



**Background Paper for Proposed  
Resolution**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** August 8, 2022

**TO:** President Heather Graham and Members of City Council  
**CC:** Mayor Nicholas A. Gradisar  
**VIA:** Marisa Stoller, City Clerk  
**FROM:** Chief Chris Noeller, Police Department  
**SUBJECT:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PUEBLO TO APPLY FOR A 2022 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) AND APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FROM SAID GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME

**SUMMARY:**

Attached is a Memorandum of Understanding between the City of Pueblo and Pueblo County concerning the disbursements of the FY2022 JAG Local Solicitation award.

**PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION:**

The FY2022 JAG Local Solicitation is an annual formula grant that has been in existence for the past eighteen (18) years. The City and County of Pueblo have received \$2,129,180 in JAG Local Solicitation funds since its inception.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program provides funds to units of local government for the purpose of improving law enforcement technology and upgrading necessary equipment. The program is designed to help local communities address problems specific to their area.

**FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

This grant funding represents \$101,117.00 to the City and County of Pueblo with no required match. The City's share of the \$101,117.00 is \$76,849.00.

The City's share will be used to fund seven (7) Police Department equipment projects, including desktop, laptop, and other computer-related equipment for the entire Department, additional investigative tools for the Traffic Unit, and other law enforcement enhancing equipment projects as determined by the Chief of Police. (See attachment for detailed list of proposed equipment). Mr. Gradisar will need to sign the award document and initial the lower right corner of each page of the Special Conditions.

**BOARD/COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION:**

Not Applicable

**STAKEHOLDER PROCESS:**

City and County law enforcement leaders have met and agreed to the distribution terms of this annual formula grant since its inception in 2005. A signed MOU between the City and County is a requirement for acceptance of the award. Additionally, a public meeting, to receive public comments on the expenditures, is a requirement of the award. That public meeting will occur on July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022. The City and County Attorney Offices, as well as the City Finance Department, will review and approve the attached MOU.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

The FY2022 JAG Local Solicitation is an annual formula grant that has been in existence for the past eighteen (18) years. The City and County of Pueblo have received \$2,129,180 in JAG funds since its inception. In order to receive the funds, the City and County of Pueblo must sign the MOU. If either entity does not sign the MOU, no JAG funds will be received by either entity.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval of the Resolution.

**Attachments:**

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)  
Listing of FY2022 JAG Local Solicitation Projects

RESOLUTION NO. 14961

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY OF PUEBLO TO APPLY FOR A 2022 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) AND APPROVING A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING RECEIPT AND DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FROM SAID GRANT AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE SAME

WHEREAS, the City of Pueblo Police Department is requesting the City of Pueblo submit an application to the United States Department of Justice (DOJ) for the 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); and

WHEREAS, the funds from this grant will be utilized by the Police Department, Sheriff's Department, and the District Attorney's Office to benefit the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of the City; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF PUEBLO, that:

SECTION 1.

The 2022 JAG Local Solicitation Application O-BJA-2022-171368 (Grant Application), a copy of which is attached hereto, is hereby approved and authorized for submittal to the United States Department of Justice.

SECTION 2.

The Memorandum of Understanding dated as of July 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022, by and between the City of Pueblo, a Municipal Corporation, and Pueblo County, Colorado concerning the receipt and disbursement of the 2022 JAG funds, a copy of which is attached hereto, having been approved as to form by the City Attorney, is hereby approved.

SECTION 3.

The Mayor of the City is authorized to execute the Grant Application and Memorandum of Understanding in the name of the City, and his prior signature thereto is hereby ratified and approved. The City Clerk is directed to affix the seal to the Memorandum of Understanding and attest same. The Mayor is also authorized to execute any and all other certifications, assurances and other documents associated therewith.

SECTION 4.

The officers and staff of the City are authorized to perform any and all acts consistent with the intent of this Resolution to implement the policies and procedures described herein.

SECTION 5.

The Resolution shall become effective on the date of final action by the Mayor and City Council.

INTRODUCED August 8, 2022

BY: Larry Atencio  
MEMBER OF CITY COUNCIL

APPROVED:   
PRESIDENT OF CITY COUNCIL

ATTESTED BY:   
CITY CLERK