City Council Agenda Item

City Council Meeting Date: September 20, 2022

TO: Dean Albro, City Manager

FROM: Joseph Mariani, Chief of Police
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SUBJECT: Application for 2022 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program Award and Approval of Agreement with County of Santa Barbara for Use of Funds

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Recommendation:

Staff recommends the City Council:

1) Authorize the Lompoc Police Department to apply for the 2022 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to obtain Federal allocation of $19,120; and

2) Authorize the City Manager or his designee to sign the Interlocal Agreement with the County of Santa Barbara (attached) and all grant forms, assurances and certifications associated with the JAG.

Background:

For the last 26 years the Lompoc Police Department has depended upon the JAG funds provided by the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance to partially cover selective enforcement programs.

In 2005 the U.S. Department of Justice changed the method for distribution of the JAG funds. Because of that change, the JAG application is required to be processed locally as opposed to regionally, as was the case in previous years. The application process also requires that the local governmental unit approve of the local agency's application. There is no local matching requirement under the JAG.

The County of Santa Barbara (County) has been allocated JAG Funds in the amount of $17,535 and the City has been allocated JAG Funds in the amount of $19,120, for a total amount of $36,665 as the aggregate allocation to the City and County.

The City anticipates the County will utilize the available aggregate Local JAG Funds administered by the County, over the course of the JAG funding project toward the costs of maintaining and equipping the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Bomb Squad (a county wide

response team), and the City anticipates the County will utilize the remaining aggregate JAG Funds to reimburse the City, as well as other participating local law enforcement agencies, for costs incurred by the City while participating in, or supporting, maintaining and equipping the Santa Barbara Bomb Squad (a county wide response team), over the course of the JAG funded project.

By entering the Interlocal Agreement, the governing bodies of the Santa Barbara County and City of Lompoc will make findings that the performance of the Agreement is in the best interests of both parties, the undertaking will benefit the public, and the division of costs fairly compensates the performing party for the services or functions under the agreement.

Conclusion:

Applying for the JAG will allow the City to obtain the Federal allocation of $19,120 to be applied to the Santa Barbara Sheriff's Bomb Squad (a county wide response team).

Respectfully submitted,

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Joseph A. Mariani, Chief of Police

APPROVED FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE CITY COUNCIL:

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Dean Albro, City Manager

Attachment: Interlocal Agreement Between City of Lompoc and County of Santa Barbara