

St. Petersburg City Council  
Consent Agenda  
Meeting of August 28, 2014

TO: The Honorable Bill Dudley, Chair, and Members of City Council

**SUBJECT:** A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept \$134,028.50 from Pinellas County ("County") as the City's share of the FY2014 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 \$134,028.50 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support (140-1389), JAG 2014 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 \$134,028.50 of the \$268,057 FY2014 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 \$134,028.50 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, WRXB Radio Program, Volunteer Programs, Rental Vehicles for Special Operations, Crime Prevention copier costs, and Law Enforcement Overtime specifically focused upon reducing gun violence.

**RECOMMENDATION:** The administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept \$134,028.50 from Pinellas County ("County") as the City's share of the FY2014 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; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$134,028.50 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support (140-1389), JAG 2014 Project (TBD) and providing an effective date.

**COST/FUNDING Information:** The grant will fund law enforcement and crime prevention initiatives effective October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017. A supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$134,028.50 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional revenues, to Police, Fiscal Support (140-1389), JAG 2014 Project (TBD) is required.

Approvals:

Administration:

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Resolution No. 2014-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO ACCEPT \$134,028.50 FROM PINELLAS COUNTY ("COUNTY") AS THE CITY'S SHARE OF THE FY2014 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 \$134,028.50 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE POLICE GRANT FUND (1702), RESULTING FROM THESE ADDITIONAL REVENUES, TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FISCAL SUPPORT (140-1389) JAG 2013 PROJECT (TBD); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, 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; and

WHEREAS, because BJS determined that the City and the County had a disparate allocation of the JAG funds, the City and County were required to evenly divide the funds available to the two entities; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) stipulating that the FY2014 JAG Award of \$268,057 will be allocated evenly between the parties (\$134,028.50 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 JAG Grant requires no matching funds; and

WHEREAS, the City's \$134,028.50 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, WRXB Radio Program, Volunteer Programs, Rental Vehicles for Special Operations, Crime Prevention Copier Costs, and Law Enforcement Overtime for reducing gun violence; and

WHEREAS, a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$134,028.50 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support (140-1389), JAG 2014 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 \$134,028.50 from Pinellas County ("County") as the City's share of the FY2014 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 FY2015:

Police Grant Fund (1702))

Police Department, Fiscal Support (1401389), JAG 2014 Project (TBD) \$134,028.50

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

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Administration:



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