



**TO:** Elizabeth A. Pauli, City Manager  
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**COPY:** City and City Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Resolution – 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Juvenile Justice Assistant Grant  
**DATE:** April 19, 2022

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**SUMMARY AND PURPOSE:**

A resolution authorizing the acceptance of the Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention at the U.S. Department of Justice 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Juvenile Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), in the amount of \$303,790, from October 1, 2020 to September 30, 2024 and authorization to sign the Chief Executive Certifications.

**BACKGROUND:**

On October 13, 2021, 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, and this action would authorize the City Manager to execute 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 violence interventions and the City’s transformation efforts, and update the youth and young adult violence assessment. Funding allocated to Pierce County will be shared equally between the Sheriff’s Department, Superior Court, and Department of Assigned Counsel. Pierce County has indicated that 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 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.

**COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ CUSTOMER RESEARCH:**

As a requirement of the 2021 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.



**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)
Do not approve acceptance of the federal funds		Identify alternate funding for external contracts that support community violence intervention 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 performance outcomes supported by this funding source.

**STAFF/SPONSOR RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends acceptance of this grant with DOJ, and the authorization of the City Manager to sign the Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government.

**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. 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	837400	5330100	\$303,790.00
2. 1185-LLE05 & LLEBG 2003-2005	837400	4331295	(\$303,790.00)
<b>TOTAL</b>			



**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