THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: December 13, 2022

Subject: 2022 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant

Staff Resource(s): Elise Lewis, Financial Business Manager, Asheville Police Department

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution to apply for and accept the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) 2022 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant; and adopt a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $80,145.

Background:

- The City of Asheville receives an annual opportunity to apply for a Department of Justice (DOJ), Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.
- The DOJ has preliminarily determined that the Asheville Police Department (APD) is eligible to receive a 2022 award of $80,145 which is allocated to the APD and the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office in the amounts of $61,926 and $18,219 respectively.
- The APD will use the funds to help pay for a DNA Analyzer machine.
- The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office CID (Crime Investigations Division), and CNT (Crisis Negotiation Team) will use grant funds to purchase access (license) for Magnet Axiom $3,840, and to update vital technology programs and related equipment for CID ($6,840) and CNT ($7,545) law enforcement.
- The grant does not require local matching funds.

Council Goal(s):

- A Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- Public Safety Committee - November 17, 2022 - 2-1 approved to move forward to City Counci

Pro(s):

- Ensures the ability to better protect the safety of the residents of Asheville and Buncombe County.

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- Matching funds are not required for this grant.

Suggested Motion:

- Motion to adopt a resolution approving the application and acceptance of the grant and a budget ordinance amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $80,145.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 22-____

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE 2022 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (JAG) GRANT_____

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville has authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. 160A-17.1 to apply for and receive grants from the Federal Government and to enter into contracts for the administration of said grants; and

WHEREAS, the City of Asheville receives an annual opportunity to apply for a United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant; and

WHEREAS, the DOJ has preliminarily determined that the Asheville Police Department (APD) is eligible to receive a grant of $80,145, with $61,926 allocated to the APD and $18,219 allocated to the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office (BCSO); and

WHEREAS, the APD will use the funds to help pay for a DNA Analyzer machine, and the BCSO CID (Crime Investigations Division), and CNT (Crisis Negotiation Team) will use grant funds to purchase access (license) for Magnet Axiom $3,840, and to update vital technology programs and related equipment for CID ($6,840) and CNT ($7,545) law enforcement;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE THAT:

The City Manager is hereby authorized to apply, and if awarded, accept and enter into an agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice for an Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of $80,145, with the expectation that $61,926 will be allocated to the Asheville Police Department, and $18,219 will be distributed to the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office.

Read, approved and adopted this the 13th day of December, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney

ORDINANCE NO. _____

BUDGET ORDINANCE AMENDMENT

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

That Section 2 of the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2022-2023 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $80,145 to accept a Federal grant from the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), 2022 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant for a DNA Analyzer machine for $61,926, and licensing, technology and equipment purchases (Sheriff) costing $18,219, as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:	
Federal Grants	$80,145
Appropriations:	
Safety Equipment	$61,926
Awarded Grants	$18,219
Total Appropriations	$80,145

That this ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon the date of final passage.

Read, approved and adopted this the 13th day of December, 2022.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney