



City Council

Confirm Application for a \$13,559 Department of Justice Grant for Crime Analysis Software

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Issue:

Confirm application for the Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program for 2013.

Committee Recommendation:

Not referred to a committee.

City Manager's Recommendation:

Move to confirm the 2013 Department of Justice Assistance Grant application for crime analysis software.

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent Calendar item

Background and Analysis:

Each year, the Department of Justice solicits applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. The program funds critical needs in law enforcement. For the Federal Fiscal Year 2013, \$13,559 has been allocated to the City of Olympia through this grant.

The grant application was made on July 8, 2013. The grant application requires that the application was, "made available for review by the governing body...not less than 30 days before the application was submitted to BJA (Bureau of Justice Assistance)." However, BJA has allowed Olympia to waive the 30 day requirement because of the short application timeframe, and instead will accept City Council review before the grant funding is accepted. It is anticipated that the application will be approved and an acceptance required no earlier than October 2013. In addition, the application requires that the public has an opportunity to view and comment on the application. BJA is also allowing the Department to meet this requirement before acceptance of the grant. The Department is soliciting feedback from the public via the Department's homepage where the application materials are also available.

The Department has applied for funding to purchase additional software for Crime Analysis. The software

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will allow the Department to further its goal of data-driven policing. Please refer to the attached Program Narrative for a more detailed description of the software, its functionality, and its value to the Department.

Neighborhood/Community Interests (if known):

NA

Options:

1. Confirm the grant application and sign the acceptance should it be awarded.
2. Do not confirm the grant application and decline to accept the award should it be granted.

Financial Impact:

The grant will provide \$13,559 in revenue. It is anticipated that the cost of the software will be \$40,500. The remainder of the cost will be funded through other existing grant awards.