

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2020 CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING GRANT

BACKGROUND:

On March 30, 2020 the Ames Police Department received notice that it is eligible for grant funds through the 2020 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program Solicitation FY 2020 Formula Grant Solicitation. Applications are due no later than May 29, 2020. Grant funds can be used for agency initiatives to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the Coronavirus. Allowable projects include equipment supplies, training and other needs associated with the Coronavirus.

Total funding potentially available to the Ames Police Department through this grant offering is \$41,009. The Department's plan for the COVID-19 virus grant includes personal protective equipment (PPE) for staff, cleaning of both public and employee spaces within the Department and cleaning the vehicles and equipment. In addition, funding is requested for signage and communication tools to assist in mitigation and enforcement.

The budgetary requests included in this grant are based on early forecasts of how the COVID19 pandemic may play out over the next 18-24 months. If the initial forecast of equipment and supply utilization evolves, there may be some opportunity to adjust the grant budget to ensure useful equipment and supplies are obtained through this process.

There is no match required with this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the application for grant funding under the 2020 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program, and authorize acceptance for that grant, should it be awarded.
2. Do not approve the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program grant application.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Justice Assistance Grant funds have been used productively during the past few years to purchase equipment and provide training. The program has proven to be a valuable source of funds for special purchases and programs.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving submission of an application for grant funding under the 2020 Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program, and authorizing acceptance of that grant.