



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, June 25, 2013

Council Session

Item E-9

Public Hearing on 2013 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application and Funding

Staff Contact: Steven Lamken

Council Agenda Memo

From: Chief Steven Lamken, Police Department

Meeting: June 25, 2013

Subject: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2013

Item #'s: E-9 & G-21

Presenter(s): Steve Lamken, Chief of Police

Background

The Grand Island Police Department and Hall County Sheriff's Department are eligible to receive Justice Assistance Grant money from the U.S. Department of Justice under the JAG offering in 2013. The total award for Grand Island-Hall County is in the amount of \$27,794.00. The monies may be spent over a four year period. The Grand Island Police Department will serve as the fiscal agency on this grant.

The Hall County Sheriff's Department is a disparate agency and will receive twenty five percent of the award totals. The grant will be shared; \$6,948.50 to Hall County and \$20,845.50 to the City of Grand Island.

The Department of Justice requires that recipient agencies identify how the funds will be used. The Police Department will use the funds to support our mobile video and computing systems in our patrol fleet as we have done for several years.

Discussion

There is a requirement that the applicant agency (Grand Island Police Department) make the grant application available for review by the governing body not less than 30 days before application. The application deadline is July 9, 2013.

There is a federal mandate that requires a public hearing regarding the application process and disbursement of the JAG funds. This hearing will take place.

The grant requires an MOU between the applicant (Grand Island) and any disparate agencies (Hall County). By definition, Hall County is a disparate agency eligible for funds.

Alternatives

It appears that the Council has the following alternatives concerning the issue at hand. The Council may:

1. Approve the application and suggested disbursement of JAG funds and the MOU.
2. Reject the application and use of JAG funds

Recommendation

City Administration recommends that the Council approve the application and suggested disbursement as presented and the MOU.

Sample Motion

Move to approve the application and suggested disbursement of Justice Assistance Grant funding and the MOU between the City of Grand Island and Hall County.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

CFDA Number: 16.738

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

COUNTY OF HALL

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA
AND COUNTY OF HALL, NEBRASKA**

2013 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD

This agreement is made and entered into this 25th day of June, 2013, by and between The County of Hall, acting by and through its governing body, The Hall County Board of Supervisors, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, and the CITY of Grand Island, acting by and through its governing body, the City Council, hereinafter referred to as CITY, both of Hall County, State of Nebraska, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, the City and County may apply for a direct award from the Justice Assistance Grant Program in the amount of \$27,794.00 and the City shall act as fiscal agent for this award and file the joint application on behalf of the City and County: and

WHEREAS, each governing body, in performing governmental functions or in paying the performance of governmental functions hereunder, shall make that performance or those payments from current revenues legally available to that party: and

WHEREAS, each governing body finds that the performance of this agreement is in the best interests of both parties, that the undertaking will benefit the public, and that the division of costs fairly compensates the performing party for the services or function under this agreement: and

WHEREAS, the CITY agrees to provide the COUNTY 25% of the award, \$6,948.50 from the \$27,794.00 JAG award: and

WHEREAS, the CITY and COUNTY believe it to be in their best interests to reallocate the JAG funds.

NOW THEREFORE, the COUNTY and CITY agree as follows:

Section 1.

CITY agrees to pay COUNTY a total of 25% (\$6,948.50) of the 2013 JAG funds (\$27,794.00)

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Section 2.

COUNTY agrees to use the \$6,948.50 of the 2013 JAG funds by 9-30-2016.

Section 3.

Each party to this agreement will be responsible for its own actions in providing services under this agreement and shall not be liable for any civil liability that may arise from the furnishing of the services by the other party.

CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA COUNTY OF HALL, NEBRASKA

Mayor date:

Board Chairperson date:

ATTEST:

City Clerk date:

County Clerk date: