

# COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

	Number:	<b>26-134</b>	Meeting:	<b>April 20, 2026</b>
	Agenda Item:	<b>26</b>	Roll Call:	<b>26-0504</b>
	Submitted by:	<b>Mike McTaggart, Chief of Police</b>		

**AGENDA HEADING:**

Approval for the submission of a joint application with Polk County and the City of West Des Moines for funding of law enforcement equipment to the FY2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program available through the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Approval is also requested to accept a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Des Moines and the Polk County Sheriff’s Office as a condition of the joint application.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The Des Moines Police Department recommends approval to apply for funding through the 2025 JAG program. Only jurisdictions identified within each state by the Bureau of Justice are eligible to apply for funding through this opportunity. The Bureau uses a set formula to determine preset funding limits for each jurisdiction. The City of Des Moines is listed as part of a disparate jurisdiction along with Polk County and the City of West Des Moines with an application request limited to \$191,757. Only one agency in the disparate jurisdiction may apply for all participating entities. The grant requires a Memorandum of Understand (MOU) between all parties in the disparate jurisdiction who are jointly applying for grant funds. This agreement must identify one party as the financial manager and authorized representative of the grant application and define the responsibilities and funding allocation among the applicants. The City of Des Moines will assume the role of management and authorized representative with funding distributed among the agencies as agreed upon by each party included in the application.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Amount: \$191,757

City of Des Moines	\$163,938
City of West Des Moines	\$ 17,100
Polk County Sheriff’s Office	\$ 10,719

Funding Source: Adopted Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2026 (printed) page 215

**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 Bureau of Justice has an annual formula that is

applied to determine the amount of funding that is allocated to each state and then to each jurisdiction within the state. The City of Des Moines, West Des Moines and Polk County have been listed as a disparate jurisdiction in the state of Iowa which requires one application for all three law enforcement agencies. The application requirements stipulate that an MOU be signed by all entities participating in the grant application. The MOU must provide information on the responsibilities and the funding allocation for each agency.

- The Des Moines Police Department, the West Des Moines Police Department and the Polk County Sheriff's office met to determine the terms of the MOU and the specifics of the grant application. The resulting document has or will be presented to each entity's appropriate authority for signature. The MOU appoints the City of Des Moines as the primary applicant and the fiscal manager with the Polk County Sheriff's Office and the City of West Des Moines as sub-grantees.
- The 2025 application includes funding requests to purchase various law enforcement equipment to support officer and public safety. The City of Des Moines Police Department requests the purchase of less lethal 40mm launchers, training rifles, and partial support for the purchase of a law enforcement training simulator. The West Des Moines Police Department is requesting cameras, software, data transfer equipment, monitors, and hardware in support of their crime center and Polk County Sheriff's Office will purchase replacement mobile data computers to be installed in marked patrol vehicles.

#### **PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S):**

Date: October 7, 2024

Roll Call Number: [24-1361](#)

Action: [Submittal](#) of a joint application with Polk County for funding through the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and Memorandum of Understanding with Polk County, \$173,109. ([Council Communication No. 24-379](#)) Moved by Gatto to adopt. Second by Voss. Motion Carried 7-0.

#### **BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE**

#### **ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE**

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