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CONSIDERATION OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$306,097.00 FOR THE 2015 EDWARD J. BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT: 2015 PUBLIC SAFETY ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM.

Presented by: Mitch Kolf, Management Intern, County Manager's Office.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Open the public hearing, accept public comments and close the public hearing. Approve the grant application and related Agreement with the City of Wichita and authorize the Chairman or his designee to submit the application through the Justice Department Grants Management System (GMS) and accept a grant award agreement containing substantially the same terms and conditions as the application. Approve establishment of budget authority at the time the grant documents are executed.

The Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multi-jurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment and justice information sharing initiative.

JAG funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support and information systems for criminal justice for one or more of the following categories:

- Law enforcement programs;
- Prosecution and court programs;
- Prevention and education programs;
- Corrections and community corrections programs;
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs;
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs; and
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

The process for allocating JAG funds is based on population and crime statistics.

This year, Sedgwick County and the City of Wichita were allocated \$306,097.00 in JAG grant funds. Funds will be distributed evenly between the two jurisdictions via an Agreement. Sedgwick County's share of the award, \$153,048.50, is available to all departments within the Division of Public Safety, in addition to the Division of Information and Operations, Sheriff's Office, District Attorney's Office, Courthouse Police, and District Court. Departments submitted their requests for funding to an internal advisory committee. Requests were received from the District Attorney, Regional Forensic Science Center, Corrections, Courthouse Police, and the Sheriff. The JAG Advisory Committee made its decisions based on priority need and eligibility under the JAG requirements.

Grant Renewal: No
Never Applied: No

Applied; not awarded: No

Grant Summary and Timeline: The JAG Grant solicitation was posted on the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) website on May 12, 2015 and notification was sent out at that time to all eligible jurisdictions. All registrations and application are due in the OJP Grants Management System (GMS) by 8:00 p.m. eastern time on June 26, 2015.

Financial Considerations:

Grant period starts: October 1, 2014

Grant period ends: September 30, 2018

Source of funding:

Grant: \$ 306,097.00

Required Match: \$0

Required Cash Match: \$0

Required In-Kind Match: \$0

Other funding:\$0

TOTAL SOURCES: \$306,097.00

Uses of funding:

Operational costs: \$0

Personnel: \$0

Contractual services: \$193,049.00 (includes the City of Wichita share of \$153,049.00)

Operational supplies: \$ 81,048.00

Equipment:\$ 32,000.00

Indirect administrative costs:\$0

Capital projects cost:\$0

TOTAL USES: \$ 306,097.00

Source of matching funds: N/A

Source of other funding: N/A

Budget Authority Adjustment: \$306,097.00

Personnel considerations: None

Expected measurable outcomes: The JAG Grant represents funding for five departments to replace outdated equipment, provide crucial services for crimes to be adjudicated and to increase operational efficiency and effectiveness for individual departments that will lead to an increase in law enforcement effectiveness. The benchmarks for these purchases and expenses will vary between each department and are reported to the Justice Department quarterly through their Performance Measurement Tools (PMT) website.

Alternatives: Do not apply for the grant.

Policy considerations: The application process complies with County grant policy.

Legal considerations: The authority for this action is 42 U.S.C. 3751(a) and K.S.A. 19-101. A simple majority vote is required.