

Item Title: Appropriate Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Funds for the Wake County Sheriff's Office

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners Accept and Appropriate \$66,081 in Grant Funds for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds.

Item Summary:

The Office of Justice Programs of the US Department of Justice offers funding opportunities by awarding formula grants to support law enforcement activities in state and local jurisdictions and to implement programs that improve the criminal justice system.

The Wake County Sheriff's Office and the Raleigh Police Department annually apply for the JAG funding. The City of Raleigh and Wake County have a Memorandum of Agreement that outlines each party's participation in and responsibilities under this grant. Pursuant to this agreement, the City of Raleigh, as the lead agency, will receive the proceeds of the grant. Wake County is a sub recipient of the grant and will invoice the City for its portion of the grant as it is spent. Funds will be used to purchase body cameras as a pilot for the purposes of complete evaluation of how this technology can enhance services across the department. Cameras will be issued as follows:

Detention	14
Patrol	8
Special Operations	5
Judicial Services	3
School Resource Officers	2
Total	32

There are many factors to consider that led to introducing body cameras as a pilot project including placement on the officer, data storage and configuration, and operability across a wide range of functions such as Detention. Detention will be issued the most cameras as it is currently the largest area of liability for the Wake County Sheriff's Office and cameras could make a significant impact on promoting officer and inmate safety. Other divisions will utilize the cameras issued and develop division-wide protocol around their use and issuance. It is anticipated that this pilot will dictate a larger acquisition and issuance of body cameras across the agency in future fiscal years and funds become available.

As total grant allocation of \$66,081 has been awarded as the Wake County Sheriff's Office portion of the grant for FY 2017. The amounts have been detailed in the table below:

	WCSO	City of Raleigh	Total Award
FY 2016	\$66,081	\$80,766	\$146,847

It is requested that the Board of Commissioners appropriate \$66,081 for the FY 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds.

Attachments:

1. Budget Memo