



TO: Honorable Mayor and Members
Fort Lauderdale City Commission

FROM: Lee Feldman, City Manager

DATE: May 20, 2014

TITLE: Motion Approving the Submittal of a Grant Application to the United States Department of Justice via the Broward Sheriff's Office for the 2014 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Local Solicitation Grant Program – \$112,973

Recommendation

It is recommended that the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the City Manager to submit a grant application to the United States Department of Justice via the Broward Sheriff's Office for the 2014 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Local Solicitation Grant Program.

Background

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. Byrne/JAG local allocation funds may be used to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and court programs, prevention and education programs and crime victim and witness programs.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department proposes to utilize the FY 2014 Byrne/JAG Grant allocation to support the following projects:

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| 8 – Rapid ID fingerprint scanners. This project provides portable fingerprint scanner technology for use by officers in the field to assist with determining a subject's true identity quickly and reliably. | \$ 19,333 |
| 3 – Mobile surveillance units with surveillance and recording systems. This project conspicuously deploys mobile police surveillance units as crime deterrents in identified crime hotspots. | \$ 22,292 |
| 1 – Scene capture equipment package with a dedicated computer. This project involves the acquisition of crime scene investigation equipment that would enhance the Department's ability to collect, reconstruct, document and present digital crime scene evidence in a court room setting. | \$ 63,180 |
| 1 – Broward Sheriff's Office Grant Administration Fee @7.23%. | \$ 8,168 |

The grant period is October 1, 2013 through September 30, 2017.

Special Conditions

Broward County has been deemed a disparate jurisdiction, as such all 19 eligible agencies within the County must submit one joint application. The Broward Sheriff's Office has historically coordinated and managed the joint application, requiring a 7.23% grant administration fee from each jurisdiction's individual allocation. The administrative fee for the City of Fort Lauderdale is \$8,168.

Resource Impact

There is no fiscal impact during FY 2014. In FY 2015 there is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$104,805 calculated at \$112,973 less the Broward Sheriff's Office \$8,168 grant administration fee.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *Commission Annual Action Plan* priority, included within the Policy Agenda, advancing the Crime Reduction Strategy and Action Plan.

This item is a *Press Play Fort Lauderdale Strategic Plan 2018* initiative, included within the Public Safety Cylinders of Excellence, specifically advancing:

- Goal 9: Be the safest urban coastal City in South Florida through preventative and responsive police and fire protection.
- Objective 1: Prevent and solve crime in all neighborhoods.

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

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