



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Robert L. Davis

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: March 10, 2005

Approved

Date

3/15/05

Council District: City-Wide

**SUBJECT: ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION FOR ACTIONS
RELATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
ASSISTANCE FY 2005 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a resolution to:

1. Join with the County of Santa Clara and seven other cities in applying for the U.S. Department of Justice FY 2005 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); and
2. Accept the grant if it is awarded; and
3. Authorize the City Manager to execute all related grant agreements with the County of Santa Clara including a Memorandum of Understanding with the eight participating jurisdictions.

BACKGROUND

The City of San Jose, along with the County of Santa Clara and seven other local jurisdictions have been invited to apply for the U.S. Department of Justice FY2005 Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant (JAG). The JAG Program replaces the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) program with a single mechanism that is intended to simplify the administration process for grantees. The Byrne Formula previously distributed funds only to the State, not local jurisdictions. LLEBG programs were previously distributed directly to each local jurisdiction with a percentage of the allocation going to the County. The new JAG Program combines this process and the City was invited to participate under the County of Santa Clara application,

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along with the Cities of Campbell, Gilroy, Milpitas, Mountain View, Palo Alto, Sunnyvale and Santa Clara. A local match is no longer required.

This report serves to satisfy the grant requirement that the application must be made public and an opportunity provided for citizens to comment before the application is submitted to the Bureau of Justice Administration. In order for the County of Santa Clara to meet the requirements to apply for the grant, all cities must inform their city councils of their intent to enter into a grant agreement. The deadline for this public hearing is prior to March 31, 2005.

ANALYSIS

JAG funding is restricted to law enforcement programs, prevention and education programs, and planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs related to front line law enforcement and should supplement, not supplant, current front-line law enforcement services.

The total amount eligible to the nine jurisdictions is \$750, 048. An additional part of the grant's application process requires a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) from all participating jurisdictions indicating the approval of the Santa Clara County as the applicant/fiscal agent. All participating jurisdictions will be parties to this MOU. The Police Department's utilization of the JAG funds will later be defined on a spending plan and submitted to the City Council for approval. Once City Council approves the spending plan, it will be submitted to BJA. Upon completion of the application, the nine jurisdictions will meet to finalize the program implementation details and spending plans. All grant reporting criteria, award monitoring criteria and performance measures criteria will be followed.

PUBLIC OUTREACH

Not applicable. The City of San Jose was selected to participate in the JAG Grant program.

COORDINATION

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Manager's Office, the Manager's Budget Office, and the Office of the City Attorney.

COST IMPLICATIONS

In order to expedite the requirements to apply for the joint grant application, at this time a spending plan has not been developed.

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CEQA Reference

Not a project.

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ROBERT L. DAVIS
Chief of Police

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