



Legislation Text

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STRATEGIC PRIORITY: Public Safety
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COUNCIL DISTRICT(S): All
DEPARTMENT: Office of Government Affairs
EXECUTIVE: T.C. Broadnax

SUBJECT

Authorize the **(1)** acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, FY 2023 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant (Grant No. 15PBJA-23-GG-03846-JAGX, Assistance Listing No. 16.738) in the amount of \$1,267,929.00 to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system for the period October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026; **(2)** receipt and deposit of funds in an amount not to exceed \$1,267,929.00 in the FY 2023 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Fund; **(3)** establishment of appropriations in an amount not to exceed \$1,267,929.00 in the FY 2023 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant 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 \$1,267,929.00 - Financing: FY 2023 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 2023 award, Dallas will fund salaries and benefits for three Community Prosecutors, as well as support the purchase equipment and supplies needed to enhance existing teams and projects. Examples include, tasers, reality-based trainings, digital programs, etc. 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 2023 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.

Initial Allocations

For 2023, the BJA has determined the Initial Allocations of JAG funds for the Parties, as follows.

Dallas County	\$	0.00
Balch Springs	\$	13,619.00
Carrollton	\$	16,012.00
Dallas	\$	968,981.00
DeSoto	\$	14,939.00
Duncanville	\$	13,371.00
Garland	\$	56,868.00
Grand Prairie	\$	37,610.00
Irving	\$	60,031.00
Lancaster	\$	16,012.00
Mesquite	\$	56,152.00
Richardson	\$	<u>14,334.00</u>
Total		\$1,267,929.00

Amounts to be Transferred

All jurisdictions, with the exception of the City of Richardson, have agreed that 30% of their funds will be allocated to Dallas County per the U.S. Department of Justice guidelines that require fund sharing with any unit of government that bears more than 50% of the costs of prosecution or incarceration. The City of Richardson has chosen to reallocate its total award of \$14,334.00 to the County.

The eligible cities agree to have the following funds transferred to Dallas County pursuant to the Funds Sharing and Fiscal Agency Agreement, as follows:

Dallas County	\$ 0.00
Balch Springs	\$ 4,085.70
Carrollton	\$ 4,803.60
Dallas	\$ 290,694.30
DeSoto	\$ 4,481.70
Duncanville	\$ 17,060.40
Garland	\$ 16,418.70
Grand Prairie	\$ 11,283.00
Irving	\$ 18,009.30
Lancaster	\$ 4,803.60
Mesquite	\$ 16,845.60
Richardson	\$ <u>4,300.00</u>
Total	\$380,378.70

This leaves adjusted allocations, as follows:

Dallas County	\$ 390,412.50
Balch Springs	\$ 9,533.30
Carrollton	\$ 11,208.40
Dallas	\$ 678,286.70
DeSoto	\$ 10,457.30
Duncanville	\$ 9,359.70
Garland	\$ 39,807.60
Grand Prairie	\$ 26,327.00
Irving	\$ 42,021.70
Lancaster	\$ 11,208.40
Mesquite	\$ 39,306.40
Richardson	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total	\$1,267,929.00

Fiscal Agent Grant Administration Fees

The following amounts reflect each participant's grant administration fee deducted from their adjusted allocations, which shall be transferred to the Fiscal Agent, the City of Dallas.

Dallas County	\$ 27,328.88
Balch Springs	\$ 667.33
Carrollton	\$ 784.59
Dallas	\$ 85,517.94
DeSoto	\$ 732.01
Duncanville	\$ 655.18
Garland	\$ 2,786.53
Grand Prairie	\$ 1,842.89

Irving	\$ 2,941.52
Lancaster	\$ 784.59
Mesquite	\$ 2,751.45
Richardson	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total	\$126,792.90

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	\$ 363,083.63
Balch Springs	\$ 8,865.97
Carrollton	\$ 10,423.81
Dallas	\$ 719,561.66
DeSoto	\$ 9,725.29
Duncanville	\$ 8,704.52
Garland	\$ 37,021.07
Grand Prairie	\$ 24,484.11
Irving	\$ 39,080.18
Lancaster	\$ 10,423.81
Mesquite	\$ 36,554.95
Richardson	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total	\$1,267,929.00

PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)

On October 8, 2019, the City Council authorized an application for and acceptance of the FY 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to be used for a broad range of activities to help control and prevent crime and to improve the criminal justice system for the period October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2022; execution of the Fiscal Agency and Funds Sharing Agreement between the City of Dallas, Dallas County and eligible units of local government; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 19-1599.

On September 23, 2020, the City Council authorized an application for and acceptance of the FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to be used for a broad range of activities to help control and prevent crime and to improve the criminal justice system for the period of October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2023; execution of the Fiscal Agency and Funds Sharing Agreement between the City of Dallas, Dallas County and eligible units of local government; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 20-1460.

On September 9, 2021, the City Council authorized an application for and acceptance of the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to be used for a broad range of activities to help control and prevent crime and to improve the criminal justice system for the period of October 1, 2020 through September 30, 2024; execution of the Fiscal Agency and Funds Sharing Agreement between the City of Dallas, Dallas County and eligible units of local government; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 21-1463.

On October 12, 2022, the City Council authorized an application for and acceptance of the FY 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to be used for a broad range of activities to help control and prevent crime and to improve the criminal justice system for the period of October 1, 2021 through September 30, 2025; execution of the Fiscal Agency and Funds Sharing Agreement between the City of Dallas, Dallas County and eligible units of local government; and execution of the grant agreement by Resolution No. 22-2188.

FISCAL INFORMATION

Fund	FY 2024	FY 2025	Future Years
FY 2023 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant Fund	\$1,267, 929.00	\$0.00	\$0.00