



CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE
City Commission Agenda Memo
REGULAR MEETING

#26-0380

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

FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager

DATE: May 19, 2026

TITLE: Motion Approving Grant Application – FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program - \$92,232 - **(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 FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Background

The Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne/JAG) Program is the 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 2025 Byrne/JAG allocations for all cities in Broward County.

The Fort Lauderdale Police Department is eligible to receive \$102,480 in FY 2025 Byrne/JAG funding, less a 10% administrative fee of \$10,282 imposed by the Broward Sheriff's Office, for a total actual award of \$92,232. The grant period is October 1, 2024, through September 30, 2028. The Police Department intends to use this funding to reduce operational gaps related to old and unreliable equipment currently utilized by the Bomb Unit and the Bicycle Platoon. A new Bomb Suit will be acquired for use when responding to a critical incident involving a suspected or confirmed explosive device, incendiary device, explosive chemicals, pyrotechnics or unstable ammunition/ordnance.

Grant funding will also be used to replace twenty-one (21) bicycles within the Bicycle Platoon's fleet due to age and wear and tear. The identified projects will enhance the Fort Lauderdale Police Department's response to specific threats.

Resource Impact

There is no anticipated fiscal impact to the City in FY 2026. There is an anticipated positive fiscal impact to the City in the amount of \$92,232 in FY 2028 as Byrne/JAG funding is currently delayed by 24 months.

Strategic Connections

This item is a *2026 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: 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.

Attachment

Exhibit 1 – FY 2025 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Application

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