



City of Grand Island

Tuesday, April 14, 2009

Council Session

Item E6

**Public Hearing on Application for Edward Byrne Memorial
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2009**

Staff Contact: Steve Lamken

Council Agenda Memo

From: Chief Steven Lamken, Police Department

Meeting: April 14, 2009

Subject: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2009

Item #'s: E-6 & G-16

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 in 2009. The total award for Grand Island is in the amount of \$113,218 and 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 will be a disparate agency and will receive twenty five percent of the award totals, \$28,304.50, with the remaining seventy five percent, \$84,913.50 to the City of Grand Island.

Discussion

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

\$84,913.50 from the grant funds awarded to the Grand Island Police Department is tentatively allocated to purchase equipment to improve police communication and reporting processes; to include automated reporting equipment, police radios, and mobile data equipment for patrol vehicles.

\$28,304.50 from the grant funds awarded to the Hall County Sheriff's Department, a named disparate agency, is tentatively allocated to purchase equipment that includes rifles, handguns, and taser equipment.

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.
2. Reject the application and use of JAG funds
3. Send to committee for further discussion.
4. Table for more discussion.
5. Take no action.

Recommendation

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

Sample Motion

Move to approve the application and suggested disbursement of Justice Assistance Grant funding.

GMS APPLICATION NUMBER 2009-F4546-NE-SB
FUNDING OPPORTUNITY NUMBER: BJA-2009-2101

THE STATE OF NEBRASKA

COUNTY OF HALL

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

2009 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD

This agreement is made and entered into this _____ day of April, 2009, 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 of \$113,218 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 for 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 functions under this agreement: and

WHEREAS, the CITY agrees to provide the COUNTY \$28,304.50 from the \$113,218 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 \$28,304.50 of JAG funds.

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Section 2.

COUNTY agrees to use the \$28,304.50 JAG funds by 9-30-2013.

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

Board Chairperson

ATTEST:

City Clerk

County Clerk