

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	23-396	Meeting:	August 21, 2023
	Agenda Item:	20	Roll Call:	23-1178
	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to apply for funding from the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) available through the Bureau of Justice Assistance and acceptance of a memorandum of Understanding between the City of Des Moines and Polk County.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Police Department recommends approval to apply for funding from the 2023 JAG program. The application is a joint submission between the City of Des Moines and the Polk County Sheriff's Office. The funding will be utilized by both entities to purchase law enforcement equipment to support policing activities within our communities. A requirement of the joint application process is the submittal of an accepted Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Polk County and the City of Des Moines. This agreement designates Des Moines as the official applicant and financial agent while establishing the funding allocation between the entities.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$213,158

City of Des Moines	\$198,216
Polk County Sheriff's Office	\$ 14,942

Funding Source: Adopted Operating Budget, Department Detail, for FY 2023, Page 200

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The Des Moines Police Department submits an annual application for the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG. The funding is intended to assist law enforcement agencies with equipment needs that are beyond their annual budget. The application includes the City of Des Moines as the primary applicant and the fiscal manager with the Polk County Sheriff's Office as sub-grantee. The 2023 application includes the purchase of equipment to support law enforcement efforts to investigate criminal activities and reduce violence. The purchase of camera equipment with advanced technology designed to record crime scenes, collect data related to vehicle accidents, and capture vehicle license plates, will enhance investigations. The grant will also provide the opportunity to replace aged equipment used to support violence reduction. Polk County is requesting radar equipment that will be installed in marked patrol vehicles.

A requirement of the grant application is to submit an accepted MOU between these two (2) entities to signify an agreement of grant terms and designation of the City of Des Moines as the primary applicant as well as the financial manager if funding is awarded.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):

Date: July 18, 2022

Roll Call Number: [22-1149](#)

Action: [Submittal](#) of joint application with Polk County for funding through the 2022 JAG Program, \$175,808. ([Council Communication No. 22-333](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Boesen. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: July 19, 2021

Roll Call Number: [21-1134](#)

Action: [Joint](#) Application with Polk County for funding through the 2021 JAG Program to be utilized for the purchase of law enforcement equipment in the amount of \$169,638. ([Council Communication No. 21-323](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

Date: August 3, 2020

Roll Call Number: [20-1230](#)

Action: [Submitting](#) an application for funding through the 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG and acceptance of a MOU with the Polk County Sheriff's Office, \$141,606. ([Council Communication No. 20-333](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Motion Carried 7-0.

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS:

Seek Council approval to accept the grant funding if awarded.

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