

REPORT TO THE CITY COUNCIL



DATE: September 19, 2017

TITLE: Authorization to Apply for Grant Funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2017 Local Solicitation Grant Application

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RECOMMENDATION

- 1) Authorize the Desert Hot Springs Police Department to submit an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2017 Local Solicitation grant application requesting allocated grant funds for \$17,303.00; and
- 2) Authorize the City Manager, or his designee, to sign any needed grant application documents and/or contact.

DISCUSSION

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is made available through the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program furthers the Justice Department's mission by assisting local efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence, and enhance officer training.

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds may be used for State and Local initiatives, technical assistance, data collection, training, personnel, equipment, forensic laboratories, and supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems that will improve or enhance such areas as law enforcement programs. The City of Desert Hot Springs is allocated \$17,303 minus \$1,730 (10%) to Riverside County Sheriff's Department for management of the grant.

The City of Desert Hot Springs is one of the poorer cities in the entirety of Riverside County. According to the 2010 United States Census the median household income was \$32,883 with 28.6% of the population living below the federal poverty line. The Police Department is the lowest paid municipal agency in the Coachella Valley, 28% below the next lowest paid agency. Grant funding is critical for our training needs. We are currently funded for 33 sworn positions; we have 10 vacancies and 4 off on duty related injuries with no anticipated return dates.

We intend to use our funds for Officer Safety Training Programs as authorized in the JAG Grant Project Identifies List. We intend to use the grant monies for training tuition and travel for training programs such as, but not limited to, VALOR Essentials Training. Our Goal is to ensure and maintain officer safety and reduce on duty injuries.

Acceptance of the grant funding will require the Department to provide the U.S. Department of Justice with quarterly status reports regarding the use of the grant.

FISCAL IMPACT

Grant funding will reimburse for the cost of funds training. No additional funding or allocation is necessary.

EXHIBIT(S)

- 1) Grant Memorandum
- 2) Budget Detail Worksheet
- 3) 2017 JAG Certification Compliance
- 4) Interlocal Agreement