



Office of the City Manager

CONSENT CALENDAR
July 7, 2026

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Paul Buddenhagen, City Manager
Submitted by: Jennifer Louis, Chief of Police
Subject: Revenue Grant Agreements: 2024 and 2025 Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) for Berkeley Police Department Costs

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt two Resolutions authorizing the City Manager or designee to submit grant agreements to Alameda County Sheriff’s Office, to accept the grants, and execute any resultant revenue agreements and amendments to be used for funding overtime costs associated with focused` crime suppression activities, community safety initiatives, and staffing for high impact community events.

1. **Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2024 Local** in the projected amount of \$40,714 with a 10% admin fee with a net allocation of \$36,642.60 for the period of 10/1/23 to 9/30/2027.
2. **Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2025 Local** in the projected amount of \$47,856 with a 10% admin Fee with a net allocation of \$43,070.40 for the period to be determined at time of contract execution.

FISCAL IMPACTS OF RECOMMENDATION

The City of Berkeley will receive funds in the amount of \$79,713 through the Alameda County Sheriff’s Office as fiscal agent for the Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program, starting Fiscal Year 2024 from the sources listed below. There is a 10% administrative fee that is included in the final allocated amount.

1. **Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2024 Local:** This contract is anticipated to be for \$40,714 with a 10% admin fee with a net allocation of \$36,642.60 for the period of 10/1/23 to 9/30/2027. There is no match required.
2. **Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2025 Local:** This contract is anticipated to be for \$47,856 with a 10% admin Fee with a net allocation of \$43,070.40 for the period to be determined at time of contract execution. There is no match required.

CURRENT SITUATION AND ITS EFFECTS

The Police Department will use these federal funds to help relieve the pressures on the General Fund relative to overtime costs to be used for staffing associated with focused crime suppression activities, community safety initiatives, and staffing necessary for high impact community events.

BACKGROUND

The Federal Government has consolidated the Byrne Memorial grants and the Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) to create the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) program. The LLEBG was a significant source of funding for the Berkeley Police Department in the 1990's, however, funds have dwindled significantly since. The Byrne Memorial Grant has always been received by the Alameda County Sheriff's Office for the countywide narcotics task force.

The JAG program funding is based on a formula that includes population and reported crime rates. The program requires joint application by all eligible agencies in Alameda County. The Alameda County Police Chiefs' and Sheriff's Association agreed to have the Alameda County Sheriff's Office process the application and act as a fiscal agent for the contract. For that responsibility, the County retains 10% of the total funding. The funds are allocated again to the countywide narcotics task force and to the cities for unmet needs in law enforcement.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND CLIMATE IMPACTS

There are no identifiable environmental effects or opportunities associated with the subject of this report.

RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Berkeley grant allocation will be used to support overtime costs associated with focused crime suppression activities, enhanced community safety, and staffing necessary for high impact community events. These funds allow the Department to maintain a visible presence and deploy personnel strategically in response to emerging community needs without increasing General Fund expenditures. Examples of eligible use include directed patrols in areas experiencing elevated crime trends, special event staffing, and other operational deployments intended to enhance public safety.

ALTERNATIVE ACTIONS CONSIDERED

There are no alternative funding sources currently available to support these crime prevention efforts.

CONTACT PERSON

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Attachments:

- 1: Resolution: Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2024 Local
- 2: Resolution: Edward J. Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2025 Local

RESOLUTION NO. ##,###-N.S.

EDWARD J. BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) 2024 LOCAL

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance will provide \$40,714 to the City of Berkeley Police Department to support crime reduction and public safety activities; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office has agreed to administer this grant for ten percent of the total countywide grant award or \$4,071.40 resulting in a net award of \$36,642.60; and

WHEREAS, these funds may be used to support public safety operations and other eligible law enforcement activities consistent with grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be placed in 349-71-702-805-0000-000-000-431110- and expenditures taken from various 349-71-702-805-0000-000-421-*; and

WHEREAS, the program supports proactive public safety efforts through enhanced police visibility, focused enforcement activities, and community safety initiatives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to accept and allocate funding from the 2024 JAG program in the amount of \$36,642.60 to be used for funding overtime costs associated with focused crime suppression activities, community safety initiatives, and staffing necessary for high impact community events to promote enhanced community safety starting in Fiscal Year 2024.

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EDWARD J. BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) 2025 LOCAL

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance will provide \$47,856 to the City of Berkeley Police Department to support crime reduction and public safety activities; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Sheriff's Office has agreed to administer this grant for ten percent of the total countywide grant award or \$4,785.60 resulting in a net award of \$43,070.40; and

WHEREAS, these funds may be used to support public safety operations and other eligible law enforcement activities consistent with grant requirements; and

WHEREAS, grant funds will be placed in 349-71-702-805-0000-000-000-431110- and expenditures taken from various 349-71-702-805-0000-000-421-*; and

WHEREAS, the program supports proactive public safety efforts through enhanced police visibility, focused enforcement activities, and community safety initiatives.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Berkeley that the City Manager is authorized to accept and allocate funding from the 2025 JAG program in the amount of \$43,070.40 to be used for funding overtime costs associated with focused crime suppression activities, community safety initiatives, and staffing necessary for high impact community events to promote enhanced community safety starting in the fiscal year to be determined at time of contract execution.

