

CITY OF CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA



Agenda Date:	November 15, 2021
Actions Required:	Appropriation of Funding
Presenter:	Holly Bittle, Budget Analyst, Charlottesville Police Department
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Title:	Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - \$23,284

Background:

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance' (BJA) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program furthers the Department's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal law enforcement efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence. The DOJ is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

Discussion:

The national discourse over the summer of 2020 emphasized the need to increase positive community engagement opportunities. The Charlottesville Police Department (CPD) requested funding to expand its ability to have more officers certified to patrol the city on bicycle which increases positive interactions between CPD officers, City residents and visitors. In addition, in Charlottesville's urban environment officers patrolling on bicycles can move more quickly through dense neighborhoods and crowds than officers in patrol cars.

These grant funds will allow CPD to train three officers to become International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) certified instructors, increasing the ability of CPD and other local area agencies to access this valuable training; increase the number of patrol vehicles that can transport bicycles; and outfit newly certified bicycle patrol officers with required equipment. Notification of award approval was received on October 13, 2021 for reimbursement up to \$23,284.

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:

The increased the availability of certified bicycle patrol officers will allow for more participation by officers in community engagement activities like Safe Routes to School and at large scale events, such as the July 10, 2021 Confederate Statue removal.

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, the Police Department will be unable to send three officers to become IPMBA certified instructors, and unable to increase the number of certified bicycle patrol officers and number of patrol vehicles able to carry bicycles while on patrol.

Attachments:

- Resolution Appropriating Funding
- U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2021 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 # 15PBJA-21-GG-01920-
JAGX
\$23,284**

WHEREAS, the Office for Civil Rights, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Fiscal Year 2021 Local Formula awarded a grant to the Police Department, through the City of Charlottesville, to train three officers to become International Police Mountain Bike Association (IPMBA) certified instructors, to outfit additional patrol vehicles to transport bicycles, and outfit newly certified bicycle patrol officers with required equipment;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Charlottesville, Virginia that a total of \$23,284.00 be appropriated in the following manner:

Revenues – \$23,284.00

\$23,284.00	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900444	G/L Account: 431110
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Expenditures – \$23,284.00

\$4,452.00	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900444	G/L Account: 510060
\$345.00	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900444	G/L Account: 511010
\$9,658.00	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900444	G/L Account: 525266
\$2,265.00	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900444	G/L Account: 530102
\$2,864.00	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900444	G/L Account: 530103
\$1,000.00	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900444	G/L Account: 530105
\$2,700.00	Fund: 211	Internal Order: 1900444	G/L Account: 530140

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