

STAFF REPORT

Date: October 12, 2022

To: Mayor and City Council

Thru: Doug Thornley, City Manager

Subject: Staff Report (For Possible Action): Authorization for the Reno Police Department to apply for the 2022 Formula Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$201,762, approval of and authorization to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the use of the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant funds and authorization to sign the required FY 2022 Certification and Assurances and other associated documents.

From: Jason Soto

Department: Police Department

Summary:

Staff requests authorization to complete its application for the 2022 Formula Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$201,762. The initial application was due August 8, 2022 and has been submitted but no funds will be released by the Department of Justice until all required documents have been completed. The grant guidelines require that the application include an Interlocal Agreement that describes how the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant funds will be used and divided amongst by the partnering law enforcement agencies. Therefore, staff further seeks approval and authorization for the Mayor and appropriate City personnel to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the use of the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant funds and authorization for the Mayor and/or City Manager to sign the Certifications and Assurances as the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government.

Alignment with Strategic Plan:

Public Safety

Previous Council Action:

Council has approved prior year Interlocal Agreements among the City of Reno, City of Sparks and Washoe County and has authorized the Police Department to apply for grants from the U.S. Department of Justice each year. Most recently, this occurred for the 2021 Formula JAG at the October 13, 2021 Council Meeting item B.12

Discussion:

Each year the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance allocates predetermined amounts to jurisdictions across the country. The amount of funding is determined based upon the budget for the Bureau of Justice Assistance and a calculation using Universal Crime Report information and population data. The calculations for our area require the funds to be shared with the Washoe County Sheriff's Department and the City of Sparks Police Department. All agencies must agree to the use of the funds or the award will be forfeited. The three agencies have agreed to a 40 percent, 40 percent, and 20 percent split (20 percent for the City of Sparks Police Department) of the monies per the attached Interlocal Agreement. The City of Reno acts as the fiscal agent for this grant. All monies are designated to be used for law enforcement equipment, overtime and training. While its technical start date is October 1, 2021, the grant's operational period will be October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2025.

Financial Implications:

The initial application was submitted by the August 8, 2022 deadline. However, the Interlocal Agreement from the partnering agencies and the Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government must be completed and submitted to the US Department of Justice in order for them to release the award. It is anticipated that the grant will be awarded after October 1, 2022. Because the JAG formula grants do not require a local match, there will be no impact to the General Fund.

Legal Implications:

A signed Interlocal Agreement, a signed FY 2022 Certifications and Assurances by Chief Executive must be provided to complete the application package. All partnering agencies are requesting authorization from their respective governing bodies to execute the necessary documents as required in the grant procedures. The City, by pursuing this grant, agrees to comply with the terms of the grant application including all reporting requirements, provide information for evaluation to the granting organization and provide progress and financial reports on program activities, which will be completed by police department personnel. Failure to adhere to the grant requirements could affect future funding.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends authorization for the Reno Police Department to apply for the 2022 Formula Justice Assistance Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice in the amount of \$201,762, approval of and authorization to sign the Interlocal Agreement for the use of the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant funds, and approval and authorization for the Mayor and appropriate City personnel to sign the required FY 2022 Certification and Assurances and other associated documents.

Proposed Motion:

I move to approve staff recommendation.

Attachments:

JAG 2022 Interlocal Agreement

JAG 2022 Narrative

JAG 2022 Local Certifications and Assurances