



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. _____

RESOLUTION

R 172- 2017

Introduced by the Administration on October 4, 2017

Authorizes submission of a Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant which may be used to provide equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

WHEREAS, The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to States and units of local government. BJA awards JAG program funds to eligible States under the FY 2017 JAG Program State Solicitation. Additionally, a separate solicitation is issued for applications to BJA directly from units of local government. The City of Allentown Police Department and the County of Lehigh has been allocated \$57,398. The funding may be used to provide equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice.

WHEREAS, The City of Allentown will serve as the grantee and recipient of the funds as well as the project administrator of these funds. The County of Lehigh will serve as the sub-grantee.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown Police Department to submit the application in the amount of \$57,398 to the Department of Justice.

What Department or bureau is Bill originating from? Where did the initiative for the bill originate?

The bill originated from the Police Department

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

This bill reflects a Department of Justice Grant 2017-H3472-PA-DJ for \$ 57,398 for the Allentown Police Department (\$39,420.00) and Lehigh County Regional Crime Center (\$17,978.00). The funds are to be used for the purchase of Kronos scheduling software to be utilized by the entire department and the County portion to purchase a drone to document crime scenes and accidents from an aerial point of view.

- **Purpose – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **What does the Bill do – what are the specific goals/tasks the bill seek to accomplish**
- **What are the Benefits of doing this/Down-side of doing this**
- **How does this Bill related to the City's Vision/Mission/Priorities**

This bill will provide necessary equipment for the Police Department and offset the costs of necessary equipment. The scheduling software will be used to keep track of all sworn officers daily.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
- **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

This bill includes funding for the purchase, software and training of the scheduling software.

- **Funding Sources – Please include the following in your explanation:**

- **If transferring funds, please make sure bill gives specific accounts; if appropriating funds from a grant list the agency awarding the grant.**

Funded by Department of Justice Grant 2017-PA-DJ. A portion of the funds are funded by the General Fund

- **Priority status/Deadlines, if any**

Grant was submitted September 5, 2017. Governing body review is required.

- **Why should Council unanimously support this bill?**

The Allentown Police Department will purchase Kronos Scheduling Software to schedule and keep track of 210 officers during extra duty assignments including overtime and court appearances.