



## REPORT TO CITY COUNCIL

**Approved by:**

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Department Director

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Arnoldo Rodriguez, City Manager

**Council Meeting of:** August 5, 2020

**Agenda Number:** B-7

**SUBJECT:**

Justice Assistance Grant Program Fiscal Year 2020 Local Solicitation

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution authorizing submission of an application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2020 Local Solicitation in the amount of \$27,514.

**SUMMARY:**

The goal for submitting this grant application is to receive the City of Madera's (City) allocation of FY 2020 JAG funds in the amount of \$27,514. If approved, the funds will be used to continue modernizing the City's law enforcement camera systems. The Madera Police Department (MPD) views such equipment as vital. These technological improvements would provide the MPD with modern and reliable equipment.

**DISCUSSION:**

The U.S. Department of Justice makes awards of Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program funds to State and local governments on a formula basis. The JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multi-jurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs. The City received notification that it has been awarded \$27,514 as part of the JAG program's FY 2020 solicitation.

MPD has evaluated the needs of the community and is recommending that the funds be allocated towards the enhancement of technology. These resources will allow the MPD to purchase camera equipment and/or other necessary equipment to improve fleet technology for its patrol vehicles.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT:**

Submission of a JAG application will provide the City with \$27,514 in federal grant funding to support local law enforcement. As a result, it will not adversely affect the General Fund.

**CONSISTENCY WITH THE VISION MADERA 2025 PLAN:**

Receipt of JAG funding directly supports the following Vision Plan strategies:

- *Strategy 115:*
  - Economic resources provision: ensure sufficient economic resources to provide adequate City services and prepare for future growth.
- *Strategy 115.3*
  - Develop a financial plan to provide appropriate infrastructure to carry out the General Plan update, seek and retain grants, supports appropriate bonds.
- *Strategy 421*
  - First Response Emergency Services: Ensure the safety and protection of Madera and its community members through adequate first response to emergencies.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. The Council may elect to forego submittal of the grant application and utilize other resources for the intended purchase.
2. The Council may direct staff to utilize the JAG funds for an alternative purpose.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution to authorize application for JAG 2020 Local Solicitation

Resolution 20-\_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MADERA,  
CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE SUBMITTAL OF AN APPLICATION TO THE U.S.  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE  
GRANT PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Madera Police Department (MPD) is responsible for the safety of the citizens of the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPD spends considerable resources in its efforts to provide frontline law enforcement services to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, the Council of the City of Madera supports the efforts of the Department to secure resources by the most efficient means possible; and

**WHEREAS**, the Congress of the United States has allocated \$27,514 through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program to the City of Madera to be used for front line law enforcement services; and

**WHEREAS**, the MPD intends to utilize the JAG Program funds, if awarded, to enhance its fleet technology.

**NOW THEREFORE**, the City Council of the City of Madera finds, determines, resolves, and orders as follows:

1. The above recitals are true and correct.
2. The City Council authorize the submission of the Edward Justice Assistance Program grant application for the FY 2020 to the U.S. Department of Justice.
3. The Mayor, or his designee, is hereby authorized to execute all required documents to submit and implement the grant.
4. This resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

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