



### City of Largo Agenda Item 16

Meeting Date  
09/04/18

Presenter: Jeff Undestad, Police Chief

Department: PD – Police Department

**TITLE:**

**AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE FY 2018 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM**

The United States Department of Justice (U.S. DOJ) annually allocates funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. This program is a formula grant which allocates funding based on population and crime rates. The City's allocation for the federal FY 2018 is \$27,891. The program allows the funds to be used for four years from date of award, does not require matching funds from the City, and may not be used to supplant budgeted funds. The monies may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice, in addition to research for policing methods.

After a review of the allowable uses, amount of funding, and time frame for use of the funding, staff proposes utilizing the funding to purchase a passenger van/minivan and associated up-fitting for use by the police officer assigned to the Enriching Lives Through Mental Health Services Program. The passenger van/minivan is estimated to cost approximately \$26,000; it is anticipated that the grant funding may cover a portion of the cost of up-fitting the vehicle with lights and basic police radio.

Due to time constraints between the opening of the application period and submission deadline, staff has submitted the application. The application is for review and approval of the proposed uses outlined above. Should the U.S. DOJ find that this purpose does not meet the needs or requirements of the program, the U.S. DOJ will contact the City and provide an opportunity to change the request. Public comment requirements stipulate the application (and any amendment to the application) must be made public, thereby providing citizens with an opportunity to comment. If U.S. DOJ approves the application, staff proposes to present the grant award agreement and certifications and assurances to the Mayor for execution. Additionally, staff will present a required Chief Legal Officer certification to the City Attorney for execution.

Budgeted Amount: \$0.00      Budget Page No(s): NA      Available Amount: \$0.00      Expenditure Amount: \$0.00

Additional Budgetary Information: Not applicable

Funding Source(s): NA      Sufficient Funds Available:  Yes  No      Budget Amendment Required:  Yes  No      Source: N/A

City Attorney Reviewed:  Yes  No  N/A      Advisory Board Recommendation:  For  Against  N/A      Consistent With:  Yes  No  N/A      Strategic Plan

Potential Motion/Direction Requested: I MOVE TO APPROVE/DISAPPROVE AUTHORIZATION TO SUBMIT APPLICATION TO THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE FY 2018 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND CITY ATTORNEY TO EXECUTE THE GRANT AWARD DOCUMENTS AND CERTIFICATIONS AND ASSURANCES.

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Attachments: None