



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 19, 2017

TO: Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

FROM: Jennifer G Tejada, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Authorizing The Acceptance Of The City's Apportionment Of Alameda County's 2017 E.J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) In The Amount Of \$9,761.25 And Appropriating Said Amount To Grant Fund 254

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve the resolution authorizing the City of Emeryville to accept the City's apportionment of the 2017 E.J. Byrne Grant in the amount of \$9,761.25 from Alameda County and to appropriate the funds to Grant Fund 254 for Grant Revenues and Capital Equipment Outlay

BACKGROUND

Prior to 2001 the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance administered a Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (LLEBG). The LLEBG program provided funds directly to local law enforcement agencies to be utilized in seven (7) "Purpose Areas." Those seven areas were Law Enforcement support; Enhancing security measures; Establishing or supporting drug courts; Enhancing the adjudication of cases involving violent offenders; Establishing multijurisdictional task forces; Establishing crime prevention programs; and Defraying the cost of indemnification insurance for Law Enforcement Officers.

Since 2001 the federal funding for these grants has been distributed through the E.J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Those grants were awarded to specific geographical areas most likely to be a target of a terrorist attack and administered through the local county Sheriff's Department. The distribution of the County's award to the local cities is calculated through a formula based on several factors including population and crime rate.

Although the mechanics of how these grant funds are distributed has changed, the same seven purpose areas still govern the spending of the money. Since there is no certainty that the City will receive funding in any given year nor is there a consistency in the amount the City will receive, staff has chosen to utilize this funding for one time capital equipment and unfunded training expenditures. In the past funding from these grants has been used to offset the cost of upgrading the Department's Computer Aided Dispatch and Records Management Systems, the purchase of patrol firearms, and Body-worn Cameras. Staff

intends to use the 2017 funds to purchase a computer software system to assist in the documentation and creation of diagrams of traffic collisions and crime scenes. This will increase efficiency by reducing staff time by approximately 40% with automatic scene and object computer generated measurements and scene diagrams. The system also ensures accuracy in the depiction and measurements of collision and crime scenes.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact from this grant. The grant has no matching requirements for the City. Staff is recommending that the monies be appropriated to Grant Fund 254 for grant revenues received and for Capital Equipment outlay and unfunded training costs.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

None

CONFLICT OF INTEREST

None

CONCLUSION

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PREPARED BY: Jennifer G. Tejada, Chief of Police

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Carolyn Lehr, City Manager

ATTACHMENT

1. Resolution