

STAFF REPORT

Date: September 13, 2017

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Sabra Newby, City Manager

Subject: **B.8. Staff Report (For Possible Action): Authorization for the Reno Police Department to apply for the 2017 Formula Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, approval of the Interlocal Agreement for the use of the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant funds and authorization to sign the required FY 2017 Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373 and the Certifications and Assurances documents in the amount of \$131,170.**

From: Jason Soto, Police Chief

Summary: Staff requests authorization to complete its application for the 2017 Formula Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$131,170. The initial application was due September 5, 2017 and has been submitted but no funds will be released by the Department of Justice until all required documents have been completed. The grant guidelines require that the application include an Interlocal Agreement that spells out how the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant funds will be divided and implemented amongst the partnering law enforcement agencies. The guidelines also require each participating agency to sign the FY 2017 Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373 and the Certifications and Assurances documents. Therefore, staff further seeks approval of the Interlocal Agreement for the use of the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant funds and authorization for the Mayor to sign the agreement as well as authorization for the City Attorney to sign FY 2017 Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373 and the City Manager to sign the Certifications and Assurances.

Previous Council Action: The Council has approved prior year Interlocal Agreements among the City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County and has allowed the Police Department to apply for grants from the U.S. Department of Justice each year. Most recently, this occurred for the 2016 Formula JAG at the June 15, 2016 Council Meeting – Item E.12.

Discussion: Each year the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance allocates predetermined amounts to jurisdictions across the country. The monies are determined under a formula calculation based on the budget for the Bureau of Justice Assistance using Universal Crime Report information. The calculations for our area require the monies to be shared with the Washoe County Sheriff's Department and the City of Sparks Police Department. All agencies

must agree to the use of the funds or the award will be forfeited. The three agencies have agreed to a 40%-40%-20% split (20 percent for the City of Sparks Police Department) of the monies per the attached Interlocal Agreement. The City of Reno acts as the fiscal agent for this grant. All monies are designated to be used for law enforcement equipment, overtime and training. Grant operational period will be October 1, 2017 to September 30, 2020.

Financial Implications: The initial application was submitted by the September 5, 2017 deadline. Additionally, the attached documents from the partnering agencies must be completed, signed and ready to submit to the Department of Justice on or before the day the signed final award acceptance is submitted which is approximately October 1, 2017. Because the JAG formula grants do not require a local match, there will be no impact to the General Fund.

Legal Implications: A signed Interlocal Agreement, a signed FY 2017 Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373 and a signed Certifications and Assurances must be included in the application package. All partnering agencies are requesting authorization from their respective governing bodies to execute the necessary documents as required in the grant procedures. The City, by pursuing this grant, agrees to comply with the terms of the grant application including all reporting requirements, provide information for evaluation to the granting organization and provide progress and financial reports on program activities, which will be completed by police department personnel. Failure to adhere to the grant requirements could affect future funding.

Recommendation: Staff recommends authorization for the Reno Police Department to apply for the 2017 Formula Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$131,170, approval and authorization to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the use of the 2017 Justice Assistance Grant funds, and authorization to sign the required FY 2017 Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373 and the Certifications and Assurances

Proposed Motion: I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

- JAGLocal17 Official Solicitation to Apply for grant (PDF)
- JAG 2017 Allocation for the State of Nevada (PDF)
- Interlocal 2017 JAG Grant (PDF)
- FY17-ByrneJAGSection1373Cert (1) (PDF)
- Chief EXEC assurances (PDF)