SUBJECT: REQUEST TO RECEIVE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS

SOURCE: Police Department

COMMENT: The City of Porterville has received notification that our jurisdiction is entitled to receive $18,067 in grant funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. If approved by Council, the City of Porterville will be filing the necessary paperwork to receive the funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants Program, established within the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

The purpose of the JAG Program is to provide local jurisdictions with opportunities to reduce crime and improve public safety through the use of the grant funds for a variety of activities, from increasing personnel and equipment resources for law enforcement, to developing and supporting programs to enhance effective criminal justice processes.

A public notice was published in the Porterville Recorder newspaper inviting comments from the public regarding use of available grant funds from the JAG Program grant, but no comments were received.

It is proposed at this time, when the City receives the JAG Grant monies, that the funds be used to offset costs associated with the replacement of the Police Department’s Computer Aided Booking System. The current system must be replaced as it is no longer capable of interfacing with the department’s Records Management System due to a software upgrade in the Records Management System. Also, due to the sale of the company that initially provided the department’s Computer Aided Booking System, there is no longer any support or updates available for the system as of December 31, 2012.

Department staff has been researching Computer Aided Booking Systems and has identified a system that will meet the needs of the department. A separate agenda item will be submitted by the Police Department for approval to purchase this identified Computer Aided Booking System.

RECOMMENDATION: That the City Council:

1) Authorize the filing of the grant paperwork;
2) Authorize the Mayor to sign all necessary documents as they pertain to the grant; and
3) Authorize a budget adjustment of $18,067 upon receipt of the funds.

Attachment: Draft Resolution

D.D. Appropriated/Funded C.M. Item No. 10
RESOLUTION NO._______

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PORTERVILLE
ACCEPTING EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS
AND
APPROVING A BUDGET ADJUSTMENT TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT BUDGET

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Porterville as follows:

1. That the City of Porterville accept the FY2013 Edward Byrne Memorial
   Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds in the amount of $18,067; and

2. That the Police Department budget appropriation be increased by $18,067
   when JAG funds are received for Fiscal Year 2013/2014 to allow for the
   expenditure of those Grant Funds to offset costs associated with the
   replacement of the Police Department's Computer Aided Booking System.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 18th day of June, 2013.

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Virginia R. Gurrola, Mayor

ATTEST:

John Lollis, City Clerk

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By Patrice Hildreth, Chief Deputy City Clerk