

CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM
CITY OF SHORELINE, WASHINGTON

AGENDA TITLE:	Authorize the City Manager to Sign an Agreement with the City of Seattle for the Implementation of the 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program
DEPARTMENT:	Finance Department
PRESENTED BY:	Bethany Wolbrecht-Dunn, Grants Specialist

PROBLEM/ISSUE STATEMENT:

The purpose of this staff report is to request Council's approval authorizing staff to enter into an agreement with the City of Seattle to provide a conduit for the City's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) allocation as approved in the 2009 Federal American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA).

BACKGROUND:

JAG funds are provided through the US Department of Justice (DOJ) to states, tribes and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. Allocations are calculated on several factors, including population and occurrence of Part 1 crimes (the most serious of crimes in these two categories: violent crime and property crime). There are seven JAG purpose areas:

- Law enforcement programs.
- Prosecution and court programs.
- Prevention and education programs.
- Corrections and community corrections programs.
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

While in the past, the City of Shoreline has received a direct allocation of JAG funds from the DOJ, the 2009 funds are subject to a mandated disparate allocation process among jurisdictions in King County. A disparate allocation occurs when a city is allocated one and one-half times (150%) more than a county with concurrent jurisdiction, while that county bears more than 50% of the costs associated with the prosecution of incarnation of that city's Part 1 violent crime. Multiple disparate allocations occur when multiple cities within a county are collectively eligible to receive four times (400%) more than the related county. Both scenarios are in place for King County and the 18 JAG eligible cities in King County.

Therefore, for the 2009 ARRA JAG funds, King County and its JAG eligible cities are considered to be in a disparate allocation process. As part of the disparate process, the

jurisdictions must identify a fiscal agent that will submit a joint application for the total eligible allocation for all parties. Additionally, the county and cities must agree that a portion of each of the cities' allocation will be reallocated to the disparate county government. If no agreement can be made, the DOJ will withhold funding from all jurisdictions. As part of the negotiations, the disparate jurisdictions agreed that the fiscal agent would be the City of Seattle and that they would receive 3.7% of the total allocation to administer the funds (the DOJ allows up to 10% for this purpose). It was also agreed that the municipalities would reallocate 10% of their remaining funds back (rounded to the nearest \$1,000) to King County.

The breakdown of the City of Shoreline's JAG allocation is as follows:

Original Recovery Act JAG Funding	\$86,050
City of Seattle's Fiscal Agent Fee (3.7%)	\$ 3,184
Disparate Amount Reallocated to King County (10% of remaining after fiscal fee, rounded to the nearest \$1,000)	\$ 8,300
Amount Available for Shoreline	\$74,566

The contract with the City of Seattle allows the City of Shoreline to access these funds and to use them for local needs.

ALTERNATIVES ANALYZED:

If Council chooses not to enter into this agreement, then the City of Shoreline will be unable to use JAG funds. Therefore, the Council has the following options:

- Approve the City Manager to sign the contract and implement the related JAG projects.
- Not approve the contract, which will result in the funds being reallocated back to other JAG jurisdictions.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

The Council approved the addition of these funds to the City's 2009 Budget as part of Ordinance No. 554, which amended the 2009 Budget for Operating Funds and Capital projects as part of their July 13, 2009 regular meeting.

The allocation of funds are as follows:

- \$22,175 to the Police Administration Budget for necessary Police equipment as prioritized.
- \$52,391 to the City Manager's Budget for the Regional Jail Facility Planning process.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that Council Authorize the City Manager to sign an agreement with the City of Seattle for the implementation of the 2009 Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

Approved By:

City Manager  City Attorney ____

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