



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Larry D. Lisenbee

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: January 4, 2006

Approved

Kay Winer

Date

1/10/06

Council District: City-Wide

**SUBJECT: ESTABLISHMENT OF THE EDWARD BYRNE
MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT TRUST
FUND**

RECOMMENDATION

Approval of an ordinance amending Chapter 4.80 of Title 4 of the San José Municipal Code to add a new part to establish the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Trust Fund for the following purposes:

1. To collect and deposit all monies received by the City from the federal government related to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants; and
2. To ensure the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant expenditures are spent within grant guidelines.

BACKGROUND

Starting with Fiscal Year 2005-2006, the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has replaced the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Program with the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

Since March 16, 1999 the City Council has approved the administration of yearly awards from LLEBG grants. LLEBG grants are specifically for law enforcement purposes and based on a formula-driven distribution with a required City match. Also, LLEBG grant funds and any accrued interest are expended within the grant term of the fiscal year in which they were awarded.

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The JAG Program replaces the LLEBG program with a single mechanism intended to simplify the administration process and distribution of funds to grantees. JAG incorporates the guidelines and requirements of the LLEBG program with a few changes. Under JAG, the County of Santa Clara is the unit of local government acting as Fiscal Agent for the Cities of Campbell, Gilroy, Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara and San José. Under JAG, a local match is no longer required. Also, the JAG grant authority requires the establishment of a trust fund by a local agency receiving grant funds.

The JAG Program furthers the Police Department's mission to promote public safety; prevent, suppress, and investigate crimes; provide emergency and non-emergency services; create and maintain strong community partnerships; adapt a multi-disciplinary approach to solving community problems; and develop and promote a diverse, professional work force.

ANALYSIS

In order for the Police Department to use the awarded JAG 2005 funds, as well as any future grant funding, Council approval of an ordinance to establish the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Trust Fund is required.

The Police Department proposes to utilize JAG funds to purchase equipment for various front-line law enforcement units involved in field operations, investigative services, community policing services, operations support, field training, and recruiting.

OUTCOME

Adoption of the ordinance to create the JAG Fund would allow for improved accounting and budget planning related to these grant funds and to conform with the grantor's legislation.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Not applicable.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Manager's Office, the Police Department, the Planning Department, the Office of the City Attorney and Finance Department.

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COST IMPLICATIONS

Not applicable.

CEQA

Not a project.

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LARRY D. LISENBEE
Budget Director