



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2783, **Agenda Item #:** 39.

8/27/2020

Posting Language

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City to administer the 2019 Justice Assistance Grant Program on behalf of the City and the Travis County Sheriff's Office.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

This item has no fiscal impact.

Prior Council Action:

September 11, 2018 - City Council approved the FY 2018-19 Budget (Ordinance No. 20180911-001, which included this grant funding.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Funding in the amount of \$322,612 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, 2018 - September 30, 2022, may be extended by the City with permission from the Department of Justice. A City funding match is not required.

This action authorizes the negotiation and execution of an Interlocal Agreement with Travis County for the allocation of JAG program grant funds between the City and Travis County. The funding split is based on criteria set by federal JAG program requirements, with the precise allocation of these funds to be determined over time based on those requirements. The City will serve as the fiscal agent responsible for distributing the grant funds. The City will use its portion of grant funds for law enforcement training, such as, violence against women, emergency management, investigative techniques, and training to maintain certifications, and for police equipment and supplies (examples include evidence lockers and medical kits during active shooter events). Funding will not be used to purchase military type-equipment.

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 Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety