

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2019 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

BACKGROUND:

On August 13, 2019, the City Council authorized the Police Department to apply for the 2019 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The grant conditions required that the application be filed jointly with Story County and the Council approved entering into a Memorandum of Understanding with Story County. The application and the Memorandum of Understanding were completed and submitted. On September 23, 2019, the Department of Justice notified the Police Department that the grant had been awarded in full. The Police Department requests permission to accept the grant.

Grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice, as well as research and evaluation activities that will improve or enhance law enforcement programs related to criminal justice.

The grant award is \$12,728. **This year the funds will be used in a project to provide records management and system administrator training, and to purchase a new backup server to support the public safety network.** The public safety network provides dispatching, vehicle location, communications, report writing, jail management, and data management functions. The network includes the Ames Police Department, the Story County Sheriff's Office, Story County Conservation officers, and Iowa State University Police. Other emergency response agencies, including Ames Fire and Mary Greeley Medical Center, utilize the mobile dispatch and vehicle location functions of the public safety network.

There is no match requirement with this grant.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Accept the 2019 Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program and authorize the Police Department to participate in the program.
2. Do not authorize participation in this grant program.

CITY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Police Department has participated in the JAG grant program in the past and the program has proven to be a valuable source of funds for special purchases and programs. This grant will provide the same benefit.

Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative No. 1 as stated above.