



City of Carson

Report to Mayor and City Council

September 2, 2014
New Business Consent

SUBJECT: CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 14 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

Submitted by Cedric L. Hicks, Sr.
Director of Community Services

Approved by Nelson Hernandez
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 14 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program (Exhibit No. 1). The grant award for FY 2014/15 is \$39,973.00. This FY 14 JAG grant will be used to partially fund the City's contracted Deputy Probation Officer in FY 2014/15. Staff recommends that the City Council accept the JAG grant funds that are available to the City of Carson for FY 2014/15.

II. RECOMMENDATION

ACCEPT the FY 14 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funding in the amount of \$39,973.00.

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 that is consistent with the requirements of law.

IV. BACKGROUND

The City of Carson has applied for the FY 14 JAG grant and on July 8, 2014, the City was awarded grant funds in the amount of \$39,973.00. 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 \$36,617.00 in 2013 and Council accepted those funds at the December 3, 2013 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 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 2014/15. The contract amount for the DPO for FY 2014/15 is \$74,000.00. This FY 14 JAG grant, along with the prior year's carryover balance, will be used to partially fund the one active DPO in FY 2014/15. 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.

These grant funds were included in the Special Revenue Funds budgets in the DOJ/OJP grant fund. The Special Revenue Funds budgets were adopted on July 25, 2014.

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. Any remaining grant fund balance at the end of FY 2014/15 will be carried over to FY 2015/16 to continue to fund DPO services.

VI. EXHIBITS

1. Office of Justice Programs approval of FY 14 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funding. (pg. 4)
2. Minutes from City Council meeting of December 3, 2013, item no. 9. (pg. 5)

September 2, 2014

Reviewed by:

City Clerk	City Treasurer
Administrative Services <i>effort</i>	Public Works
Community Development	Community Services

Action taken 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 8, 2014

Mr. Nelson Hernandez
City of Carson
701 E. Carson Street
Carson, CA 90746-2224

Dear Mr. Hernandez:

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 14 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program: Local in the amount of \$39,973 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, Gale Farquhar, Program Manager at (202) 514-8528; 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,

Denise O'Donnell

Denise O'Donnell
Director

Enclosures

EXHIBIT NO 01



**ITEM NO. (9) CONSIDER ACCEPTANCE OF THE FY 13 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (COMMUNITY SERVICES)**

RECOMMENDATION for the City Council:

TAKE the following actions:

1. ACCEPT the FY 13 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funding in the amount of \$36,617.00.
2. AUTHORIZE an increase in the projected revenues for FY 2013/14 in the Department of Justice/OJP grant fund, in account number 08-00-999-347-4511, by \$36,617.00.
3. APPROPRIATE the additional \$36,617.00 in the Department of Justice/OJP grant fund for FY 2013/14, account number 08-90-999-347-6005.

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/Agency Chairman/Authority Chairman Dear, Mayor Pro Tem/Agency Vice Chairman/Authority Vice Chairman Santarina, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Davis-Holmes, Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Gipson, and Council Member/Agency Member/Authority Commissioner Robles
Noes:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

EXHIBIT NO 02

