

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager to Apply, Accept and Expend Funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2020 in the amount of Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five and 00/100 (\$28,935.00) Dollars.

The City of Lowell is desirous of applying for a Grant from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); and

The Grant will make available to the City the sum of Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five and 00/100 (\$28,935.00) Dollars to retain civilian staff members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOWELL:

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized to apply, accept and expend funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2020 in the amount of Twenty Eight Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty Five and 00/100 (\$28,935.00) Dollars to retain civilian staff members.

BE IT FURTHER VOTED:

That the City Manager, on behalf of the City of Lowell, be and hereby is, authorized to execute any and all documents necessary in connection with said grant, including the expenditure thereof.

Raymond Kelly Richardson
Superintendent

Barry Golner
Deputy Superintendent

Daniel R. Larocque
Deputy Superintendent

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8/17/2020

To: City Manager, Eileen Donoghue
From: Superintendent Kelly Richardson
Date: August 17, 2020
Re: FY2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

The Lowell Police Department is applying for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY 2020 grant solicitation in the amount of \$28,935. Prior to the acceptance of funds the application must be made available for public review in order to allow community members an opportunity to comment. Therefore, we respectfully request that this application be reviewed during the City Council meeting on August 25, 2020. I have included an abstract of the grant for your reference.

The City of Lowell, MA Police Department (LPD) is requesting \$28,935 for the FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. This funding will be used to support a portion of three civilian staff members. The funding will be instrumental in retaining a Crime Analyst from the Crime Analysis and Intelligence Unit as well as a Grant Research Analyst and a Program Manager in the Research and Development Unit. As a result of significant decreases in local aid and grant funding in recent years, these positions would be in danger of being eliminated without the assistance of this JAG Local funding. Funds will also be used to purchase office supplies including office paper, toner, notebooks, and pens. By retaining civilian staff members, the LPD will be able to focus on the following goals: maintain the departmental community and problem-oriented policing philosophy, utilize evidence-based strategies to improve public safety, locate and secure grant funding, and utilize crime data and intelligence to drive deployment decisions.

Please note that this grant application has been approved by the Grant Oversight Committee.

Project Abstract

The City of Lowell, MA Police Department (LPD) is requesting \$28,935 for the FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. This funding will be used to support a portion of three civilian staff members. The funding will be instrumental in retaining a Crime Analyst from the Crime Analysis and Intelligence Unit as well as a Grant Research Analyst and a Program Manager in the Research and Development Unit. As a result of significant decreases in local aid and grant funding in recent years, these positions would be in danger of being eliminated without the assistance of this JAG Local funding. Funds will also be used to purchase office supplies including office paper, toner, notebooks, and pens. By retaining civilian staff members, the LPD will be able to focus on the following goals: maintain the departmental community and problem-oriented policing philosophy, utilize evidence-based strategies to improve public safety, locate and secure grant funding, and utilize crime data and intelligence to drive deployment decisions.

The following project identifiers are associated with this project: community based programs, community policing, data sharing linkage, geomapping, research, research evaluation or statistical services, and strategic planning.

Raymond Kelly Richardson
Superintendent

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Deputy Superintendent

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August 17, 2020

City Council
City of Lowell
375 Merrimack Street
Lowell, MA 01852

Dear City Councilors:

The Lowell Police Department (LPD) was recently informed that the department is eligible for \$28,935.00 under the Local FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Prior to the utilizing the grant funds, the LPD must ensure that it is made available for public review in order to allow community members an opportunity to comment. Therefore, we respectfully request that this application is reviewed during the City Council Meeting held on August 25, 2020. The LPD will also post a link on the department's website allowing citizens to review the application and provide comments.

Sincerely,



Raymond Kelly Richardson
Superintendent