TO: The Honorable Charlie Gerdes, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept $92,908 from Pinellas County ("County") as the City’s share of the FY2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") to continue funding of law enforcement initiatives as set forth in the County’s grant application, and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $92,908 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), JAG 2019 Project (TBD); and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: The City and Pinellas County ("County") are Bureau of Justice Statistics ("BJS") designated units of local government eligible to apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") funds. Because BJS determined that the City and the County had a disparate allocation of JAG funds, the City and County were required to evenly divide funds available to the two entities. The City of St. Petersburg and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners ("BOCC") entered into a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to allocate $92,908 of the $185,816.00 FY2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") to each entity’s law enforcement agency. The County will serve as the grant applicant and fiscal agent. The City will submit expenditure documentation to the County for reimbursement of eligible costs. The grant requires no local matching funds.

The City’s $92,908 will be used to continue funding for a number of law enforcement and crime prevention initiatives which were started under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. These initiatives include supplemental support for Community Resource Centers, Volunteer Programs, Crime Prevention copier/printer costs, and Law Enforcement Overtime for crime prevention, the recruitment of new Officers, Cold Case investigations, and the Police Athletic League.

RECOMMENDATION: The administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept $92,908 from Pinellas County ("County") as the City’s share of the FY2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") to continue funding of law enforcement initiatives as set out in the County’s grant application, and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $92,908 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional revenues to the Police Department Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), JAG 2019 and providing an effective date.

COST/FUNDING INFORMATION: Revenues of up to $92,908 are to be received from the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The grant will fund law enforcement and crime prevention initiatives effective October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2022. A supplemental appropriation in the amount of $92,908 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Police Department Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), JAG 2019 Project (TBD) is required.

Approvals:
Administration: 
Budget: 

[Signatures]
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT $92,908 FROM PINELLAS COUNTY ("COUNTY") AS THE CITY’S SHARE OF THE FY2019 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT ("JAG") TO CONTINUE FUNDING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES AS SET FORTH IN THE COUNTY’S GRANT APPLICATION, AND TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS TRANSACTION; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE AMOUNT OF $92,908 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE POLICE GRANT FUND (1702), RESULTING FROM THESE ADDITIONAL REVENUES, TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FISCAL SUPPORT DIVISION (140-1389) JAG 2019 PROJECT (TBD); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City and Pinellas County ("County") are Bureau ofJustice Statistics ("BJS") designated units of local government eligible to apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") funds; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") stipulating that the FY2019 JAG Award of $185,816 will be allocated evenly between the parties ($92,908 to each entity); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MOU, the County applied for the JAG funds and was designated as the grant applicant and fiscal agent for distribution of the funds; and

WHEREAS, the City will submit expenditure documentation to the County for reimbursement of eligible costs; and

WHEREAS, the City’s $92,908 will be used to continue funding for a number of law enforcement and crime prevention initiatives which were started under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program, including a supplemental support for Community Resource Centers, Volunteer Programs, Crime Prevention copier/printer costs, and Law Enforcement Overtime for crime prevention, the recruitment of new Officers, Cold Case investigations, and the Police Athletic League and

WHEREAS, a supplemental appropriation in the amount of $92,908 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), JAG 2019 Project (TBD) is required.
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to accept $92,908 from Pinellas County ("County") as the City’s share of the FY2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") to continue funding law enforcement initiatives as set out in the County’s grant application, and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for FY2020:

Police Grant Fund (1702)
Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (1401389), JAG 2019 Project (TBD) $92,908

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal: ___________________________ Administration: ___________________________

Budget: ___________________________

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