

Meeting of August 21, 2017

South Portland City Council
Position Paper of the City Manager

Subject:

ORDER #40-17/18 – Authorizing the City’s participation in submitting an application and accepting a 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$13,926 to be used by the Police Department. Passage requires majority vote.

POSITION:

The Police Department is eligible to receive \$13,926 under the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The application to receive these funds must be submitted by September 5, 2017. This year, this grant will be applied through a joint application with the Portland Police Department and the Westbrook Police Department. The Portland Police Department will complete the application and administer the program. Each entity will sign a Memorandum of Understanding.

Like previous grants there is also a requirement that the public have an opportunity to comment.

This is a very broad grant which allows funds to be used in the following seven areas:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment programs
- Planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)

Chief Googins would like to use these funds towards the purchase of a 3D laser scanner for crime and crash scene mapping.

This order is brought forward as two-fold; first to authorize the submittal of the application and second, to accept these funds. The \$13,926 will be credited to the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Account.

REQUESTED ACTION:

Council passage of Order #40-17/18.



City Manager



POLICE DEPARTMENT

EDWARD J. GOOGINS
CHIEF OF POLICE

AMY J. BERRY
DEPUTY CHIEF

To: Scott Morelli, City Manager
From: Edward J. Googins, Police Chief
Date: August 08, 2017
Ref: FY 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

I have been advised the department is eligible for a \$13,926 Bureau of Justice Assistance Grant which has to be applied for by September 5, 2017. This year, the grant requires our application to be a joint one with the Portland Police Department and the Westbrook Police Department. Again this year, the Portland Police Department's grant administrator, Lisa Perrotta, has offered to administer the grant for all three agencies.

JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, strategic planning, research and evaluation (including forensics), data collection, training, personnel, equipment, forensic laboratories, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems that will improve or enhance such areas as:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs, including indigent defense
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections and reentry programs
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- Planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)

Like previous JAG grants, there is a requirement that the public have an opportunity to comment on the grant application. I am recommending that these funds be used toward the purchase a 3D laser scanner for crime and crash scene mapping. The addition of this equipment will greatly enhance our ability to document all types of scenes more accurately and more efficiently than we are presently able.

I would ask that this item be placed on an upcoming Council agenda for public comment and Council action. If approved, these funds will not be available sometime after October 1, 2017.



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**IN CITY COUNCIL
ORDER #40-17/18**

ORDERED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the submittal of an application to receive funding from the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

BE IT FURTHER ORDERED, that a 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of thirteen thousand nine hundred twenty-six dollars (\$13,926) be and hereby is accepted to be used by the South Portland Police Department.

Said amount shall be credited to the FY17 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Account #215141-441001-15638.

Fiscal Note: \$13,926 Revenue

Dated: August 21, 2017