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SUBJECT: Resolution – 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Juvenile Justice Assistant Grant
DATE: October 24, 2023

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the U.S. Department of Justice 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Juvenile Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), in the amount of \$358,803, from October 1, 2022, to September 30, 2026. This resolution authorizes council to review of the attached grant application package, and authorization of the Chief Executive to sign the attached Certifications and Assurances 30 days after today's date.

This resolution also gives the Youth Young Adult Violence Reduction Executive Steering Committee and/or the Human Service Commission future authority to review Department of Justice (DOJ) grant applications and make a recommendation to move forward to council to adopt the resolution to accept the awarded funds.

BACKGROUND:

On September 25, 2023, the City was awarded a grant by the Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). Pierce County and the City of Tacoma jointly applied for these funds and pursuant to a memorandum of understanding will split the grant equally between the two jurisdictions. The City of Tacoma acts as the lead agency for this grant and has the responsibility to accept the award and sign the necessary certifications to receive the funds. The City has accepted the grant in the Department of Justice's automated system to comply with the award acceptance timeframe. This action would authorize the City Manager to accept the award, and to sign the Certifications and Assurances which allow for expenditure of funds.

The City of Tacoma will use its portion of the allocation for external contracts that support community based violence interventions and the City's transformation efforts and City Council priorities. Funding allocated to Pierce County will be shared equally between the Sheriff's Department, Superior Court, Prosecuting Attorney, and Department of Assigned Counsel to support public safety and justice services.

The City has used previous JAG funding (2018, 2019, and 2020) to support the purchase of body worn cameras (BWC), and the 2020 Department of Justice Coronavirus Emergency Supplement Project to prevent, prepare for, and respond to the coronavirus by purchasing personal protective equipment, and contracting with external providers to address the impacts of isolation. The 2021 and 2022 grant will also support the City's transformation efforts, and to reduce youth violence through external contracts.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

As a requirement of the 2023 Department of Justice grant application, the City has made the application and the City's response available for the public to review and to make comments on the City's website under Neighborhood and Community Services, Contracting Services.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:



Equity and Accessibility: This JAG award will be utilized to address the Council Priorities, Community Safety, and Belief and Trust through community-based violence interventions. Culturally relevant providers serve the high need communities of Hilltop, Eastside and West of the Tacoma Mall. These communities of focus were chosen to address low levels of opportunities and to reduce crime in these under-resourced areas with the highest percentage of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC). The equity index for these communities varies from Very Low to Moderate and for this reason, Low Opportunity was selected.

Economy/Workforce: *Equity Index Score:* Select Index Score.

Select an indicator.

Select an indicator.

Education: *Equity Index Score:* Very Low Opportunity

Increase the number of quality out of school time learning opportunities distributed equitably across the city.

Select an indicator.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Select Index Score.

Select an indicator.

Select an indicator.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Very Low Opportunity

Increase positive public perception of safety and overall quality of life.

Select an indicator.

ALTERNATIVES:

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
Do not approve acceptance of the federal funds		Identify alternate funding for external contracts that support community violence intervention through existing funds. This would reduce available funds for other contracts.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Upon adoption of this resolution, Neighborhood and Community Services will provide quarterly updates to the Department of Justice and updates to Council detailing the performance outcomes supported by this funding source.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of this grant with DOJ and Council’s authorization of the City Manager to sign the Certifications and Assurances. Staff also recommends Council review the grant application to comply with DOJ’s requirements and, grant the YYAVR Executive Steering Committee and/or the Human Service Committee authority to review DOJ grant applications to better align with grant requirements and timelines.

FISCAL IMPACT:



The City uses DOJ funds to leverage existing resources to reduce youth and young adult violence and change the trajectory of criminally involved individuals under the age of 30 years of age. Reliance on DOJ funds reduces the fiscal impact to traditional funding sources (e.g. General Fund, Mental Health Sales Tax.)

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. 1185-LLE05 & LLEBG 2003-2005		5330100	\$358,803.00
2. 1185-LLE05 & LLEBG 2003-2005		4331295	(\$358,803.00)
TOTAL			\$358,803.00

What Funding is being used to support the expense? N/A

Are the expenditures and revenues planned and budgeted in this biennium’s current budget?

NO, PLEASE EXPLAIN BELOW

DOJ releases a grant application annually, and staff apply for funding. Funding is subject to DOJ grant application release timelines and the City is not guaranteed receipt of funds.

Are there financial costs or other impacts of not implementing the legislation?

YES

Will the legislation have an ongoing/recurring fiscal impact?

YES

Will the legislation change the City’s FTE/personnel counts?

No

The City does not use DOJ funding to support personnel costs. Funding will be used for external contract to reduce the impacts of community violence.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government
- Grant application package
- Proposed Narrative DOJ