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	Agenda Item No.	28
	Roll Call No.	<u>14-1305</u>
	Communication No.	<u>14-404</u>
	Submitted by:	Judy A. Bradshaw, Chief of Police

AGENDA HEADING:

Acceptance of the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award in the amount of \$167,323. This grant is a formula grant with performance dates of October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2017 and does not require matching funds.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Police Department recommends the acceptance of the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG award. During the May 5, 2014 Council meeting, the Police Department requested and received Council approval to submit a joint application with Polk County for this funding to the Bureau of Justice Assistance under the Grant program. Part of the application process required the posting of the application for public comment for a minimum of 30 days. This was accomplished through the City website resulting in no posted comments. The award has been granted in the amount of \$167,323 with the Des Moines Police Department allocating \$154,452 to purchase forensic equipment and the remaining \$12,871 to be utilized by the Polk County Sheriff’s Office for the purchase of in-car cameras and patrol vehicle equipment.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$167,323

Funding Source: S721 JAG00014 will be created and located in the Police Federal Grants listing in the Recommended Operating Budget 2014 – 2015 book on page 215

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines Police Department has historically been granted the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant through the JAG program. This program is a formula grant with very specific requirements including the joint submission with Polk County. In the past, these funds have enabled the Police Department to purchase in-car camera systems, audio visual equipment for interview areas, and storage equipment for forensic evidence. The 2014 grant application requested specific equipment designed for the processing of forensic evidence.

The Police Department has completed the laboratory style setting for the forensic evidence examination area and the evidence processing bays of the police station. The new spaces will offer the evidence processing technicians a more appropriate working environment. This area encompasses staged work areas specifically designed to incorporate the necessary space and light for the collection,

examination, and analysis of evidence. The grant funding will be utilized to purchase the necessary equipment needed to complete the functionality of the areas.

The Polk County Sheriff's Office has designated their portion of the funding (\$12,871) to purchase in-car cameras and various pieces of equipment to be utilized in their patrol vehicles. The equipment aids in the safety of the deputies and allows them to perform their duties efficiently.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: May 5, 2014

Roll Call Number: [14-0701](#)

Action: [Grant](#) application for the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant and acceptance of Memorandum of Understanding with Polk County to be used in the purchase of law enforcement and forensic evidence equipment, \$167,323. ([Council Communication No. 14-200](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: September 23, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-1491](#)

Action: [Acceptance](#) of 2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for various law enforcement purposes, Des Moines allocation \$143,494. ([Council Communication No. 13-471](#)) Moved by Meyer to adopt. Motion Carried 6-1.

Date: June 24, 2013

Roll Call Number: [13-0994](#)

Action: [Grant](#) Application and Memorandum of Understanding with Polk County for funding from the 2013 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant to be used for purchase of law enforcement equipment, \$143,494. ([Council Communication No. 13-340](#)) Moved by Hensley to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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