



Legislation Text

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Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2013 Formula Program: Local Solicitation (NB)

This is a request for the City Commission to hear a discussion and provide an opportunity for citizen comment on the proposed use of funds in the amount of \$67,368 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and approve the grant application for these funds.

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has announced the upcoming availability of grant funds to local units of government (Alachua County and City of Gainesville) through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). The City of Gainesville is eligible for an award of \$67,368 in funding through this grant. The JAG program allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime as well as support initiatives that will benefit and support the operation of the Gainesville Police Department (GPD). The funding distribution is based on population and crime statistics, as well as law enforcement expenditure data. The JAG Program blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place Justice Funds where they are needed the most. The Gainesville Police Department proposes to utilize the funds received under this grant to support the Explorer Program (uniforms, equipment and supplies) and to provide additional support for equipment (including Information Systems) to complete GPD's new building.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) has instructed the City of Gainesville and Alachua County to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding and apply for the award utilizing a joint application. Alachua County's eligible award amount is \$44,150. The City of Gainesville, Gainesville Police Department's eligible award amount is \$67,368. The total award to be applied for from the City of Gainesville and Alachua County through the joint application process is \$111,518. The City of Gainesville, Gainesville Police Department has requested to be the fiscal agent for this grant. The grant funds are provided by the U.S. Department of Justice. There are no required local matching funds for this grant award.

The City Commission: 1) hear a report from staff on the City's proposed use of these funds; 2) authorize the City Manager to accept and execute the grant award and any other necessary documents subject to approval by the City Attorney as to form and legality; 3) approve the expenditures as outlined in the approved grant award; and 4) authorize the execution of the MOU between the City and the County.