

**COUNCIL ACTION FORM**

**SUBJECT: 2014 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

**BACKGROUND:**

The Police Department has received notice that it is eligible for grant funds through the 2014 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Applications are due by June 10, 2014.

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 for research and evaluation activities that will improve or enhance law enforcement programs related to criminal justice.

Because the Story County Sheriff provides jail services for the county, the grant conditions require that the Sheriff participate in the grant application for funding under this JAG program. As in past years, the Police Department proposes that the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with Story County for acquisition and use of these funds.

Total funding potentially available to the Police Department through this grant offering is \$20,565. The Police Department proposes to use all funds to buy equipment. With officer safety and effective resource management as goals for this year's grant, grant funds would be used to acquire and/or replace tactical body armor, protective helmets and shields for police officers. In addition, grant funds would be used to acquire two new mobile computers for police command staff to facilitate communication and management functions. **There is no match requirement with this grant.**

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Approve an agreement with Story County to develop and apply for grant funding under the 2014 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, and authorize application for that grant.
2. Do not approve the agreement with the Story County or the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program grant application.

**MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

JAG 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 as stated above.