

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 2, 2012

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: RASHAD M. YOUNG, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: APPLICATION FOR THE RENEWAL OF THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT'S PART I CRIMES TASK FORCE IN FY 2012

ISSUE: Renewal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, in the amount of \$37,949 in federal funds. The grant requires no match from the City.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council approve the application for the renewal of the \$37,949 grant.

DISCUSSION: The federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program was first funded in FY2005, 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 late March to prepare the on-line application due May 14, 2012. Alexandria's share of funding was predetermined by the grantor agency.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no required match from the City and, therefore, no additional fiscal impact from this grant. The Proposed FY2013 budget includes no anticipated funding from this grant source.

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