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	Agenda Item No.	32
	Roll Call No.	<u>12-1264</u>
	Communication No.	<u>12-410</u>
	Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Acceptance of the 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG.) This grant is a formula grant and requires no matching funds.

SYNOPSIS:

Recommend acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG.) The City of Des Moines Police Department has applied for funding through this program for several years. Public notice and request for input was posted in March 2012, without response. The amount of the award is \$173,049, based on a predetermined formula, with the Des Moines Police Department allocating \$160,183 for crime scene recording units, in-car cameras, and mobile data terminals. Polk County Sheriff’s Office would receive a pass through amount of \$12,866 which has been allocated to purchase vehicle equipment such as, in-car cameras, consoles and light bars.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$173,049 (no matching funds are required for this grant award)

Funding Source: Federal Grant Funding recorded as a special funding on page 225 of the Recommended Budget book for year ending June 30, 2013.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Justice Assistance Grant programs has historically provided the Police Department with the opportunity to purchase equipment that is not included in the general operating budget. Previous purchases included equipment necessary to establish an alternative dispatch site, crime deterrent cameras and in-car cameras. The 2012 grant will be utilized to secure a Crime 360 Recording Unit. This unit will increase data collected at crime scenes by recording the whole scene from one central location and will offer the opportunity to review the scene for evidence in a slow methodical fashion and store evidence that could potentially be lost due to weather. This unit can also be utilized as a recording device for floor plans at schools or businesses as an incident preparedness tool.

A portion of the funding will also be utilized to purchase additional in-car camera systems which offer the Police Department the opportunity to capture events that transpire during an officer’s response to calls for service. These recordings can be utilized for training purposes and as evidence when required. The Police Department intends to enhance this system by purchasing body microphones for each officer. The microphone enhances the audio portion of the recordings and allows the verbal recording to continue even after the officer has exited the vehicle.

The mobile data terminals presently utilized in the vehicles are used continually and are in need of replacement. The JAG Grant funding will allow the Police Department to begin replacing the terminals as needed to maintain operations. These terminals have proven to provide vital information to officers during incidences and will offer possible reduction of paperwork in the future.

Funding for the Polk County Sheriff's Office has been allocated to purchase a variety of equipment to be utilized in their marked vehicles. Light bars, sirens and in-car cameras are needed to equip new vehicles or replace existing equipment that has malfunctioned and/or is outdated. Polk County will make purchases through their procurement office and request reimbursement while adhering to the grant guidelines, requirements, and reporting guidelines.

This grant is scheduled to expire August 31, 2015, however; should an extension be necessary, we ask permission for the Mayor to sign and accept the extension.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 7, 2012

Roll Call Number: [12-0711](#)

Action: [2012](#) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application submittal and acceptance of the Memorandum of Understanding with Polk County. ([Council Communication No. 12-207](#)). Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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