



INFORMATION ITEM MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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Date: November 16, 2021

Subject: Information Item: Grant Application for the FY21 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. The Bureau of Justice Assistance awards JAG program funds to eligible units of local government. JAG awards are determined from a statutory formula based on a state's 3-year violent crime average. The 2021 allocation for Boulder County is split between the City of Boulder and the City of Longmont and the City of Boulder submits the grant application on behalf of the County and the City of Longmont. These grants are typically awarded every year and the Boulder Police Department in the past has used the funding for equipment and training. The grant requires the application be made public and that there be an opportunity for the community to comment. This informational item provides the opportunity to the community, and the application and the ability to send comments will be posted on the department's website for a period of 30 days. The City of Boulder's Police Department proposes to use the funding for crowd control shields to replace shields that are over 20 years old and software to process digital evidence. The city has no control of the use of the funds by the other agencies.

FISCAL IMPACT

This grant will provide \$56,939 in funding to the city of which \$22,435 (\$11,770 for the shields and \$10,665 for the software) will be used by the Boulder Police Department for equipment and \$34,504 will be used by the City of Longmont for their domestic abuse program, Longmont

Ending Violence Initiative (LEVI). No increase to the department's budget outside of the grant funds is required for this grant.

COMMUNITY SUSTAINABILITY ASSESSMENTS AND IMPACTS

- Economic: N/A
- Environmental: N/A
- Social: N/A

BACKGROUND

The JAG grant is a recurring grant that the Boulder Police Department has received for many years with the exception of FY 2017 and FY 2018. It has typically been used by the department for equipment and training. The Boulder Police Department proposes to use their FY 2021 funding allocation for riot bunker shields to replace shields that are over 20 years old and software to access digital data. The city has no control of the use of the funds by the other agencies.

ANALYSIS

N/A

NEXT STEPS

The grant application with the proposed uses will be posted on the department's website on November 16, 2021, and the community will have the opportunity to comment through December 15, 2021. Please click [here](#) to view the application.