



Item: Interlocal Agreement-MOU with Cascade County Sheriff's Office directing FY: 08 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds to the Cascade County Sheriff's Office.

From: Great Falls Police Department

Initiated By: Cascade County Sheriff's Office

Presented By: Cloyd A. Grove, Chief of Police

Action Requested: Accept staffs recommendation and aloe the City Manager to execute the required Memorandum of Understanding

Suggested Motion:

1. Commissioner moves:

“I move that the City Commission (approve/deny) staff's recommendation and allow the City Manager to execute the required Memorandum of Understanding.

2. Mayor calls for a second, discussion, inquiries from the public, and calls the vote.

Staff Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the Fiscal Year 08 Justice Assistance Grant funds be directed to the Cascade County Sheriff's Office and that the City Manager be allowed to execute the attached Memorandum of Understanding.

Background:

Congress allocated funds to be dispersed under the Justice Assistance Grant Program, established within the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), US Department of Justice in the amount of \$11,488 for a joint application between the Great Falls Police Department and the Cascade County Sheriff's Office. This grant is designed to be shared equally with the Cascade County Sheriff's Office; however, this amount is not sufficient to purchase equipment for both agencies and it would limit their purchasing ability. In addition, the Great Falls Police Department was not in a position to make an application when due, so the Cascade County Sheriff's Office requested that they be allowed to apply for the entire amount, allowing them to purchase needed equipment for their patrol vehicles. The Cascade County Sheriff's Office assumes all financial management, logistics support, operational support and mission support for this grant year. The application process allows 30 days for the review by the governing bodies (City and County) and provides an opportunity for public comment on the grant application.

Formula

The JAG formula includes a *state allocation* consisting of a minimum base allocation with the remaining amount determined on population and Part 1 violent crime statistics, and a *direct allocation* to units of local government. Once the state allocation is calculated, 60% of the funding is awarded to the state and 40% to eligible units of local government. State allocations also have a *variable pass through* requirement to locals, calculated by the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) from each state's crime expenditures.

JAG funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice for any one or more of the following purpose areas:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs

*Any law enforcement or justice initiative previously eligible for funding under Byrne or LLEBG is eligible for JAG funding.

Significant Impacts

In past years the amount of this grant was significant enough to allow both agencies to purchase needed mobile data equipment, however, this grant is only large enough to purchase and outfit only one mobile data terminal so we would not be able to share the grant as we have in the past. The Great Falls Police Department is willing to forgo the Fiscal Year 08 grant in anticipation that the Fiscal Year 09 grant will be sufficient to return our ability to purchase mobile data equipment. If these grant funds do not increase for the 09 Fiscal Year the Great Falls Police Department will request that the grant be maintained in full by them.

Concurrences:

Cascade County Sheriff's Office.

Fiscal Impact:

None

Attachments/Exhibits:

Memorandum of Understanding between the Great Falls Police Department and the Cascade County Sheriff's Office (Not available online; on file in City Clerk's Office.)