

CITY OF GARDEN GROVE
INTER-DEPARTMENT MEMORANDUM

To:	Matthew J. Fertal	From:	Joseph M. Polisar
Dept:	City Manager	Dept:	Police
Subject:	APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COUNTY OF ORANGE FOR THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FOR 2009 RECOVERY ACT JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM AND ALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDS FOR PURCHASE OF AUTOMATED REPORT WRITING SYSTEM		
		Date:	September 8, 2009

OBJECTIVE

To gain City Council approval for the acceptance of 2009 Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant funds, so that the City can receive approximately \$267,655 in federal funds.

BACKGROUND

In FY 2005-06, Congress combined the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program (primarily funding cities) with the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant (primarily funding states and counties), to provide funds for the new Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). In February 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Recovery Act"). As one of its many elements, the Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program provides the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) with funding for grants to assist local law enforcement in improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

All eligible Orange County cities under the new program filed a joint application with the County to receive their share of these funds. In FY 2009-10 Garden Grove's share of this grant will be \$330,439. Out of these funds will be paid a nine percent administrative fee (\$29,740), and 10 percent of these funds (\$33,044) will be used to support PROACT, a countywide collaborative effort to crack down on drug labs. Garden Grove will retain \$267,655.

DISCUSSION

For FY 2009-10, the Police Department is asking the City Council to approve approximately \$267,655 in Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding to complete the purchase of an automated report writing system (ARWS). An ARWS, including document scanning, storage, and retrieval, would greatly

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enhance and provide greater customer service to the public. The system would provide electronic reporting for patrol, detectives, and front desk personnel. It would also enable scanning of non-automated documents, as well as digital storage and retrieval of all documents, and the ability to disseminate documents electronically. It is estimated that the system will generate an annual labor and non-labor cost savings equivalent to 3.8 full-time sworn police officers assigned to uniformed patrol to engage in community policing activities.

Funds from this JAG grant will be used in conjunction with funds from the Supplemental Law Enforcement Services Fund (SLESF) to complete the purchase of the ARWS. City Council approved SLESF funds in FY 08-09 for this project, however, due to the catastrophic economic downturn, the funds estimated to be received from the State were cut nearly in half, causing the Department to cease going any further with the project in FY 08-09.

COMMUNITY VISION IMPLEMENTATION

Using 2009 Recovery Act JAG funding to help fund the Department's purchase of an ARWS meets the City Council's vision for the community because it will enhance public safety by enabling the Department to increase Officer time in the field providing direct law enforcement services to the community.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Using 2009 Recovery Act JAG money to help fund the Department's purchase of an ARWS will create no burden on the City's General Fund.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council:

- Approve the agreement to transfer funds for 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program.
- Authorize the Mayor to execute the agreement with the County of Orange to fund the PROACT program with a share of the City's Justice Assistance Grant.
- Allocate the remainder of the City's Justice Assistance Grant to fund the Police Department's purchase of an ARWS.




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Recommended for Approval


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City Manager

- Attachment 1: OC Sheriff's Department letter dated August 14, 2009
- Attachment 2: 2009 Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant Agreement to Transfer Funds
- Attachment 3: Program Narrative