

**CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA**



Agenda Date:	June 7, 2021
Actions Required:	Appropriation of Funding
Presenter:	Holly Bittle, Budget Analyst, Charlottesville Police Department
Staff Contacts:	RaShall Brackney, Chief, Charlottesville Police Department* Holly Bittle, Budget Analyst, Charlottesville Police Department
Title:	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - \$23,056

Background:

The purpose of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Department of Justice (DOJ) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Fiscal Year 2020 Local Formula Solicitation is to further the DOJ's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

Discussion:

Following the Commonwealth of Virginia's May 2020 Executive Order 64, a response to past and potential future civil unrest that poses a danger to public safety, the City of Charlottesville, through the Police Department, applied for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Grant to install additional security access points in unsecured areas of the Charlottesville Police Department. Notification of award approval was received on September 19, 2020 for reimbursement up to \$23,056.

This grant is part of a strategic effort to address visual and physical security weaknesses within the Police Department facility. Other efforts include grant funded projects to procure a mobile logistics trailer with a command center capabilities (Appropriation #A-20-082) as well as enhancing the technology and equipment within the Police Department Roll Call room in order to be able to convert this space into a command post if and when needed (Appropriation #A-20-029).

The Police Department has been working with a physical security specialist to identify visual and physical security weaknesses within its facility. The department anticipates needing to install up to a total five access points.

Alignment with City Council's Vision and Strategic Plan:

This project supports Goal 2 of the Strategic Plan, to be a Healthy and Safe City.

Community Engagement:

N/A

Budgetary Impact:

This has no impact on the General Fund. No local match is required and the funds will be expensed and reimbursed to a Grants Fund.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval and appropriation of grant funds.

Alternatives:

If grants funds are not appropriated, this project will require additional City funds to support these security improvements or the project will not be completed without using City funds.

Attachments:

- Resolution Appropriating Funding
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2020 Local Solicitation's "Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government"

**RESOLUTION APPROPRIATING FUNDS FOR
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Grant # 2020-DJ-BX-0922 -
\$23,056**

WHEREAS, the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Fiscal Year 2020 Local Formula awarded a grant to the Police Department, through the City of Charlottesville, to install additional security access points in unsecured areas of the Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that a total of \$23,056.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues – \$23,056.00

\$23,056.00 Fund: 211 Internal Order: 1900404 G/L Account: 431110

Expenditures – \$23,056.00

\$23,056.00 Fund: 211 Internal Order: 1900404 G/L Account: 525263

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this appropriation is conditioned upon the reimbursement of funds or goods as supplied from the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.