THE CITY OF ASHEVILLE

Staff Report

Council Meeting Date: December 8, 2020

Subject: 2020 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

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

Action Requested: Adoption of a resolution to apply for and accept the 2020 JAG and adopt a budget amendment in the City's Special Revenue Fund in the amount of $62,044.

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 2020 award of $62,044.00 which is allocated to the APD and the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office in the amounts of $48,926.00 and $13,118.00 respectively.
- The APD will use the funds to pay for new Windham rifles as part of a trade-in program of older models.
- The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office will use the funds to purchase Forensic and CNT equipment and supplies.

Council Goal(s):

- A Connected and Engaged Community

Committee(s):

- N/A

Pro(s):

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

Con(s):

- None

Fiscal Impact:

- There is no local match required.

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 $62,044.

Attachment(s)

- Resolution
- Budget Amendment

RESOLUTION NO. 20-____

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 2020 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE 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 $62,044, with $48,926 allocated to the APD and $13,118 allocated to the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office (BCSO); and

WHEREAS, the APD will use the funds to pay for Windham rifles, and the BCSO will use the funds to purchase Forensic and CNT equipment and supplies purchases;

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 $62,044, with the expectation that $48,926 will be allocated to the Asheville Police Department, and $13,118 will be distributed to the Buncombe County Sheriff's Office.

Read, approved and adopted this the 8th day of December, 2020.

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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 the City of Asheville Fiscal Year 2020-2021 Budget Ordinance be amended to provide an appropriation of $62,044 to accept a Federal grant for Windham rifle purchases (APD) costing $48,926, and Forensic and CNT equipment and supplies purchases (Sheriff) costing $13,118, as follows:

SPECIAL REVENUE FUND

Revenues:

Federal Grants	$62,044
Total Revenues	$62,044

Appropriations:

Supplies - Safety Equipment	$48,926
Awarded Grants	$13,118
Total Appropriations	$62,044

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

Read, approved and adopted this 8th day of December, 2020.

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City Clerk Mayor

Approved as to form:

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City Attorney