

## City of Carson **Report to Mayor and City Council**

November 20, 2012 **New Business Consent** 

**SUBJECT:** CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 12 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

Submitted by Raymond R. Cruz

Approved by David C. Biggs **Director of Community Services** City Manager

#### I. **SUMMARY**

The City of Carson applied for, and has been awarded, funds by the United States Department of Justice's (DOJ) Office of Justice Programs (OJP), under the FY 12 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program (Exhibit No. 1). The grant award for FY 2012/13 is \$39,989.00. Staff recommends that the City Council accept the JAG grant funds that are available to the City of Carson for FY 2012/13.

### II. **RECOMMENDATION**

ACCEPT the FY 12 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funding in the amount of \$39,989.00.

#### III. **ALTERNATIVES**

- 1. DO NOT accept these grant funds and pay for grant funded services from the General Fund.
- 2. TAKE another action the City Council deems appropriate.

### IV. **BACKGROUND**

The City of Carson has applied for the FY 12 JAG grant and on July 13, 2012, the City was awarded grant funds in the amount of \$39,989.00. The JAG grant allows state and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. This is the same grant program that awarded the City \$52,901.00 in 2011 and Council accepted those funds at the November 1, 2011 meeting (Exhibit No. 2). The JAG grant replaced the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) programs and does not require matching funds.

State and federal grant funds for public safety related activities have been awarded annually to the City of Carson since 1996, via the federal LLEBG and JAG grants, and the state Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund/Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Account (SLESF/SLESA). Funds from these grants were previously utilized to pay for some of the operations of the City's Citizens Option for Public Safety (COPS) Teams of the Sheriff's Department and half of the cost

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of two Deputy Probation Officers (DPO). The other half of the cost of the DPOs is paid for by the Los Angeles County Probation Department.

With the reduction in grant funding in recent years, the City chose to eliminate the services of one DPO at the end of FY 2010/11. However, there is enough funding from previous grants and the current grant to fund the one active DPO through the end of FY 2012/13. The contract amount for the DPO for FY 2012/13 is \$68,000.00. This FY 12 JAG grant will be used to partially fund the one active These grant funds, combined with the remaining DPO in FY 2013/14. SLESF/SLESA funds, will allow the City to continue to provide DPO services to the City for another year (FY 2013/14) without using funds from the general fund. The DPO supervises a caseload of 75 court-ordered probationers and conducts crisis counseling in individual and group settings with referred juveniles and parents. The DPO works closely with the Youth Services Section to provide assistance with Teen Court, the Parent Project and other Youth Services activities. The DPO has continued to network with agencies in the City of Carson and the surrounding communities to develop resources to meet the needs of at-risk youth and adults. Through these services, the City of Carson has provided a valuable resource to enhance the safety and security of the community.

## V. FISCAL IMPACT

Accepting these grant funds will allow the City to continue to provide DPO services with no impact to the City's General Fund. If accepted, appropriation of these grant funds will be addressed at the presentation to Council of the FY2012/13 Special Revenue Fund budgets at a future date. Any remaining grant fund balance at the end of FY 2012/13 will be carried over to FY 2013/14 to continue to fund DPO services.

## VI. <u>EXHIBITS</u>

- 1. Office of Justice Programs approval of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funding. (pg. 4)
- 2. Minutes from City Council meeting of November 1, 2011, item no. 9. (pg. 5)

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Reviewed by:		
City Clerk	City Treasurer	
Administrative Services	Public Works	
Community Development/	Community Services	
Action ta	ken by City Council	
Date Action		



### Department of Justice

Office of Justice Programs

Bureau of Justice Assistance

Office of Justice Programs

Washington, D.C. 20531

July 13, 2012

Mr. David C. Biggs City of Carson 701 East Carson Street Carson, CA 90745-2224

Dear Mr. Biggs:

On behalf of Attorney General Eric Holder, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Office of Justice Programs has approved your application for funding under the FY 12 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Local Solicitation in the amount of \$39,989 for City of Carson.

Enclosed you will find the Grant Award and Special Conditions documents. This award is subject to all administrative and financial requirements, including the timely submission of all financial and programmatic reports, resolution of all interim audit findings, and the maintenance of a minimum level of cash-on-hand. Should you not adhere to these requirements, you will be in violation of the terms of this agreement and the award will be subject to termination for cause or other administrative action as appropriate.

If you have questions regarding this award, please contact:

- Program Questions, Tahitia M. Barringer, Program Manager at (202) 616-3294; and
- Financial Questions, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Customer Service Center (CSC) at (800) 458-0786, or you may contact the CSC at ask.ocfo@usdoj.gov.

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

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Denise O'Donnell Director

Enclosures



**EXHIBIT NO. 1** 

# ITEM NO. (9) CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 11 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (PUBLIC SERVICES)

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

- 1. ACCEPT the FY 11 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funding in the amount of \$52,901.00.
- 2. INCREASE the FY 2011/12 revenue projections for the Department of Justice/Office of Justice Programs fund by \$52,901.00.

ACTION: Item No. 9 was approved on the New Business Consent Calendar on motion of Dear, seconded by Santarina and unanimously carried by the following vote:

Ayes:

Mayor/Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Vice Chairman Ruiz-Raber, Council/Agency

Member Davis-Holmes, Council/Agency Member Gipson, and Council/Agency

Member Santarina

Noes:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

None

