

AGENDA



Thursday, July 23, 2009

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 52**

Subject: Authorize application for and acceptance of \$466,492 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice for grant expenditures under the 2009 Justice Assistance Grant.

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, 2009 through September 30, 2012. A cash match is not required. Related to Item #51.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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

The City of Austin and Travis County 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 \$366,492, and Travis County will receive \$100,000. The City will use its JAG funds to pay for one-time equipment costs including less lethal weapons (tasers) and radars used for traffic enforcement.

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.