

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE January 14, 2025

Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council  
TO Cara Mendelsohn (Chair), Kathy Stewart (Vice Chair), Tennell Atkins, Jesse Moreno  
Gay Donnell Willis

SUBJECT **January 22, 2025, City Council Draft Agenda Item #3; 25-121A: Acceptance of FY 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Fund to Prevent and Control Crime and to Improve the Criminal Justice System with Partnering Jurisdictions**

The following agenda item is scheduled to go before Council on January 22, 2025.

## **DRAFT AGENDA #3; 25-121 A**

Authorize the acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, FY 2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant, to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system with partnering jurisdictions. – Grant Award \$1,020,731.00 Financing: FY 2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Fund

## **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”) authorizes 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. For the 2024 award, Dallas will fund salaries and benefits to support the City Attorney’s Office for three (3) Community Prosecutors. Funds will also be used by the Dallas Police Department to support the purchase of sexual assault kit testing for cases that fall between 2011-2019. Ten (10) percent of the total award is also used to reimburse administrative expenses associated with managing the grant.

The City of Dallas, Dallas County, and certain units of local government (Parties) designated by the BJA are eligible for 2024 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.

**Final Allocations**

The following amounts reflect the JAG funds each jurisdiction shall receive upon acceptance of and disbursements of funds from the BJA in accordance with the Funds Sharing and Fiscal Agency Agreement.

Dallas County	\$ 292,668.68
Balch Springs	\$ 6,967.65
Carrollton	\$ 10,340.48
Dallas	\$ 570,636.68
DeSoto	\$ 8,106.90
Duncanville	\$ 6,537.99
Garland	\$ 28,579.55
Grand Prairie	\$ 19,970.08
Irving	\$ 36,405.22
Lancaster	\$ 10,207.03
Mesquite	\$ 30,310.56
Richardson	\$ <u>0.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,020,731.00</b>

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

Fund	FY 2025	FY 2026	Future Years
FY 2024 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Fund	\$1,020,731.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Should you have any questions, please contact Erika Dzangare, Grant Acquisition Manager, Budget and Management Services at (214) 671-0970.

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