

AGENDA



Recommendation for Council Action

Austin City Council	Item ID	15097	Agenda Number	40.
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Meeting Date:	5/24/2012	Department:	Austin Police Department
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Subject

Authorize application for grant funding in the amount of \$332,707, from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the 2012 Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). The City of Austin will receive \$246,707 and Travis County will receive \$86,000. The City will use its JAG funds to pay for police equipment, supplies, and training.

Amount and Source of Funding

Funding in the amount of \$332,707 is available in a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the 2012 Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). A match is not required. The grant period is from October 1, 2011 to September 30, 2015.

Fiscal Note

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	
For More Information:	David Carter, Chief of Staff / 974-5030
Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

Additional Backup Information

This action authorizes the City to apply for \$332,707 in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

The federal legislation authorizing this grant program includes a provision whereby cities and counties must submit a joint funding application if the state's Attorney General certifies that a funding disparity exists in a county's allocation when compared with that of a single municipality (at least a 150 percent disparity must exist), and the county bears more than 50 percent of prosecution or incarceration costs arising from Uniform Crime Report Part 1 violent crimes reported by the municipality to the FBI. Once certified, jurisdictions then decide if funds will be shared, and if so, how the funding will be allocated.

The City of Austin and Travis County will enter into an Interlocal Agreement so the City can serve as the fiscal agent responsible for distributing the grant funds. The City of Austin will use its grant funds for equipment, supplies and training for law enforcement personnel.

