

## AGENDA



Thursday, July 24, 2008

**Police  
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 48**

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**Subject:** Approve a resolution authorizing the application for \$140,005 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), to be equally shared by the City and Travis County. The City will use its JAG funds to pay for community policing operations by the Austin Police Department.

**Amount and Source of Funding:** Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Grant Program, for the grant period October 1, 2008 to September 30, 2010. A cash match is not required. Related to Item #47.

**Fiscal Note:** A fiscal note is not required.

**For More Information:** David Carter, APD Chief of Staff/974-5030

**Prior Council Action:** June 7, 2007 prior grant JAG acceptance.

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This action authorizes the City to apply for \$140,005 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). This grant has been reduced from \$407,691 to the current grant amount of \$140,005. The City and Travis County will equally share all JAG funds received under this grant program pursuant to an Interlocal Agreement. The City will use its JAG funds to pay for police officer overtime for community policing in crime hotspot areas. This grant will be included in the FY 2009 Police Department Special Revenue Operating Budget.

The federal legislation authorizing this grant program includes a provision whereby cities and counties must submit a joint funding application if the state's Attorney General certifies that a funding disparity exists in a county's allocation when compared with that of a single municipality (at least a 150 percent disparity must exist), and the county bears more than 50 percent of prosecution or incarceration costs arising from Uniform Crime Report Part 1 violent crimes reported by the municipality to the FBI. Once certified, jurisdictions then decide if funds will be shared, and if so, how the funding will be allocated. There is no requirement as to how funds should be shared. Since FY 2000-2001, the City and County have shared the funding on a 50/50 basis and this arrangement will continue. Under the arrangement, City and County will each receive an allocation of \$70,002.50. The City of Austin and Travis County will enter into an Interlocal Agreement so the City can serve as the fiscal agent responsible for distributing the grant funds.