



AGENDA REPORT

TO: JOHN A. FLORES
INTERIM CITY ADMINISTRATOR

FROM: Sean Whent

SUBJECT: Appropriate Additional Federal
Fiscal Year 2014 Local Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds
DATE: March 16, 2015

City Administrator
Approval

Date

3/30/15

COUNCIL DISTRICT: City-Wide

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Administrator or designee to accept and appropriate an additional forty one thousand eight hundred twenty five dollars and thirty five cents (\$41,825.35) from Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2014 U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Program Funds.

OUTCOME

By accepting the additional \$41,825.35 in FFY 2014 JAG funds, the Oakland Police Department (OPD) will be able to apply additional resources to enforcement operations, officer training, and critical software, and technology upgrades. By strengthening and enhancing these critical needs OPD will be able to improve long-term law enforcement efforts.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

As part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005, the 108th Congress merged the discretionary Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program with the formula-based Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program to establish the JAG Program. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) administers the JAG Program, and the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) calculates the JAG formula-based award amounts using specifications outlined in the legislation. In order to determine local awards, BJS determines which jurisdictions should be

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included in the calculation of the three-year violent crime averages on which local awards are based. These crime averages are computed using data published by the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program. To be eligible, a jurisdiction must have provided to the UCR Program a count of the number of violent crimes known to law enforcement each year for a minimum of three years in the last 10 years. BJA has developed joint application groups which consolidate certain cities and counties for the JAG program. Alameda County is part of a joint application group with the cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Newark, Oakland, San Leandro, and Union City.

ANALYSIS

The annual JAG funding program is designed to help local governments reduce crime and improve public safety. The U.S. Department of Justice relies on a formula managed by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) to calculate a minimum base award amount for each funded jurisdiction. On October 1, 2013, the City Council approved Resolution No. 84641 C.M.S., which authorized the acceptance and appropriation of JAG Local Program Funds in the exact amount of \$500,200 for each of the 2013 and 2014 Federal Fiscal Years (FFY).

Resolution No. 84641 C.M.S. was written with the assumption of a fixed award amount of exactly \$500,200 for each year of this funding cycle. JAG grant allocations, however, are determined by a minimum base allocation, based on the statutory JAG formula; the base allocation can be enhanced by variables such as population, each state's crime expenditures, and direct allocations for local governments within each state, based on their share of the total violent crime reported within the state. As a result of the 2014 calculation, the City of Oakland is entitled to an additional \$41,825.35 for the 2014 FFY.

Adopting this resolution will allow OPD to further fund the programs outlined in the report accompanying Resolution No. 84641 C.M.S. The goals of these programs are:

- 1) Strengthen and enhance long-term law enforcement efforts throughout the City of Oakland;
- 2) Strengthen and expand existing enforcement operations;
- 3) Upgrade software and hardware computer equipment;
- 4) Repair, and/or purchase equipment necessary to crime fighting; and
- 5) Increase and enhance the level of training officers need to be up-to-date with current best practices.

FISCAL IMPACT

The approval of this resolution will authorize the City Administrator or designee to accept and appropriate additional JAG grant funds in an amount not to exceed \$41,825.35 for the 2014 Federal Fiscal Year grant.

PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST

Resources will be utilized to strengthen and expand existing enforcement operations and for targeting violent crime throughout Oakland.

COORDINATION

The Controller's Bureau and the City Attorney's Office were consulted in preparation of this report.

SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES

Economic: Whenever possible, supplies and equipment financed through JAG grant funds will be purchased locally.

Environmental: No environmental opportunities have been identified.

Social Equity: Grant funds and other resources contributed by partnering agencies are directed towards achieving increased service levels and reduced crime in the City of Oakland.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Bruce Stoffmacher, Management Assistant, OPD Research and Planning, at (510) 238-6976.

Respectfully submitted,



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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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City Attorney

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR, OR DESIGNEE, TO ACCEPT AND APPROPRIATE ADDITIONAL FUNDS FROM FFY 2014 JAG GRANT AWARD IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED FORTY ONE THOUSAND, EIGHT HUNDRED TWENTY FIVE DOLLARS AND THIRTY FIVE CENTS (\$41,825.35) IN ADDITION TO THE FIVE HUNDRED THOUSAND, TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500,200) ALREADY ACCEPTED AND APPROPRIATED AS PART OF RESOLUTION 84641, FOR THE 2014 FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR

WHEREAS, on October 1, 2013, the City Council approved Resolution 84641, which authorized the City Administrator or designee to accept and appropriate Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Program Funds in an amount not to exceed five hundred thousand, two hundred dollars (\$500,200) for each of the 2013 and 2014 Federal Fiscal Years (FFY); and

WHEREAS, this annual grant from the U.S. Department of Justice (USDOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Program for frontline policing provides funding through the JAG program to units of local government for the purpose of reducing crime and improving public safety; and

WHEREAS, the USDOJ Office of Justice Programs, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Program for frontline policing relies on a formula managed by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), which calculates a minimum base allocation based on the statutory JAG formula, which can be enhanced by variables such as population, each state's crime expenditures, and direct allocations for local governments within each state, based on their share of the total violent crime reported within the state; and

WHEREAS, for FFY 2014, the USDOJ Office of Justice Programs, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local Program for frontline policing has calculated that the City of Oakland is entitled to an additional \$41,825.35, in addition to the anticipated \$500,200 award already appropriated by Resolution 84641, based on their formula funding; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is required to apply for its federal allocation of JAG grant funds as a consortium led by Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Alameda County since 2005 for the purpose of administering JAG grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the Government Code requires that OPD request the local jurisdiction's legislative body to appropriate said funds solely for front line law enforcement services in accordance with OPD's spending plan; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 30062(d) defines frontline law enforcement services to include community crime prevention programs; and

WHEREAS, Oakland Municipal Code section 2.07.020 requires City Council approval of all grant awards made from money or funds donated, given or granted to the City from any public or private source, regardless of the amount; and

WHEREAS, the proposed spending plan will facilitate City Council's goal of crime reduction through citywide community policing and other strategies; and

WHEREAS, the sum of an additional \$41,825.35 FFY 2014 JAG Local Program funds must be allocated in accordance with the JAG spending plan; and

WHEREAS, the City Council previously authorized acceptance of similar grant funds by Resolution No. 84338 C.M.S. dated May 7, 2013, Resolution No.83625 C.M.S. dated October 27, 2011, Resolution No.82934 C.M.S. dated July 20, 2010, Resolution No. 81975 C.M.S. dated May 5, 2009, Resolution No. 81581 C.M.S. dated October 7, 2008, Resolution No. 80873 C.M.S. dated October 2, 2007, Resolution No. 80128 C.M.S. dated September 19, 2006, Resolution No. 79764 C.M.S. dated March 7, 2006, and Resolution No. 79378 C.M.S. dated July 19, 2005; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that City Council does hereby approve and authorize the City Administrator, or his or her designee, to accept and appropriate FFY 2014 JAG Grant Funds in an amount not to exceed forty one thousand, eight hundred twenty five dollars and thirty five cents (\$41,825.35), in addition to the five hundred thousand, two hundred dollars (\$500,200) already accepted and appropriated as part of Resolution 84641, for FFY 2014.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, and
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California