

**AGENDA**



**Recommendation for Council Action**

Austin City Council	Item ID	50759	Agenda Number	5.
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Meeting Date:	10/8/2015	Department:	Austin Police Department
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**Subject**

Authorize negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City to administer the 2015 Justice Assistance Grant Program on behalf of the City and Travis County Sheriff's Office.

**Amount and Source of Funding**

Funding in the amount of \$281,625 is available in a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Justice Assistance Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2018. A match is not required.

**Fiscal Note**

A fiscal note is not required.

Purchasing Language:	
Prior Council Action:	Council last approved this funding on September 25, 2014
For More Information:	Brain Manley, Chief of Staff, Austin Police Department (512) 974-5030
Council Committee, Boards and Commission Action:	
MBE / WBE:	
Related Items:	

**Additional Backup Information**

This action authorizes the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City to administer the 2015 Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) on behalf of the City and Travis County Sheriff's Office. Funding is available from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the JAG for the project period, October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2018. The project end date may be extended by the City with permission from the Department of Justice.

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.

The City 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 Travis County disparate allocation is \$112,650. The City will use its portion (\$168,975) for police equipment, supplies and training.