IMPACT:

This is a reimbursable grant and 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 \$133,029.60 in federal funds.

RECOMMENDATION / ACTION REQUESTED:

It is requested that City Council adopt the resolution for approval of the grant for the application process the 2020 Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$241,872.