

AGENDA



Thursday, April 23, 2009

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 34**

Subject: Approve an ordinance accepting \$1,937,577 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Grant Program; and amending the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Police Department Operating Budget Special Revenue Fund of Ordinance No. 20080908-002 to appropriate \$1,937,577 for grant expenditures with the following grant allocation under an Interlocal Agreement: City of Austin, \$1,422,729; Travis County, \$495,000; and City of Pflugerville, \$19,848.

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 March 1, 2009 to February 28, 2013. A cash match is not required. Related to Item #33.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

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

Prior Council Action: July 24, 2008 prior JAG grant acceptance.

The City of Austin, Travis County, and the City of Pflugerville will enter into an Interlocal Agreement so the City of Austin can serve as the fiscal agent responsible for distributing the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. Each local government entity will receive a portion of the total JAG fund allotment pursuant to a proposed Interlocal Agreement. Under the agreement, the City of Austin will receive \$1,422,729, Travis County will receive \$495,000, and Pflugerville will receive \$19,848.

The City will use its JAG funds to pay for one-time costs associated with the new sworn positions requested in the U.S. Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring and Recovery Grant. If the COPS grant is not received, the City will use JAG funds for other allowable JAG expenditures.

The federal legislation authorizing the JAG 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.