

Recommendation for Council Action

Item ID 63526 Austin City Council Agenda Number 2.

Meeting Date: 10/13/2016 Austin Police Department Department:

Subject

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County under which the City of Austin will administer the 2016 Justice Assistance Grant Program on behalf of the City and Travis County. Related to Item#3.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$309,975 is available in a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Justice Assistance Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2019. A City of Austin funding match is not required.

Fiscal Note				
A fiscal note is not required.				
Purchasing Language:				
Prior Council Action:				
For More Information:	Brian Manley, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department			
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:				
MBE / WBE:				
Related Items:				

Additional Backup Information

Funding in the amount of \$309,975 is available in a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The project period, October 1, 2015 – September 30, 2019, may be extended by the City with permission of the Department of Justice. A match is not required.

This action authorizes the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Travis County for the disparate allocation. The funding split remains to be determined. The City will serve as the fiscal agent responsible for distributing the grant funds. The City will use its portion of grant funds for police equipment, supplies and training.

Note: This Interlocal Agreement is necessary to receive this grant because the federal legislation authorizing this grant program includes a provision requiring cities and counties to 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 Federal Bureau of Investigations.