

Memorandum



DATE October 7, 2022

CITY OF DALLAS

TO Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee
Adam McGough (Chair), Cara Mendelsohn (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno, Jaime Resendez, Casey Thomas, Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **October 12, 2022, City Council Agenda Item #22; 22-2188 - Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before City Council on October 12, 2022.

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the FY 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Grant No. TBD, CFDA No. 16.738) in the amount of \$1,168,127.00 to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system for the period October 1, 2021, through September 30, 2025; **(2)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,168,127.00 in the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant FY22 Fund; **(3)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$1,168,127.00 in the Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant FY22 Fund; **(4)** execution of the grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Justice and all terms, conditions, and documents required by the agreement; and **(5)** execution of a Funds Sharing and Fiscal Agency Agreement between the City of Dallas, Dallas County, and designated units of local governments - Not to exceed \$1,168,127.00 - Financing: U.S. Department of Justice Grant Funds

BACKGROUND

Part E of Title 1 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended, and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (the "JAG Program") authorize the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) to make funds available to units of local government in order to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system.

The JAG Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds can support all components of the criminal justice system from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces, crime prevention, domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

In recent years, the City of Dallas has used the JAG to fund salaries, benefits, and other associated costs for the Community Prosecution Program. Other past projects include Fair and Impartial Policing Training and SharePoint implementation for the Dallas Police Department (DPD). For the 2022 award, Dallas will fund salaries and benefits for three Community Prosecutors, as well as support the purchase of three message boards used for traffic control and incident management. The use of this funding will aid DPD in communicating directly with the public and improving prosecution efforts. Ten percent of the total award is also used to reimburse administrative expenses associated with managing the grant.

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The City of Dallas, Dallas County, and certain units of local government designated by the BJA are eligible for 2022 JAG funding and have been certified by the BJA as a disparate jurisdiction. The application guidelines ask for one fiscal agent to apply for, accept, and disburse funds throughout the disparate jurisdiction. Dallas County and all eligible units of local government in the disparate jurisdiction have agreed to designate the City of Dallas as the applicant and fiscal agent for the JAG Program.

Dallas County and the eligible cities agree and acknowledge that as a certified disparate jurisdiction, the Parties must reach an agreement regarding the sharing of funds prior to submitting a JAG application with the BJA. Accordingly, this resolution will authorize the City Manager to set forth the following: (i) the amount of funds originally allocated by the BJA before the Parties were certified to be disparate jurisdictions; (ii) the amounts to be transferred among the respective jurisdictions, including the amount to be paid to the City of Dallas as the fiscal agent for the jurisdiction; and (iii) the final amount for each of the Parties.

Should you have any questions or concerns please contact me at (214) 670 5299.



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