



# City of Grand Island

Tuesday, May 13, 2014

Council Session

## Item G-4

**#2014-101 - Approving 2014 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)  
Application and Funding**

Staff Contact: Steven Lamken

# Council Agenda Memo

**From:** Chief Steven Lamken, Police Department

**Meeting:** May 13, 2014

**Subject:** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)  
2014

**Item #'s:** G-4

**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 2014. The total award for Grand Island-Hall County is in the amount of \$26,312.00. The monies may be spent over a three 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; \$6,578 to Hall County and \$19,734 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.

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

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, along with the MOU between the City of Grand Island and Hall County.

## **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

2014 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD

This agreement is made and entered into this 13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2014, 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 \$26,312.00 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, \$6,578.00 from the \$26,312.00 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% (\$6,578.00) of the 2014 JAG funds (\$26,312.00)

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**Section 2.**

COUNTY agrees to use the \$6,578.00 of the 2014 JAG funds by 9-30-2017.

**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

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Mayor                      date:

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Board Chairperson                      date:

ATTEST:

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City Clerk                      date:

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County Clerk                      date:

RESOLUTION 2014-101

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Police Department has received notification that they are eligible to apply for \$26,312.00 in grant funds under the 2014 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program and the Hall County Sheriff's Department has been named as a disparate agency; and

WHEREAS the Grand Island Police Department as the applicant will act as the fiscal agent; and

WHEREAS, the Grand Island Police Department will be allocated \$19,734 of the grant funds; and

WHEREAS the Hall County Sheriff's Department will be allocated \$6,578 of the grant funds; and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held on May 13, 2014, as required to discuss the proposed use of such funds; and

WHEREAS, a memorandum of understanding between the City of Grand Island and Hall County is required as part of the grant application.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND ISLAND, NEBRASKA, that approval is hereby granted to enter into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Hall County for the application of 2014 JAG funding.

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Adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Island, Nebraska, May 13, 2014.

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Jay Vavricek, Mayor

Attest:

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RaNae Edwards, City Clerk

Approved as to Form	☒ _____
May 9, 2014	☒ City Attorney