

AGENDA



Thursday, June 7, 2007

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 20**

Subject: Authorize the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement between the City of Austin and Travis County to allow the City to accept and administer the Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) on behalf of the City and the Travis County Sheriff's Office.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$407,691 is available from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Justice Assistance Grant Program. (Related to item #19)

Fiscal Note: There is not unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Cathy Ellison, Chief of Police (Acting)/974-5030

Prior Council Action: March 2, 2006 Interlocal agreement for 2006 funding.

This action would authorize the City to enter into an agreement with Travis County through which the City would accept and administer the Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) on behalf of the City and the Travis County Sheriff's Office (TCSO). Funding in the amount of \$407,691 is available from the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the Justice Assistance Program. The City and TCSO will equally share all funds received under the JAG grant. The Interlocal Agreement will remain in effect for the period October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008.

The City and Travis County will each receive a JAG grant allocation of \$203,845 (together, the City and Travis County have been allocated \$407,691). The City and Travis County will enter into this Interlocal Agreement so the City can serve as the fiscal agent for both parties with regard to JAG grant funding. The City of Austin will use its portion of the grant funding for community policing operations in crime "hotspot" areas in South Central and North Central Area Commands.