



AGENDA REPORT

Police Department

DATE:	September 12, 2023
TO:	Mayor Martinez and Members of the City Council
FROM:	Bisa French, Chief of Police
Subject:	Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office for 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
FINANCIAL IMPACT:	The 2022 JAG Grant will provide funding in the amount of \$80,619 less a five-percent administrative fee (\$4,030.95) due to the Sheriff's Office for a total reimbursable amount of \$76,588.05. This is a reimbursement grant, where funds will be paid out by the City of Richmond and a request for funds will be processed by the Sheriff's Office. A City match of funds is not required – account string 10691021-337381.
PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:	N/A
STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE:	The City of Richmond Police Department was awarded the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2022 by the Office of Justice Programs managed by the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office. Department staff is requesting City Council approval to accept and appropriate \$80,619 for the purchase of police safety equipment.
RECOMMENDED ACTION:	ADOPT a resolution to ACCEPT and APPROPRIATE \$80,619 in funding from the 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the purchase of police safety equipment; and AUTHORIZE the city manager to execute and accept the Memorandum of Understanding with the Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office – Police Department (Chief Bisa French 510-621-1802).

DISCUSSION:

The Federal government has made funds available to local law enforcement agencies under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The Contra Costa County Sheriff's Office applies for and receives the initial award, which is then divided between the Sheriff's Department, City of Antioch, City of Concord, and the City of Richmond.

Contra Costa Sheriff's Office (CCCSO) manages the grant between the four recipients, but all documentation is completed by the individual jurisdictions. Only after the CCCSO receives back documents from all the jurisdictions, can CCCSO officially present the jurisdictions with their individual funding.

The award was presented to the City of Richmond Police Department in April 2023. The JAG 2022 grant term is October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2025. The City of Richmond is currently using JAG 2020 and JAG 2021 funds for body armor purchases as needed. The JAG 2022 funds will be used when the prior funding is exhausted.

The City of Richmond Police Department was awarded \$80,619, of which a five-percent administrative fee (\$4,030.95) is deducted for grant management by the Sheriff's Department. City staff proposes to use the funds for the purchase of police safety equipment (e.g., bullet proof vests, ballistic shields, helmets, etc.) in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the County of Contra Costa Sheriff's Office and the City of Richmond Police Department.

DOCUMENTS ATTACHED:

Attachment 1 – JAG 2022 MOU (Signed by Undersheriff & CAO)
Attachment 2 – Resolution