

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2020 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

BACKGROUND:

On May 12, 2020, the Council authorized the Police Department to apply for the 2020 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. The application and the Memorandum of Understanding were completed and submitted. On September 19, 2020, the Department of Justice notified the Police Department that the grant had been awarded in full. **The City Council is being requested to accept the grant.**

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 \$12,528.00. This year the funds will be used in a project primarily designed to support the bicycle officer program:

- Several new bicycles will be purchased.
- Supporting equipment, including lights and bags, will be purchased for the new bikes and updated on several existing bikes.
- Protective clothing for bicycle officers will be included.
- Specialized radio equipment like blue tooth enabled microphones will be acquired.
- Soft stretchers and other emergency medical response equipment will be added to police medical trauma kits.

There is no match requirement with this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the 2020 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.

CITY 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 stated above.