



City of Austin

Recommendation for Action

File #: 24-6481, **Agenda Item #:** 61.

1/30/2025

Posting Language

Authorize the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for the City of Austin to serve as Fiscal Agent for the 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to reimburse the subrecipient Travis County for approved JAG project expenses, including the purchase of public safety equipment (speed and message sign trailers, thermal monoculars, leg irons, and other critical safety items), and to use the City's portion of grant funds for law enforcement training. Funding in the amount of \$398,295 is available in a grant from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistant. A match is not required.

Lead Department

Austin Police Department.

Fiscal Note

Funding in the amount of \$398,295 is available in a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for the Justice Assistance Grant Program for the project period of October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2027. A match is not required.

For More Information:

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Additional Backup Information:

Funding in the amount of \$398,295 is available in a grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The project period, October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2027, may be extended by the City with permission from the Department of Justice. A match is not required.

This action authorizes the negotiation and execution of an interlocal agreement with Travis County for disparate allocation. The federal legislation authorizing this grant program includes a provision whereby cities and counties must submit a joint funding application if the state's Attorney General certifies that a funding disparity exists in a county's allocation when compared with that of a single municipality (at least a 150 percent disparity must exist), and the county bears more than 50 percent of prosecution or incarceration costs arising from Uniform Crime Report Part 1, major crimes reported by the municipality to the FBI. The funding split remains to be determined. The City will serve as the Fiscal Agent responsible for distributing the grant funds. The City will use its portion of grant funds for law enforcement training.