



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
September 29, 2009

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From:  Phil Kamlarz, City Manager

Submitted by: Douglas Hambleton, Chief of Police, Police

Subject: Grant and Contract: 2009 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt a Resolution authorizing the City Manager to accept \$69,374 in Federal funds from the 2009 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to be used for funding overtime costs associated with violence suppression patrols related to serious violent crimes for a period of approximately 24 months.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley allocation for Federal Fiscal Year 2009 is \$71,520 of the \$1,291,800 awarded to the County of Alameda. The County enacted an administration fee resulting in a net award of \$69,394. Following appropriation authority in the first amendment to the FY 2010 Appropriations Ordinance, funds will be deposited into 952-7202-331.10-33 and expenditures taken from various 952-7202-420 line items.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Police Department will continue to use these federal funds to help relieve the pressures on the General Fund relative to overtime costs for Patrol Officer positions and equipment or technology needs used to promote community safety.

BACKGROUND

This funding is the fifth year in which the Federal Government has consolidated the Byrne Memorial grants and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) to create the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The LLEBG was a significant source of funding for the Berkeley Police Department in the 1990's, however, funds have dwindled significantly since. The Byrne Memorial Grant has always been received by Alameda County for the countywide narcotics task force.

The JAG Program funding is based on a formula that includes population and reported crime rates. The program requires a joint application by all eligible agencies in Alameda County. The Alameda County Police Chief's and Sheriff's Association agreed to have Alameda County Sheriff's Office process the application and act as fiscal agent for the contract. For that responsibility, the County retains 10% of the total funding. The funds

are allocated again to the countywide narcotics task force and to the cities for unmet needs in law enforcement.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Berkeley grant allocation will be used to fund overtime costs associated with violence suppression patrols related to serious violent crimes. The department will be able to increase its high visibility and police presence with the use of officers and additional personnel on an overtime bases. The grant will allow for small equipment or technology purchase if necessary to fulfill the purpose of the grant.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

There are no alternative funding sources currently available to support these crime prevention efforts.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachment:

1. Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. -N.S.

AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO ACCEPT \$69,374 IN FEDERAL FUNDS FROM THE 2009 EDWARD J. BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM TO BE USED FOR FUNDING OVERTIME COSTS ASSOCIATED WITH VIOLENCE SUPPRESSION PATROLS RELATED TO SERIOUS VIOLENT CRIMES

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance will provide \$71,520 to the City of Berkeley Police Department to support crime reduction and public safety activities; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office has agreed to administer this grant for ten percent of the total countywide grant award or \$2,146; and

WHEREAS, these funds can be used to support a non-funded program; and

WHEREAS, the program will allow the Police Department to increase its visibility by providing a presence in neighborhoods, thereby increasing community safety.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Berkeley authorizes the City Manager to accept and allocate funding from the 2009 JAG program in the amount of \$69,374 to be used for funding overtime costs associated with violence suppression patrols related to serious violent crime in Fiscal Year 2010.

