



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

FROM: Susan Grant, Acting City Manager

DATE: November 7, 2024

TITLE: Motion Approving Grant Application - FY24 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program - \$88,335 - **(Commission Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4)**

Recommendation

Staff recommends the City Commission approve a motion authorizing the submission of a grant application under the FY24 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Background

The Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program is a leading federal source of criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. Administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the Byrne/JAG Program provides states, territories, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement. The Broward Sheriff's Office manages the FY 2024 Byrne/JAG allocations for all cities in Broward County.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is eligible to receive \$88,335 in FY2024 Byrne/JAG funding, less a 10% administrative fee of \$8,833.50 imposed by the Broward Sheriff Office, for a total actual award of \$79,501.50. The Police Department intends to use this funding to replace equipment in the Polygraph and Marine Units, as well as acquire hardware and software to improve human trafficking investigations. The grant period is October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2027.

Resource Impact

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the City in FY2025. There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$79,501.50 in FY26.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2024 Commission* Priority, advancing the Public Safety initiative.

This item supports the *Press Play Fort Lauderdale 2029* Strategic Plan, specifically advancing:

- The Public Safety Focus Area, Goal 1: Be a safe community that is proactive and responsive to risks.

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 4.5: Community Health and Safety. Ensure local standards and proactive measures to enhance community health and safety in the City of Fort Lauderdale

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – FY24 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Application

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