



CITY OF POMONA COUNCIL REPORT

November 21, 2022

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: James Makshanoff, City Manager

Submitted By: Michael Ellis, Chief of Police

**SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD
BRYNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FISCAL YEAR
2022**

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the following resolution (Attachment No. 1):

**RESOLUTION NO. 2022-179– A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL
OF THE CITY OF POMONA, CALIFORNIA, ACCEPTING THE U.S.
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EDWARD BRYNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE
ASSISTANCE GRANT AWARD IN THE AMOUNT OF \$66,382, AND
AMENDING THE FY 2022-23 OPERATING BUDGET BY INCREASING
REVENUE ESTIMATES AND APPROPRIATIONS**

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Action on this item will accept the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY 2022 Local Solicitation grant in the amount of \$66,382. The grant has been awarded to focus on gang violence suppression, community policing efforts through the Police Department's Area Commander Program and human trafficking operations. The grant period covers four (4) years, beginning October 1, 2021 and ending on September 30, 2025.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The fiscal impact is neutral due to an increase in grant revenues (239-2090-40875-58754) and corresponding appropriations (239-2090-5XXXX-58754) in the amount of \$66,382.

PREVIOUS RELATED ACTION:

On May 2, 2022, City Council accepted the U.S. DOJ Edward Byrne Memorial JAG FY 2021 Local Solicitation grant in the amount of \$66,879.

DISCUSSION:

The focus of the U.S. DOJ JAG grant is threefold: (1) Gang violence suppression, (2) Community policing - through the police department's Area Commander Program and (3) Human trafficking operations.

Gang Violence Suppression

A primary mission of the Pomona Police Department's efforts to address gang violence is to deploy work units and assets to reduce gang-related activities. This is accomplished by utilizing technology and information to predict, document and identify crime patterns and criminal offenders. The first element consists of using the police department's crime analysis capabilities to identify locations that provide a data-driven approach to field operations. This information is then utilized to conduct intelligence gathering and proactive efforts in order to identify the most active gangs and its members. The Police Department's comprehensive operational plan incorporates a multi-agency approach to gang and gun violence, which includes special details that at times involve outside law enforcement agencies. These specialized deployments, supported by JAG funding will be planned and supervised at the direction of the Investigative Services Division.

Community Policing through the Police Department's Area Commander Program

The Pomona Police Department utilizes an Area Commander Program as part of its community oriented policing strategy. Under this program, the City is divided into six quadrants with a Police Lieutenant managing each quadrant. Each Police Lieutenant (Area Commander) is responsible for Community Problem Oriented Policing (CPOP) strategies within their assigned quadrant. On a monthly basis, about two Area Commanders host community meetings where residents and business owners are invited to attend. Every Area Commander holds about four meetings throughout the calendar year. Police personnel provide updated crime information specific to the local community while soliciting the input and involvement from the audience. Deployments funded by JAG to address issues within a quadrant will be planned, implemented and supervised at the direction of each Lieutenant.

Human Trafficking Operations

In response to human trafficking activity, the Pomona Police Department developed a plan to mitigate this activity. Funding from the JAG grant supports additional efforts to conduct enhanced human trafficking outreach and enforcement.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES & GOALS:

This item supports the 2021-22 City Council Priority 4: Safe and Clean Community- Goal N: Take actions to eliminate prostitution, human trafficking, and gang-related violence.

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ATTACHMENT(S):

Attachment No. 1 - Resolution No. 2022- 179