



CITY OF ALLENTOWN

No. 194

RESOLUTION

R - 2021

Introduced by the Administration on November 17, 2021

Approves City's Application to the United State Department of Justice Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for a Grant of Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$45,723) that will be used for technological upgrades to the Police interrogation rooms.

Resolved by the Council of the City of Allentown, That

BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Allentown, Lehigh County hereby requested a FY2020 Edward Bryne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant of Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$45,723.00) from the United States Department of Justice in response to the local solicitation for jurisdictions. The City of Allentown Police Department has been allocated Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$45,723.00). The funding was approved to support technological upgrades to the Police interrogation rooms.

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 approves of the Grant for Forty-Five Thousand Seven Hundred Twenty-Three Dollars (\$45,723.00) in Justice Assistance Grant program funds from 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 has submitted formal application to the United States Department of Justice for a \$45,723.00 Justice Assistance Grant to support technological improvements to police interrogation rooms.

- **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 grant conditions to demonstrate the City's commitment and plans for the project and to designate the Mayor as the authorized signatory of the grant contract.

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

The grant request is for \$45,723 and will support the purchase and installation of closed circuit televising equipment, audio/visual equipment, and related system improvements.

- **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 award requirement. Application was submitted in mid-2020 and contract was received and executed in October 2020. The DOJ has recently conveyed special conditions and requirements in order to release the funds, including an enacted resolution.

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

The resolution will allow the City to comply with DOJ requirements and access grant funds to fund these critical improvements.