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Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council - Commissioners Court Meeting	Item ID	36647	Agenda Number	55.
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Meeting Date:	9/25/2014	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County to administer the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant Program on behalf of the City and Travis County Sheriff's Office.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$330,356 is available in a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for the project period of October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2017. A match is not required.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Council last approved this funding on November 7, 2013.
For More Information:	Brian Manley, Assistant Chief 974-5030
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This action authorizes the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County to administer the 2014 Justice Assistance Grant Program on behalf of the City and Travis County Sheriff's Office. Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for the project period, October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2017. The project end date may be extended by the City with permission from the Department of Justice.

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.

The City and Travis County will enter into an Interlocal Agreement so the City can serve as the fiscal agent responsible for distributing the grant funds. The City will use its grant funds for police equipment, supplies and training.