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Council Agenda Item Memo

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE: May 9, 2014

TO: Honorable Members of the Public Safety Committee: Sheffie Kadane (Chair), Adam Medrano (Vice-Chair), Dwaine Caraway, Jennifer S. Gates, Sandy Greyson, Scott Griggs

SUBJECT: Acceptance of the FY2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

On April 24, 2014, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) announced funding allocations for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the 2014 award year. The JAG program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions.

As designated recipients of this funding, the City of Dallas and other eligible disparate jurisdictions within Dallas County have been awarded \$951,372. The City of Dallas has historically served as the regional fiscal agent for the funds. For 2014, \$420,152.05 has been awarded to Dallas County and cities, including, Balch Springs, Carrollton, DeSoto, Duncanville, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Mesquite and Richardson. **The City of Dallas' portion of this funding is \$531,219.95, including Management and Administration totaling \$95,137.20. The remainder of the funds will be allocated as follows; \$350,000 will fund Community Prosecution and \$86,082.75 will fund other law enforcement activities.**

The JAG program supports a broad range of activities that prevent and control crime, and which improve the criminal justice system. In past years, the City of Dallas has used these funds to expand camera surveillance in high crime areas of the City; improve interoperable communications with in-car video systems and radio equipment for the Police Department and support Computer Aided Dispatch. In 2013, the Community Prosecution Team partnered with other city departments, citizens groups and various other public and private organizations to develop strategies for code compliance through voluntary compliance and/or civil legal action on non-compliant violators.

The City is seeking recommendation from the Public Safety Committee to accept the FY2014 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. This item will be placed on the City Council Agenda on May 28, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Charles M. Cato".

Charles M. Cato
Interim Assistant City Manager

cc: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
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