TO:        HONORABLE CITY COUNCIL

FROM:       CITY MANAGER        DEPARTMENT:  POLICE

DATE:        APRIL 25, 2005         CMR:227:05

SUBJECT:   AUTHORIZATION BY CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE AGREEMENT AND ACCEPTANCE OF EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FUNDS IN THE AMOUNT OF $6,589 FROM THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA) AND ALLOCATED BY SANTA CLARA COUNTY

RECOMMENDATIONS

Staff recommends that the City Council authorize the City Manager to execute the attached agreement and accept Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funds in the amount of $6,589 from the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and allocated by Santa Clara County.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) has made funds available to local agencies under the Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program for the purposes of reducing crime and improving public safety. Proposed to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the JAG Program allows governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on local needs and conditions. Based in part on the previous Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Program, JAG provides agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are most needed.

DISCUSSION

The County Executive of Santa Clara serves as the designated fiscal agent for the 2005 JAG Program for nine local agencies. As such, the County will be responsible for the administration of funds including distributing monies, monitoring the awards and submitting reports. The JAG formula for allocation is based on population and violent crime statistics. Conditions for acceptance and use of JAG funds include City Council approval of the acceptance of funds. Once approved, each agency will formulate an individual spending plan to reflect the individual jurisdiction’s needs and priorities. JAG funds must be used to supplement or enhance existing funds for program activities, and cannot replace, or supplant funds that have been appropriated for the same purpose.
Staff will return to Council at a later date with information on how staff plans to spend these funds.

**RESOURCE IMPACT**

In compliance with the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) requirements, the City has established a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the Federal and State Grants Special Revenue Fund. Revenue and expenses of $6,589 will be budgeted as part of the year-end report.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

Expenditures of funds associated with the grant funds are consistent with City Policy.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT**

This is not a project subject to CEQA requirements.

**ATTACHMENT**

Interlocal Agreement

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