

St. Petersburg City Council
Consent Agenda
Meeting of November 30, 2023

TO: The Honorable Brandi Gabbard, Chair, and Members of City Council

SUBJECT: A resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to (I) accept \$100,462.50 from Pinellas County (“County”) as the City’s share of the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG”) to continue funding of law enforcement initiatives as set forth in the County’s grant application, and (II) to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the maximum reimbursable amount of \$100,462.50 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), JAG 2023 Project (20124); and providing an effective date.

EXPLANATION: The City and Pinellas County (“County”) are Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”) designated units of local government eligible to apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG”) funds. Because BJA determined that the City and the County had a disparate allocation of JAG funds, the City and County were required to evenly divide funds available to the two entities. The City of St. Petersburg and the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners (“BOCC”) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding agreeing to allocate \$100,462.50 of the \$200,925.00 FY2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG”) to each entity’s law enforcement agency. The County will serve as the grant applicant and fiscal agent. The City will submit expenditure documentation to the County for reimbursement of eligible costs. The grant requires no local matching funds. The City’s \$100,462.50 will be used to continue funding for law enforcement and crime prevention initiatives started under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program. These initiatives include support for Community Resource Centers, Volunteer Programs, Crime Prevention, and Law Enforcement Overtime.

RECOMMENDATION: The administration recommends that City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing the Mayor or his designee to accept \$100,462.50 from Pinellas County (“County”) as the City’s share of the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG”) to continue funding of law enforcement initiatives as set out in the County’s grant application, and to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; approving a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,462.50 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), JAG 2023 Project (20124); and providing an effective date.

COST/FUNDING INFORMATION: Revenues of up to \$100,462.50 are to be received from the Bureau of Justice Assistance and deposited into the Police Grant Fund (1702). The grant will fund law enforcement and crime prevention initiatives effective October 1, 2022 through September 30, 2026. Funds will be available after the approval of a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,462.50 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), JAG 2023 Project (20124).

Approvals:

Administration: Megan McGee

Budget: mfzm

Resolution No. 2023-_____

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OR HIS DESIGNEE TO (I) ACCEPT \$100,462.50 FROM PINELLAS COUNTY (“COUNTY”) AS THE CITY’S SHARE OF THE FY 2023 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (“JAG”) TO CONTINUE FUNDING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT INITIATIVES AS SET FORTH IN THE COUNTY’S GRANT APPLICATION, AND (II) TO EXECUTE ALL DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO EFFECTUATE THIS TRANSACTION; APPROVING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION IN THE MAXIMUM REIMBURSABLE AMOUNT OF \$100,462.50 FROM THE INCREASE IN THE UNAPPROPRIATED BALANCE OF THE POLICE GRANT FUND (1702), RESULTING FROM THESE ADDITIONAL GRANT REVENUES, TO THE POLICE DEPARTMENT, FISCAL SUPPORT DIVISION (140-1389) JAG 2023 PROJECT (20124); AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the City and Pinellas County (“County”) are Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”) designated units of local government eligible to apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG”) funds; and

WHEREAS, the City and the County have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (“MOU”) stipulating that the FY 2023 JAG Award of \$200,925.00 will be allocated evenly between the parties (\$100,462.50 each entity); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the MOU, the County applied for the JAG funds and was designated as the grant applicant and fiscal agent for distribution of the funds; and

WHEREAS, the City will submit expenditure documentation to the County for reimbursement of eligible costs; and

WHEREAS, the City’s \$100,462.50 will be used to continue funding for a number of law enforcement and crime prevention initiatives which were started under the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Program, including supplemental support for Community Resource Centers, Volunteer Programs, Crime Prevention, and Law Enforcement Overtime; and

WHEREAS, a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$100,462.50 from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional grant revenues, to the Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389), JAG 2023 Project (20124) is required.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of St. Petersburg, Florida, that the Mayor or his designee is authorized to (i) accept \$100,462.50 from Pinellas County (“County”) as the City’s share of the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG”) to continue funding law enforcement initiatives as set out in the County’s grant application, and (ii) to execute all documents necessary to effectuate this transaction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that there is hereby approved from the increase in the unappropriated balance of the Police Grant Fund (1702), resulting from these additional grant revenues, the following supplemental appropriation for FY24:

<u>Police Grant Fund (1702)</u>	
Police Department, Fiscal Support Division (140-1389),	
JAG 2023 Project (20124)	\$100,462.50

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

Approvals:

Legal: Chris [Signature]

Administration: Megan McGee

Budget: E. H. [Signature]