

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 24, 2010

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PART I CRIMES TASK FORCE IN FY 2011

ISSUE: Consideration of a grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, in the amount of \$67,088 in federal funds for the Police Department's Part I Crimes Task Force in FY 2011.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Approve the renewal grant application (due June 30, 2010) to the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$67,088, which will provide funds for the Police Department's Part I Crimes Task Force in FY 2011;
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all necessary documents that may be required; and
- (3) Affirm that no City funds would be available to fund this program in FY 2011 or future years.

DISCUSSION: The federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program was first funded in FY 2005, replacing the former Law Enforcement Block Grant (LEBG) program. The City has participated in these programs since 1997. The JAG grant would enable enhanced enforcement of Part I (serious) crimes. The Police Department addresses Part I crime trends through task force style investigations involving multiple officers.

The grant no longer requires a local match of 10 percent. As in the past, the federal grant funds will be used for overtime to hireback officers replacing those temporarily assigned to investigate Part I crimes.

Staff received notification in early May to prepare the on-line application due June 30, 2010. Alexandria's share of funding was predetermined by the grantor agency.

FISCAL IMPACT: No City match is required to receive grant funds. However, the City is responsible for the normal administrative costs associated with this grant. These costs include financial and reporting oversight provided by the administering agency, as well as by the Office of Management and Budget and the Finance Department.

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