



CITY OF LEMON GROVE

CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

Item No. 1.D

Meeting Date: August 20, 2019

Submitted to: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

Department: **City Manager's Office**

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Item Title: Authorization to Submit a Grant Application to the Department of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grant

Recommended Action: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Fiscal Year (FY) 2019, and direct the City Manager or her designee to execute any grant related documents upon receipt of a potential award.

Summary: The City of Lemon Grove is submitting a grant application to the DOJ through the JAG grant to request funding for F Y 2019 **to continue the success of the City's** Bicycle Patrol Program (BPP) with the San Diego County **Sherriff's Department**, Lemon Grove Sub-Station. The program was implemented in 2016 and funded by two previous DOJ awards. The potential funds would pay for personnel costs of the BPP related to training and overtime shifts to conduct bicycle patrols.

Background: The JAG Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions and permits funds to be used to support a wide range of program areas within law enforcement. On July 7, 2016, the City of Lemon submitted a grant application to the DOJ through its JAG Program in FY 2016 to request funding to purchase equipment for a full bicycle patrol team and to fund overtime for patrols and presence at community events. The City was notified, on September 7, 2016, by the DOJ that it had been awarded \$10,858 in funding to begin a bicycle patrol program.

On August 23, 2018, the City submitted another grant application to the DOJ through the JAG Program FY 2018 to request funding to continue the bike patrol program by funding training and overtime costs. The City was awarded the requested grant funds on November 16, 2018.

Discussion: The City is once again submitting a grant application for a total of \$11,032. The application is due to the DOJ by August 23, 2019. JAG funding is allocated through

a formula-based allocation to cities and counties throughout the U.S. If the Office of **Justice Programs approves the City's grant application and** awards the requested grant funds; **those funds would assist the Sheriff's Department in enhancing their Bicycle Patrol Program** by meeting several specific project goals and strategies.

Project Goals

Through coordination with the San Diego County **Sheriff's Department Lemon Grove Sub-Station**, several key goals are identified for the Bicycle Patrol Program, as listed below:

- 1) Provide an increased law enforcement presence along the Broadway corridor **which consists of Lemon Grove's Downtown and Village core areas**, interface with the public and respond to the **community's needs in a timely manner**;
- 2) Improve and increase the community policing presence within Lemon Grove;
- 3) Address narcotics, gangs and transients in violation of the Lemon Grove Municipal Code;
- 4) Patrol all City parks; and,
- 5) Promote conduct that is responsive and sensitive to the needs of the Lemon Grove Community.

Strategies

The abovementioned project goals will be achieved through implementation of the strategies provided below:

- 1) **Sherriff's deputies on bicycles** are more approachable than in an enclosed patrol vehicle moving with the flow of traffic. This community policing approach will improve responses as bicycles are able to navigate to areas better than a traditional patrol vehicle;
- 2) Bicycle patrols improve the quality of service to the City, with an emphasis on **Lemon Grove's Downtown and Village core areas**. Increased contact with the community will nurture a law enforcement-resident-City partnership; and,
- 3) Conduct proactive directed patrols of all City Parks with an emphasis on Promenade Park and the Trolley Station.

Allocation of Funds

The majority of funds will be allocated towards personnel expenses accrued through bicycle patrol training and overtime personnel costs.

This grant furthers the City **Council's** strategic priorities to improve public safety with a focus on Promenade Park **and the City's traditional downtown core**.

Environmental Review:

- Not subject to review Negative Declaration
 Categorical Exemption, Section | Mitigated Negative Declaration

Fiscal Impact: Funding in the amount of \$11,032 will be requested on the grant application. Matching funds are not required under this application.

Public Notification: None.

Staff Recommendation: Adopt a Resolution Authorizing the submittal of a grant application to the Department of Justice (DOJ) for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2019. Also, direct City Manager or her designee to execute any grant related documents upon receipt of potential award.

Attachments:

Attachment A – Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. 2019 -

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LEMON GROVE,
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF A GRANT APPLICATION
TO THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE
ASSISTANCE GRANT

WHEREAS, The Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions and permits funds to be used to support a wide range of program areas within law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, The City of Lemon Grove supports the San Diego County **Sheriff's** Department in their mission to provide the highest quality public safety services to the Lemon Grove community; and

WHEREAS, On July 7, 2016, the City of Lemon submitted a grant application to the Department of Justice (DOJ) through the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 to request funding to purchase equipment for a full bicycle patrol team and to fund staff time for patrols and presence at community events. In September of 2016, the City was awarded \$10,858 in funding. On August 23, 2018, the City of Lemon Grove submitted a second grant application to the DOJ through the JAG Program for FY 2018 to request funding to pay for personnel costs related to training and overtime to conduct bicycle patrols and in November of 2018, the City was awarded \$10,591 in funding.

WHEREAS, The City of Lemon Grove recognizes the value in community-oriented policing strategies upheld through the bicycle patrol program and will work in partnership with the San Diego County **Sheriff's Department Lemon Grove**, Sub-Station to achieve the following goals as set forth in the grant application:

1. Provide an increased law enforcement presence along the Broadway Corridor **which consists of Lemon Grove's Downtown and Village** core areas, interface with **the public and respond to the community's needs in a timely manner**;
2. Improve and increase the community policing presence within Lemon Grove;
3. Address narcotics, gangs and transients in violation of the Lemon Grove Municipal Code;
4. Patrol all City parks; and,
5. Promote conduct that is responsive and sensitive to the needs of the Lemon Grove Community.

WHEREAS, The City of Lemon Grove will comply with grant requirements outlined in the grant guidelines; and,

WHEREAS, funding in the amount of \$11,032 has been requested and if awarded, will help implement the public safety priorities of the Council.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California, hereby:

1. Authorizes the application submittal of the Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant; and,
2. Directs the City Manager or her designee to execute any grant related documents upon award of any grant funds.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on _____, 2019, the City Council of the City of Lemon Grove, California, adopted Resolution No. 2019-_____, passed by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Racquel Vasquez, Mayor

Attest:

Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

Approved as to Form:

Kristen Steinke, City Attorney