



MEMO FROM COUNCIL OFFICE:

To: Members of the Common Council

From: Stephen Lucas, Council Administrator/Attorney

Date: November 9, 2023

Re: Resolution 23-21 - To Approve an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City of Bloomington and Monroe County, Indiana in Regards to the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Synopsis

This resolution approves the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and the County for 2023 JAG funds. JAG funds are divided between the City and the County based on violent crime statistics reported to the FBI through the Uniform Crime Report. A three year review of violent crime statistics shows that the City is entitled to 93% of the grant funds, and the County is entitled to the remaining 7%. The overall JAG award for 2023 is \$54,337. The City will receive \$50,533, and the County will receive \$3,804. The City will apply its award to the purchase of portable radios. The County will apply its award to the purchase of automated external defibrillators (AEDs).

Relevant Materials

- Resolution 23-21
- Interlocal Cooperation Agreement re: 2023 Justice Assistance Grant Funds
- JAG Program Fact Sheet

Summary

Resolution 23-21 approves of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and County specifying the division of 2023 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. The JAG program is a federal grant program intended to allow local communities to target with greater specificity their crime-fighting needs. JAG funds are to be used for the following:

- (1) Law enforcement programs;
- (2) Prosecution and court programs;
- (3) Prevention and education programs;
- (4) Corrections and community corrections programs;
- (5) Drug treatment and enforcement programs;
- (6) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs;
- (7) Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation);
- (8) Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams; and
- (9) Implementation of State crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives.

34 U.S.C.A. § 10152



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More information about the program is available in the JAG Program Fact Sheet, included in this packet, or online at <https://bj.a.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview>.

Since at least 2009, the City and County have cooperatively pursued JAG funds. Locally, these grants have helped acquire items such as: vehicle-mounted video recording equipment for marked police vehicles, automated external defibrillators, body cameras, an NC4 *Street Smart* computer program, eDesk kiosks, a telephone system, digital interviewing equipment, in-car cameras, security cameras in the downtown area, vehicle locator equipment and software, tire deflation devices for vehicle pursuits, and special vehicles.

Agreement

As a precondition to an award, the City and the County must enter into an Agreement (a copy of the Agreement is included in the packet). The Agreement:

- Reflects “the commitments and understandings...[of] the governmental entities in order to efficiently and effectively utilize proceeds” from the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant;
- Makes each party solely responsible for their own actions in furnishing services under the Agreement;
- Requires the parties to communicate and cooperate with each other and to make good-faith efforts to obtain all necessary funds and otherwise comply with the Agreement;
- Conditions performance of the duties under the Agreement on the receipt and appropriation of sufficient JAG funds; and
- Divides funds between the two governmental entities based on a review of violent crime statistics reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation through the Uniform Crime Reports.

Use of Funds

For the calendar year 2023, JAG funds dedicated to the City and County amount to \$54,337 collectively (compared to \$49,363 in 2022). A three year review of the violent crime statistics for both governmental agencies indicates that the City is to receive 93% (\$50,533) of the total JAG funds, and that the County is to receive the remaining 7% (\$3,804) of the total JAG funds. The Bloomington Police Department will use these funds towards the purchase of portable radios. The County will use its portion towards the purchase of automated external defibrillators.

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