



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 101

RESOLUTION

R - 2018

Introduced by the Administration on August 15, 2018

Authorizes Submission of an Application to the United State Department of Justice Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for a Grant of Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$55,700.00) that can be used to support equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requests a FY2018 Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant of \$55,700 from the United States Department of Justice in response to the local solicitation for jurisdictions. The City of Allentown Police Department and the County of Lehigh have been allocated \$55,700. 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.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown hereby designates the Mayor and Finance Director as the official(s) to execute all documents and agreements between the City of Allentown and the Department of Justice to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Allentown, hereby authorizes the City of Allentown to submit the application for Fifty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars (\$55,700.00) in Justice Assistance Grant program funds to the Department of Justice.

LEGISLATIVE TEMPLATE

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

Police

- **Summary and Facts of the Bill**

The City is submitting an application to the Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Program. This City has been allocated \$55,700 by the State under the local solicitation. The City is a disparate jurisdiction, so a portion of funds are shared with Lehigh County. Requested funds will support the purchase of portable Sheild Radar Speed signs (4) and ballistic tactical helmets with shields. The County portion (\$12,000) will fund drone camera and computer software equipment.

- **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**

The Resolution is a requirement of the application to demonstrate the City's commitment to the project and support of the application.

- **Financial Impact – Please include the following in your explanation:**
 - **Cost (Initial and ongoing)**
 - **Benefits (initial and ongoing)**

The grant request is for \$55,700, based on a preset allocation by the Department of Justice. There is no match requirement.

- **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.**

United States Department of Justice

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

The resolution is an application requirement, due August 22. If the resolutin is not passed by that date, a draft of this resolution will be submitted with the application. The executed resolution will be provided when available.

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

The resolution will allow the City to make application for these funds and help defray necessary costs for the Police Department.

- **Committee Action**
- **Public Comments**
- **Body/Text of the Bill**
- **Exhibits**
- **Vote**