

MEMORANDUM

Office of Dennis Graham, Chief of Police



To: Thomas Williams, City Manager
From: Dennis Graham, Chief of Police
Subject: Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program 2010
Date: July 2, 2010

The United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance coordinates the annual Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) authorized by 42 US Code 3751(a). The JAG Program supports a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime.

JAG funding is a formula based on population and crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share. Government Code section 30061 requires a public hearing regarding the expenditure of the grant. Government Code section 30062 specifies that these funds must be used exclusively for front line law enforcement services, including technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice. The grant funds must supplement and not supplant existing funding for front line law enforcement services. These funds shall be appropriated pursuant to a written request from the Chief of Police of the law enforcement agency that provides police services for that city. The request shall indicate the front line law enforcement needs of the requesting entity including the personnel and equipment that are necessary to meet those needs.

The 2010 allocation for the City of Milpitas is \$18,517. No city matching funds are required.

These funds will be allocated upon acceptance and approval of the on-line grant application, pending review by the City Council. The spending plan shall also be available for public review.

The spending plan will be presented during a public hearing at the August 3, 2010 City Council meeting.

We are recommending that the funds be used to finance the following:

- 1. License Plate Reader System** **\$18,512**

Further specifics on this spending area are as follows:

License Plate Reader. The Milpitas Police Department currently has five vehicle-mounted LPR systems. The LPR systems use technology to have cameras read license plates and automatically conduct computer checks to determine if the license plate is associated to a stolen vehicle, a wanted

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vehicle, or other vehicle of special interest. Officers can manually enter license plate numbers of vehicles under current investigation that do not meet the requirements for entry into the state and national databases for wanted vehicles. In the approximately 4 years that the Police Department has used the LPR systems, we have recovered about eighty (80) wanted vehicles, including the recovery of a vehicle that lead to the arrest of a homicide suspect. The addition of another LPR system would enable more officers to use the technology. The specified amount will allow for the purchase of one LPR.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MILPITAS TO ACCEPT
THE 2010 EDWARD BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance coordinates the annual Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) authorized by 42 United States Code 3751(a); and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2010 an application was submitted to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance; and

WHEREAS, the portion of the grant, if awarded, allocated to the Milpitas Police Department is \$18,517, which is intended to enhance the front-line delivery of services through existing programs by obtaining necessary equipment, such as a License Plate Reader.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Milpitas hereby finds, determines, and resolves as follows:

1. The City Council has considered the full record before it, which may include but is not limited to such things as the staff report, testimony by staff and the public, and other materials and evidence submitted or provided to it. Furthermore, the recitals set forth above are found to be true and correct and are incorporated herein by reference.
2. The City Council accepts, if awarded, the 2010 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$18,517 to be used to purchase equipment for front-line services.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this _____ day _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Mary Lavelle, City Clerk

Robert Livengood, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Michael J. Ogaz, City Attorney

City of Milpitas, California

BUDGET CHANGE FORM

Type of Change	From		To	
	Account	Amount	Account	Amount
Check one: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Budget Appropriation <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Transfer	267-3557	\$18,517	267-721-4873	\$18,517

Explain the reason for the budget change:

Background: The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) supports law enforcement activities to prevent and control crime.

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The 2010 allocation for the City of Milpitas is \$18,517, with no city matching funds required. Police staff request the designated allotment be used to fund a License Plate Reader purchase.

Fiscal Impact: Approve appropriation in the amount of \$18,517 into the police department's operating budget.

Check if City Council Approval required. Meeting Date: August 3, 2010

Itemization of funds, if needed:		Amount
Requested by:	Division Head:	Date:
	Department Head: <i>C/pt #165 (ACTINA)</i>	Date: 7/9/10
Reviewed by:	Finance Director: <i>Mr. C. Karl</i>	Date: 7/7/10
Approved by:	City Manager:	Date:
Date approved by City Council, if required:		Confirmed by: