



Recommendation for Action

File #: 20-2520, **Agenda Item #:** 7.

9/3/2020

Posting Language

Approve a resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of grant funding in the amount of \$157,222 from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division to implement the Austin Police Department project entitled Air Support Improvement Program.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$157,222 is available from the State of Texas, Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division, DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for the project period of October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021. A City funding match is not required.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

This action will provide the required resolution needed by the Criminal Justice Division (CJD) to complete the award process related to \$157,222 in grant funding. The project period is October 1, 2020 - September 30, 2021.

JAG funding will allow the City to purchase two mapping systems, a searchlight and necessary accessories for use in APD helicopters. The APD Air Support Unit is one of few air support response units available in the region. The unit responds to a variety of calls for service, such as missing children, missing elderly persons, missing or lost hikers. The unit assists with search and rescue operations following natural and anthropogenic disasters. They also provide assistance to law enforcement engaged in pursuits and with locating subjects evading on foot, particularly after burglaries have occurred.

This is a one-time equipment only project.

The grantor requires a resolution approved by council that addresses the following criteria:

1. Authorization by your governing body for the submission of the application to CJD that clearly identifies the name of the project for which funding is requested;
2. A commitment to provide all applicable matching funds;
3. A designation of the name and/or title of an authorized official who is given the authority to apply for, accept, reject, alter, or terminate a grant (Note: If a name is provided, you must update CJD should the official change during the grant period.); and
4. A written assurance that, in the event of loss or misuse of grant funds, the governing body will return all funds to CJD.

Strategic Outcome(s):

Safety.