

# MIAMI BEACH

## COMMISSION MEMORANDUM

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Commission

FROM: Eric Carpenter, City Manager

DATE: November 20, 2024

TITLE: A RESOLUTION OF THE MAYOR AND CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF MIAMI BEACH, FLORIDA, APPROPRIATING FUNDING, AND APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO APPLY FOR AND ACCEPT FUNDING (INCLUDING MATCHING FUNDS AND ANY RELATED CITY EXPENSES), FROM THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2024 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM, IN THE APPROXIMATE AMOUNT OF \$65,000; AND FURTHER AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER, OR HIS DESIGNEE, TO EXECUTE ANY AND ALL DOCUMENTS OR AGREEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE GRANT APPLICATION.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt the Resolution.

### **BACKGROUND/HISTORY**

The City of Miami Beach intends to apply to the U.S. Department of Justice for Fiscal Year 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. The grant requires information to be made available to the public and each year, the City submits this agenda item to explain its JAG grant application.

### **ANALYSIS**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states and units of local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas. JAG funds may be used for local initiatives such as additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance and information systems for criminal justice, including any one or more of the following:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community programs
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)
- Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs

The Department of Justice requires that the applicant agency accepts certain Certifications and Assurances. These Certifications and Assurances include, but are not limited to the following three items which are summarized as follows: 1) JAG funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds but must be used to increase the amounts of such funds, that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for law enforcement activities; 2) The application must be made available for review by the governing body; and, 3) The application must be made public

and an opportunity to comment on the application provided to citizens and to neighborhood or community-based organizations.

As such, the purpose of this agenda item is to make information regarding the Fiscal Year 2024 JAG application available to the public. In addition to this agenda item, information regarding this grant and the grant application are available on the City's website at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/finance/grants-management/>. The website also provides an opportunity for comment.

The MBPD intends to use the awarded funding to purchase a mobile surveillance trailer that would enable the Department to:

- Rapidly deploy to events/locations to monitor public safety concerns.
- Deter criminal behavior through the presence of the surveillance trailer.
- Remote monitoring capabilities allow more efficient use of resources. Live and recorded footage can be monitored from a centralized location, allowing sworn officers to be assigned to other duties.
- Obtain high quality video evidence essential for criminal apprehension and prosecution.
- Deploy for extended periods of time, if needed, due to the self-sufficient and regenerative solar charging power system.
- Flexibility to deploy as needed to many different locations, saving significant costs to the city of installing permanently mounted equipment.
- Multi-functional platform. Although the prime usage will be for live monitoring and investigations via use of the cameras, the trailer can also accept accessories such as lighting and public address (PA) audio systems, thus providing customization based on the specific public safety needs of each deployment.

This equipment, with its proposed applications, is aligned with authorized usage of JAG award funds and the JAG's violent crime reduction area of emphasis. The MBPD is consequently requesting JAG funding to purchase a portable, battery-powered, solar charging, trailer designed for multi-functional public safety needs.

The City's allocation is \$64,153, matching funds are not required for this grant, and MBPD will cover the difference between the allocation awarded and the cost of the equipment.

### **FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT**

Based on recent quotes, the Department expects the project cost to exceed the grant award by approximately \$10,000 to \$15,000. The difference will be absorbed by the department's anticipated savings in FY 2025 in 011-1120-000343-20-401-595-00-00-00-.

### **Does this Ordinance require a Business Impact Estimate?**

(FOR ORDINANCES ONLY)

**If applicable, the Business Impact Estimate (BIE) was published on:**

See BIE at: <https://www.miamibeachfl.gov/city-hall/city-clerk/meeting-notices/>

### **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **CONCLUSION**

Based on the stated analysis, the Administration recommends that the Mayor and City Commission adopt the Resolution appropriating funding and approving and authorizing the City Manager or his designee to apply for and accept funds and execute all documents or agreements

in connection with a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs for the Fiscal Year 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

**Applicable Area**

Citywide

**Is this a "Residents Right to Know" item, pursuant to City Code Section 2-17?**

No

**Is this item related to a G.O. Bond Project?**

No

**Was this Agenda Item initially requested by a lobbyist which, as defined in Code Sec. 2-481, includes a principal engaged in lobbying?** No

If so, specify the name of lobbyist(s) and principal(s):

**Department**

Grants Management

**Sponsor(s)**

**Co-sponsor(s)**

**Condensed Title**

Apply/Accept Funding from U.S. Department of Justice, FY 24 JAG Program. GM