



City Council

Confirmation of an Application for a \$15,560 Department of Justice Grant for purchase of Mobile Computer Terminals (MCTs)

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Title

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Recommended Action

Committee Recommendation:

Not reviewed by Committee

City Manager Recommendation:

Move to confirm the 2014 Department of Justice Assistance Grant application for the purchase of MCTs

Report

Issue:

Confirm application for the Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program for 2014.

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Presenter(s):

None - Consent 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 2014, \$15,560 has been allocated to the City of Olympia through this grant.

The grant application will be made on or before June 10, 2014. 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 that has occurred at least 30 days before the grant funding is accepted. It

is anticipated that the application will be approved and an acceptance required no earlier than October 2014. In addition, the application requires that the public has an opportunity to view and comment on the application. 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 Mobile Computer Terminals (MCTs) for Patrol Sergeants. The MCTs will allow the Department to enhance its communication abilities and 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 \$15,560 in revenue. It is anticipated that the cost of the software will be \$23,156. The remainder of the cost will be funded through general fund allocations.