

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

BACKGROUND:

On June 25, 2013, the City Council authorized staff to apply for the 2013 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The grant conditions required that the application be filed jointly with Story County, and the Council approved entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Story County. In September, the Department of Justice notified the City that the grant had been awarded in full.

Grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice, as well as research and evaluation activities that will improve or enhance law enforcement programs related to criminal justice.

The grant award is for \$23,686; and the Police Department proposes to use the funds for specialized training and equipment purchases to support crisis prevention and resolution programs. Grant funds will be used to purchase a laptop computer for the Department's mental health advocate to support the data and communications management functions that have become integral to that work. Equipment to support weapons storage and active shooter training will also be funded, and an additional Taser will be purchased. The grant will also fund the purchase of a device that facilitates the forensic examination of electronic devices. Finally, the grant will support sending one person to the 2013 Crisis Intervention Team Conference, a nationally recognized resource and training conference. **There is no match requirement with this grant.**

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the 2013 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and authorize the Police Department to participate in the program.
2. Do not authorize participation in this grant program.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Police Department has participated in the JAG grant program in the past and the program has proven to be a valuable source of funds for special purchases and programs. This grant will provide the same benefit. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as described above.