



TO: Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager
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COPY: City and City Clerk
SUBJECT: Resolution – 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Juvenile Justice Assistance Grant
October 20, 2020
DATE: October 2, 2020

SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:

A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Justice Programs at the Department of Justice 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Juvenile Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), in the amount of \$268,680.00, which can be used from October 1, 2019 to September 30, 2023, with the possibility of one year renewal, authorization to sign the Chief Executive of the Applicant certification, and to sign consecutive years (2018, 2019, and 2020) Body Worn Cameras (BWC) certifications. The certifications will authorize the use of the City portion of funding for BWC.

BACKGROUND:

On September 19, 2020, the City was awarded a grant by the Office of Justice Programs at the 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 each jurisdiction receiving \$134,340 of these funds. 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 of Tacoma will use its portion of the allocation to purchase BWC and docking stations for the Tacoma Police Department, subject to the development and implementation of BWC Policy and Procedures. Funding allocated to Pierce County will be shared equally between the Sheriff's Department, Prosecutor's Office, Superior Court, and Department of Assigned Counsel. Funding will support the following JAG priority areas: Law Enforcement Programs, Prosecution and Court Programs, Prevention and Education Programs, Technology Improvement Programs, and Drug Treatment Programs.

The City will also use previous years' funding (2018, 2019) allocation to support the purchase of BWC.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:

As a requirement of the 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 page.

2025 STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Equity and Accessibility: *Score:* Moderate Opportunity

In 2016, Project Peace was formed as a partnership between the Tacoma Police Department and the citizens of Tacoma. This partnership outlines several initiatives or pillars for implementation within the department to help foster better relationships between city residents and the police department. BWC are an important aspect of trust and legitimacy between law enforcement and the community they serve and their purchase and use were included in these initiatives. BWC are useful for documenting evidence, officer training, preventing and



resolving complaints brought by members of the public, and strengthening police transparency, performance, and accountability.

Civic Engagement: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

Increase the percentage of residents who believe they are able to have a positive impact on the community and express trust in the public institutions in Tacoma.

Livability: *Equity Index Score:* Moderate Opportunity

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

ALTERNATIVES:

Presumably, your recommendation is not the only potential course of action; please discuss other alternatives or actions that City Council or staff could take. Please use table below.

Alternative(s)	Positive Impact(s)	Negative Impact(s)
1. Do not approve acceptance of the federal funds	NA	1. Identify alternate funding for BWC but recognize that BWC purchase may not be able to be funded through existing funds.

EVALUATION AND FOLLOW UP:

Once the grant award is accepted, Neighborhood and Community Services will provide quarterly updates to the Department of Justice and updates to Council detailing the number of BWC purchased with the funding.

STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends acceptance of this grant with DOJ, and authorizing the City Manager to sign the BWC certifications for consecutive years, Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government.



FISCAL IMPACT:

Please provide a short summary of the fiscal impacts associated with the grant, agreement, policy action, or other action.

Fund Number & Name	COST OBJECT (CC/WBS/ORDER)	Cost Element	Total Amount
1. 1185-LLE05 & LLEBG 2003-2005	GRT-00042-23	5330100	\$268,680.00
2. 1185-LLE05 & LLEBG2003-2005	GRT-00042-23	4331295	(\$268,680.00)
TOTAL			\$-0-

What Funding is being used to support the expense? NA

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 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

ATTACHMENTS:

- Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government
- BWC Certifications
- DOJ Award