



**CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE**  
**City Commission Agenda Memo**  
**REGULAR MEETING**

**#23-0771**

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**TO:** Honorable Mayor & Members of the  
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

**FROM:** Greg Chavarria, City Manager

**DATE:** October 3, 2023

**TITLE:** Motion Approving a 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Local Solicitation Grant Memorandum of Understanding - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

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**Recommendation**

Staff recommends that the City Commission approve a 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Local Solicitation Grant Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), in substantially the form attached, and authorize execution of the MOU.

**Background**

The City has in the past been awarded and accepted the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Local Solicitation Program funding. The State receives these funds from the Department of Justice and then passes these funds through to units of local government. The City of Pompano Beach manages the FY 2019 Byrne/JAG allocations for all cities in Broward County. This award was originally approved by City Commission on October 2, 2019 via CAM #19-0828. Since that time, terms of the grant agreement were changed to include a reduction of awarded funds, in order to add Broward County as a sub recipient, and the grant performance end date was extended by one year. The delays were compounded as DOJ added more requirements on Pompano Beach as the administrating entity. The revised FY2019 Byrne/JAG terms as listed in the grant agreement were approved on May 2, 2023 via CAM #23-0396.

In July 2023, Pompano Beach provided a MOU to be executed by all Byrne/JAG sub recipients as required by the Department of Justice as Broward County is considered a disparate group. Units of local government identified by BJA as disparate must select a fiscal agent that will submit a joint application for the allocation to include all disparate municipalities. A memorandum of understanding (MOU) that identifies which jurisdiction will serve as the applicant or fiscal agent for joint funds must be completed and signed by the authorized representative for each participating jurisdiction.

Byrne/JAG funding can be used for any local law enforcement initiative, and the City is permitted to use its discretion in deciding which projects to fund. The Fort Lauderdale Police Department has been awarded \$74,280.60 in FY2019 Byrne/JAG funding. This funding will be used to support our agency's transition to a new FBI- mandated reporting system and to replace decades-old protective helmets for Patrol personnel. The grant period is October 1, 2018, through September 30, 2024.

### **Resource Impact**

There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$74,280.60. The funds for this grant agreement have been appropriated and are available in the accounts below. The grant does not require matching funds.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	COST CENTER NAME	CHARACTER CODE/ ACCOUNT NAME	AMENDED BUDGET (Character)	AVAILABLE BALANCE (Character)	AMOUNT
10-129-9300-521-30-3946 21GLLEBG	Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance 2019	Tools/ Equip < \$5000	\$0	\$0	\$72,052.60
10-129-9300-521-40-4119 21GLLEBG	Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance 2019	Training & Travel	\$0	\$0	\$2,228.00
TOTAL AMOUNT →					\$74,280.60

### **Strategic Connections**

This item is a *2023 Top Commission Priority*, advancing the Community Response and Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2024 Strategic Plan*, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- Goal 6: Build a safe and well-prepared community.
- Objective: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

This item advances the *Fast Forward Fort Lauderdale 2035 Vision Plan*: We Are Community.

This item supports the *Advance Fort Lauderdale 2040 Comprehensive Plan* specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area
- The Coastal Management, Community Health and Safety Element
- Goal 4: Coordinate with related partners and agencies (at city, local, county, regional, state, and federal levels) to plan for disaster and emergency management, further the resiliency of coastal areas, and ensure city-wide community health and safety.

### **Attachments**

Exhibit 1 - FY19 Byrne/JAG Memorandum of Understanding with City of Pompano

Exhibit 2 - CAM #23-0396 Acceptance of a revised FY19 Byrne JAG allotment

Exhibit 3 - FY19 #23-0396 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Agreement (Revised)

Exhibit 4 - FY19 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Original Award Allocation

Exhibit 5 - CAM #19-0828 Acceptance of original FY19 Byrne JAG allotment

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