

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

**SUBJECT: 2010 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

BACKGROUND:

Last year the Police Department applied for and was awarded a Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. This is a re-occurring grant that the Police Department has applied for, been awarded, and participated in for several years. The terms of the grant require that in counties where the sheriff has the only jail facilities, the award recipient must agree with the county on how grant proceeds will be distributed.

In past years there have been varying agreements to share the funds in various ways. The 2010 grant amount was for just over \$34,000. Because the Police Department has assumed the responsibility for applying for and administering this grant, this year's agreement allocated all the funds to the Police Department. The grant documents and a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sheriffs Office were prepared and on June 22, 2010, Council approved the Police Department's application for this grant and the accompanying Memorandum of Understanding (resolution number 10-307). On September 14, 2010, after receiving word that the grant had been awarded, Council approved accepting the grant (resolution number 10-421). As had been done in several previous years, the Memorandum of Understanding was an agreement between the Sheriff's Office and the Police Department with the sheriff and the Ames Police Chief signing the documents.

The Department of Justice has since changed its grant procedures with regard to the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. DOJ has decided that the agreement needs to be between the City and the County, not the Police Department and the Sheriff's Office. A new Memorandum of Understanding has been prepared indicating the agreement is more clearly between the City and the County with the mayor and county supervisors signing the document. The substantive provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding have not changed.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the County for disbursement of funds from the 2010 Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

2. Do not approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the County for disbursement of funds from the 2010 Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This grant program has proven to be a valuable source of funding for special purchases and programs. Council has previously approved the application for and acceptance of this grant and the substantive provisions of the Memorandum of Understanding.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1, thereby approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the City and the County for disbursement of funds from the 2010 Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.