



ITEM NO. 12

STAFF REPORT

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: August 29, 2012

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF \$56,429 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT OF 2012 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND APPROVAL OF A BUDGET APPROPRIATION**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council accept grant funds in the total amount of \$56,429 from the U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant of 2012 awarded to the City of Oceanside; authorize the City Manager or designee to execute grant documents; approve the grant budget; and appropriate the funds to the Police Department for gang and violent crime suppression details.

BACKGROUND

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant (JAG) Program was established in 2005 to streamline justice funding and grant administration. JAG, the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions, allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. The City of Oceanside has received an award every year since its inception.

OPD proposes to use the JAG 2012 award to fund overtime and benefits for Gang and Violent Crime Suppression Details. OPD is currently utilizing 63 percent of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) JAG 09 award and 13.5 percent of the JAG 10 award to fund overtime for officers to conduct suppression details on weekends from mid-May through September through 2012. Suppression details consist of four to six officers and a sergeant, patrolling areas that are known to have a higher rate of gang and violent crime incidents. The JAG 2011 award will fund approximately 1160 hours of overtime from mid-May through mid-September 2013.

ANALYSIS

The project objectives are consistent with the goal of the JAG program to prevent and control crime. Command staff believes the highly visible Gang and Violent Crime Suppression Details have been successful. In 2010, officers on overtime funded with the ARRA JAG 09 award conducted high visibility patrols in the downtown area in response to an influx of gang activity in the bars. While the problem was not eliminated,

the additional resources made it possible for quicker response times to incidents and the development of information and intelligence to deal with the gang issues. In May 2011, officers were deployed in the back-gate area after two teenagers were killed in Libby Lake Park, to prevent retaliation and demonstrate a zero-tolerance towards gang activity. The JAG 2011 award will fund these details from mid-May through September 2013.

The Department of Justice (DOJ) requires that the unit of local government establish a trust fund in which to deposit JAG funds; this fund may be interest-bearing. The JAG 2012 funds will be received in the first fiscal year of the appropriation and may be expended through September 30, 2015. It is anticipated that these funds will primarily be expended during the calendar year 2013, after the ARRA JAG 2009 and JAG 2010 grant funds allocated for the same purposes are expended. The JAG 2012 award will fund approximately 830 hours of overtime to target gang and violent crime. The JAG 2012 funding will overlap with the JAG 2010 and JAG 2011 awards. The funding can be used simultaneously if necessary.

FISCAL IMPACT

The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, will disburse the JAG 2012 funds, which will be deposited into the JAG 2012 revenue account. The JAG 2012 revenue is an interest-bearing account; it is estimated the funds will earn \$571. There is no requirement for matching funds from the City of Oceanside. Administrative costs are an allowable expense under the conditions of this grant; OPD does not plan to budget for administrative costs.

The appropriations by business unit and object code are detailed below. Anticipated interest earnings will not be expended before the revenue is earned. If there is a negative cash balance at fiscal year-end due to a pending reimbursement from the grantor, the business unit will receive a temporary advance from the general fund that is not to exceed 60 days.

JAG 2012	Appropriation	Business Unit/Object Code
Expenditure		
Overtime	\$56,185.32	817128000222.5120
Fringe Burden	\$814.68	817128000222.5207
Total Expenditures	\$57,000	
Revenue		
Award	\$56.429	817128000222.4376
Interest	\$571	817128000222.4216.0001
Total Revenue	\$57,000	

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Police and Fire Commission will be advised of this matter at its regular monthly meeting on October 18, 2012.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

City Attorney's analysis does not apply.

RECOMMENDATION

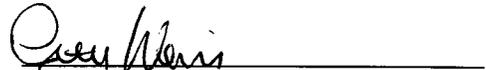
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