



STAFF REPORT

CITY OF OCEANSIDE

DATE: September 25, 2013

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

FROM: Police Department

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF \$51,233 IN GRANT FUNDS FROM THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT OF 2013 FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND APPROVAL OF A BUDGET APPROPRIATION**

SYNOPSIS

Staff recommends that the City Council accept \$51,233 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant of 2013 awarded to the City; appropriate the funds to the Police Department for gang and violent crime suppression details; approve the grant budget; and authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute the grant documents.

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.

Oceanside Police Department (OPD) proposes to use the JAG 2013 award to fund overtime and benefits for Gang and Violent Crime Suppression Details. OPD is currently utilizing the remaining funds of the JAG 2011 and JAG 2012 awards to fund overtime for officers to conduct suppression details on weekends from mid-May through September 2015. The JAG 2013 award will replace the current awards once the funds are expended, and will be used during any period of the year when additional resources are needed to combat Gang and Violent Crime. Prior to these awards, OPD used the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) JAG 09 award and the JAG 10 award to fund the Gang and Violent Crime Suppression Details. Each detail consists 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 2013 award period expires in September 2016.

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. The JAG awards have made it possible for OPD to have quicker response times to incidents and the development of information and intelligence to deal with the gang issues. The awards have also allowed for officers to be deployed to prevent retaliation and demonstrate a zero-tolerance towards gang activity.

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 funds will be reimbursed quarterly. It is anticipated that these funds will primarily be expended during the calendar year 2014, after the JAG 2011 and JAG 2012 grant funds allocated for the same purposes are expended.

FISCAL IMPACT

The DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance, will reimburse the City and all funds will be deposited into the JAG 2013 revenue account, which is an interest-bearing account. There is no requirement for matching funds from the City of Oceanside. Administrative costs are an allowable expense under the conditions of this grant; however, OPD does not plan to budget for administrative costs.

The appropriations by business unit and object code are detailed below. 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.

Description	Amount	Business Unit/Object Code
Overtime	\$50,490	817133600222.5120
Fringe	\$743	817133600222.5207
Total Expenditures	\$51,233	
Total Revenue	\$51,233	817133600222.4376

COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE REPORT

The Police and Fire Commission will be advised of this matter at its regular meeting on October 17, 2013.

CITY ATTORNEY'S ANALYSIS

The referenced documents have been reviewed by the City Attorney and approved as to form.

RECOMMENDATION

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