

AGENDA REPORT



Meeting Date: August 21, 2018

Agenda Item # _____

City Manager Approval:

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Kyle Sanders, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY 2018

RECOMMENDED COUNCIL ACTION:

That the City Council conduct a public hearing and authorize staff to submit the grant application for the FY 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant for the eligibility award of \$10,118.00.

SUMMARY:

The Red Bluff Police Department received notice of eligibility for the FY 2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The Award amount is \$10,118.00 and there are no matching funds required. Deadline for the application is August 22, 2018. A public hearing and Council approval are required to proceed with the process and to be eligible for the award.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:

The City had previously been awarded the following JAG grants:

- The City was allocated and awarded \$18,553.00 for FY 2007/2008
- The City was allocated and awarded \$17,350.00 for FY2009/2010
- The City was allocated and awarded \$14,269.00 for FY 2010/2011
- The City was allocated and awarded \$10,324.00 for FY 2016/2017

DISCUSSION:

Upon learning of the JAG funds available for allocation to the police department, staff evaluated department needs that fit within the permissible uses of the grant. After reviewing the constraints and requirements it was concluded the best use of funds would

safety and Wellness as one of the approved categories acceptable for grant funding. Below is a brief excerpt from the grant solicitation document:

Officer Safety and Wellness – The issue of law enforcement safety and wellness is an important priority for the Department of Justice...BJA sees a vital need to focus not only on tactical officer safety concerns but also on health and wellness as they affect officer performance and safety. It is important for law enforcement to have the tactical skills necessary, and also be physically and mentally well, to perform, survive, and be resilient in the face of the demanding duties... BJA encourages units of local government to use JAG funds to address these needs by providing training, including paying for tuition and travel expenses related to attending trainings such as VALOR training, as well as funding for health and wellness programs for law enforcement officers.

To receive this grant, in addition to submitting an application, Council must provide approval and a public hearing must be held.

With the exception of a quarterly report, there are no other requirements or matching funds associated with this grant.

CITY FISCAL IMPACT:

None. Once awarded, Staff will bring the grant award back to the City Council and request that it be included in the 2017 / 2018 Police Department budget.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.