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Department(s):

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

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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

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE COUNTY OF ORANGE (SHERIFF) AND THE CITY
OF SANTA ANA TO DISTRIBUTE THE 2024 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL FUND – JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
GRANT "JAG" Program**

AWARD # 15PBJA-24-GG-05342-JAGX AWARD DATE: 12/04/24 ACCEPTANCE DATE: 12/17/24

I. Participants

Participants hereto acknowledge the County of Orange as lead fiscal agent in charge of programmatic oversight and administration of funds and compliance over all eligible participant law enforcement agencies, hereinafter referred to individually as "Party" and jointly as "the Parties."

II. Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is to support the objectives of the Office of Justice Programs, expressly those identified as Priority Purpose Areas (PPAs) for the term of this award.

III. Program Overview and Description of Project(s)

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states and local government units, including tribes, to support various criminal justice-related activities based on their state and local needs and conditions. Equipment purchases or funded initiatives such as overtime, task forces, drug programs, information sharing, etc., will reduce crime and enhance public/officer safety.

The JAG Program provides states, territories, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas, including technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice, including for any one or more of the following purpose areas:

1. Law enforcement programs.
2. Prosecution and court programs.
3. Prevention and education programs.
4. Corrections and community corrections programs.
5. Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
6. Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
7. Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).
8. Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.
9. Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including but not limited to mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs.

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The County of Orange (Sheriff) will determine the validity of each project included in the application and subsequent awards. JAG funding will support criminal justice initiatives under one or more allowable program areas above.

This award is subject to all terms and conditions of the grant and administrative and financial requirements, including the timely submission of all financial and programmatic reports, resolution of all interim audit findings, and the maintenance of a minimum level of cash on hand. Should you not adhere to these requirements, you will violate the terms of this agreement, and the award will be subject to termination for cause or other administrative action as appropriate.

THE UNDERSIGNED PARTIES HERETO ACKNOWLEDGE THE GRANT AWARD AND THAT FUNDS WILL BE
RECEIVED PURSUANT TO THE TERMS OF THIS MOU.

COUNTY OF ORANGE

ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF DON BARNES on behalf of
INTERIM COUNTY EXECUTIVE OFFICER, MICHELLE AGUIRRE


AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY

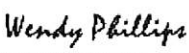
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FINANCIAL/ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION
FINANCIAL DIRECTOR


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SANTA ANA CITY
SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT
CHIEF OF POLICE, ROBERT RODRIGUEZ


AUTHORIZED SIGNATORY

APPROVED AS TO FORM

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 1/16/2025
Wendy J. Phillips, Senior Deputy
Office of Orange County Counsel

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement the date and year first above written.


ATTEST:

CITY OF SANTA ANA

JENNIFER L. HALL
City Clerk

ALVARO NUNEZ
City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
SONIA R. CARVALHO
City Attorney

By: 

TAMARA BOGOSIAN
Senior Assistant City Attorney

2024 ORANGE COUNTY CA LOCAL JAG ALLOCATIONS

Recipient Agency	Government Type	Direct Allocation	Orange County Admin Fee (10%)	Project Amount
ORANGE COUNTY (SHERIFF)	County	\$ 18,256	\$ 1,826	\$ 16,430
ANAHEIM CITY	Municipal	\$ 112,533	\$ 11,253	\$ 101,280
BUENA PARK CITY	Municipal	\$ 14,056	\$ 1,406	\$ 12,650
COSTA MESA CITY	Municipal	\$ 32,334	\$ 3,233	\$ 29,101
FULLERTON CITY	Municipal	\$ 30,078	\$ 3,008	\$ 27,070
GARDEN GROVE CITY	Municipal	\$ 34,613	\$ 3,461	\$ 31,152
HUNTINGTON BEACH CITY	Municipal	\$ 30,681	\$ 3,068	\$ 27,613
IRVINE CITY	Municipal	\$ 12,893	\$ 1,289	\$ 11,604
LA HABRA CITY	Municipal	\$ 12,491	\$ 1,249	\$ 11,242
ORANGE CITY	Municipal	\$ 13,117	\$ 1,312	\$ 11,805
PLACENTIA CITY	Municipal	\$ 12,112	\$ 1,211	\$ 10,901
SANTA ANA CITY	Municipal	\$ 99,505	\$ 9,951	\$ 89,555
TUSTIN CITY	Municipal	\$ 12,134	\$ 1,213	\$ 10,921
WESTMINSTER CITY	Municipal	\$ 19,508	\$ 1,951	\$ 17,557
TOTALS		\$ 454,311	\$ 45,430	\$ 408,881

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2024 Local Solicitation CFDA# 16.738

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