



Police Department
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Item # 21

City of Santa Ana
20 Civic Center Plaza, Santa Ana, CA 92701
Staff Report
April 15, 2025

TOPIC: FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

AGENDA TITLE

Approve Memorandum of Understanding Accepting the FY 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Non-General Fund)

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Authorize the City Manager and the Chief of Police to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the County of Orange, Sheriff's Department accepting the 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$89,555 (Agreement No. A-2025-XXX).

GOVERNMENT CODE §84308 APPLIES: No

DISCUSSION

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program provides federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions and is administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Since 2005, BJA has funded over 24,000 JAG awards totaling over \$7.6 billion. JAG awards are based on a statutory formula that equally weighs the City's share of violent crime and population according to Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) statistics. BJA requires the County to function as the applicant/fiscal agent to apply for, receive, and administer the funds on behalf of all cities.

The Santa Ana Police Department (SAPD) has consistently been awarded an average of \$100,000 in JAG funding annually for many years. The department has utilized these funds primarily for increased crime suppression efforts in targeted areas, which has helped address public safety and quality of life issues for residents. In recent years, the department also used the funds to achieve full compliance with the Federal Bureau of Investigation's new National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) for crime data collection as it sunset the prior Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) program. The SAPD also began using JAG funds for youth community engagement to purchase supplies to expand and enhance the Santa Ana Police Athletic & Activity League (SAPAAL) program.

The Santa Ana Police Department recently applied for and has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$89,555 for the FY 2024 JAG program. The County accepted the 2024 JAG award on December 17, 2024, covering the performance period of October 1, 2023 through September 30, 2027. SAPD will use JAG funding to continue two projects in support of the Department's commitment to the Community Oriented Policing philosophy to address public safety issues:

1. The first project will focus on targeted crime suppression activities. This project aims to improve and enhance the community's safety by using outreach and proactive enforcement efforts to address violent crime and quality of life issues in specific targeted areas throughout the City on an overtime basis.
2. The second project will emphasize building community engagement through youth programming. This project is more recent and it will provide funds for the Santa Ana Police Athletic & Activity League (SAPAAL) program, providing additional resources for activities that enhance the bond between kids and cops. These activities may include softball and baseball teams, additional tutoring services, art, music, cooking, etc.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

There is no environmental impact associated with this action.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact for FY 24-25. The grant award will be included in next fiscal year's budget revenue account (no. 12814002-52001) and expenditure accounts for City Council's approval and adoption of the FY 25-26 annual budget as follows:

Fiscal Year	Accounting Unit – Account No.	Fund Description	Accounting Unit – Account No. Description	Amount
FY 25-26	12814409- various	Law Enforcement Grants	Byrne Justice Assistance, Various	\$ 89,555
Total				\$ 89,555

Any remaining balances not expended at the end of FY 25-26 will be presented to the City Council for approval of carryovers to the subsequent fiscal year.

EXHIBIT(S)

1. Memorandum of Understanding with County of Orange, Sheriff's Department

Submitted By: Robert Rodriguez, Police Chief

Approved By: Alvaro Nuñez, City Manager