



CITY OF PINELLAS PARK

Community Development Department Planning & Development Services Division

Staff Report

I. APPLICATION DATA

A. **Case Number:** This is not applicable.

B. **Location:** This is not applicable.

1. **Address:**

2. **Parcel Number:**

C. **Request:** This is a Resolution of City Council authorizing the City Manager to apply and contract for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program – Fiscal Year 2019 Local Solicitation with the U.S. Department of Justice.

D. **Applicant:** This is not applicable.

E. **Agent:** This is not applicable.

F. **Legal Ad Text:**

A resolution of the City Council of the City of Pinellas Park, Pinellas County, Florida authorizing the City Manager to apply and contract for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – FY 2019 local solicitation with the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance; providing for compliance with the Justice Assistance Grant program; and providing for an effective date.

G. **Public Hearings:**

1. **Board of Adjustment Hearing Date:** This item did not go before the Board of Adjustment.
2. **Planning and Zoning Commission Hearing Date:** This item did not go before the Planning and Zoning Commission.
3. **City Council or Community Redevelopment Agency Hearing Date(s):** This Resolution is a public hearing item being presented before City Council at its August 22nd, 2019 meeting.
4. **Deadline to send public hearing notices:** The deadline to send public hearing notices was August 2nd, 2019.
5. **Advertising deadline:** The advertising deadline was August 2nd, 2019.

II. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The PPPD will utilize FY 2019 JAG funds for the following: Equipment purchases of fifty (50) Paraclete OMEGA 8X10 Level III ICW Rifle Plate (in conjunction with soft armor). The OMEGA plate takes ballistic performance to new levels. This National Institute of Justice .06 Level III ICW plate has been independently tested with both Level IIIA, II and Ballistic/Stab Soft Armor systems. This armor system will provide officers with protection from commonly encountered rifle threats such as .223, .762, and .308. This equipment is exceptionally lightweight, thin, can be worn by officers at all times and provides superior protection against special threats. Currently, the PPPD lacks the resources to put altogether the necessary systems to effectively respond to and prevent against special threats.

III. APPLICABLE CRITERIA / CONSIDERATIONS

1. **Relevant Policies:** The signed resolution will authorize the City Manager to submit an application and contract for grant funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program.
2. **Staff Analysis:** The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program has been funding critical need equipment for the Pinellas Park Police Department for more than two decades.

Community Services Manager

Planning & Development Services Director:

Community Development Administrator:

OL 8/9/19

EP 8/9/19

BW 8/9/19

IV. SUMMARY:

A. Findings

Utilizing the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program allows the City to capitalize on federal funding to equip our police officers with body armor critical to their safety.

B. Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends APPROVAL of Resolution No. 19-XX.

V. ACTION:

CITY COUNCIL - MOVE TO:

- 1: APPROVE
- 2: APPROVE WITH THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:
- 3: DENY

VI. ATTACHMENTS:

Exhibit A: Staff Report

Exhibit B: Abstract

Exhibit B: Resolution No. 19-XX

Exhibit C: Attorney Letter

RESOLUTION NO. 19-XX

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO APPLY AND CONTRACT FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM - FY 2019 LOCAL SOLICITATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE; PROVIDING FOR COMPLIANCE WITH THE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department Of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has opened its application period for federal funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pinellas Park, Florida (hereinafter the "City") is eligible for a Justice Assistance Grant award in the amount of \$16,997.00 for funding of qualified law enforcement program expenses; and

WHEREAS, if the grant applied for is awarded, such expenses will consist of new equipment to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Pinellas Park Police Department; and

WHEREAS, the Mayor and City Council wish to authorize the City Manager to sign and submit an application for funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2019 Local Solicitation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PINELLAS PARK, PINELLAS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION ONE: That the Mayor and City Council of the City of Pinellas Park, Florida authorize the City Manager to apply and contract for funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2019 Local Solicitation.

SECTION TWO: That the City Manager or his designee is hereby designated as the official liaison agent.

SECTION THREE: That the City of Pinellas Park is hereby requesting funds in the amount of \$16,997.00 under the Local Solicitation.

SECTION FOUR: That this Resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately after its passage and approval in the manner provided by law.

PUBLISHED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

FIRST READING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

PUBLIC HEARING THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2019.

Sandra L. Bradbury
MAYOR

ATTEST:

Diane M. Corna, MMC
CITY CLERK

FY 2019 Justice Assistance Grant

Abstract

NAME: City of Pinellas Park Application # 2019 – DJ-XX-XXXX

TITLE OF PROJECT: 2019 Federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Direct

Purchase Fifty (50) Omega Plates

PROJECT COST: \$17,750.00

GOALS OF PROJECT:

- 1) Purchase and put into service field services equipment that will protect officers
- 2) Improve the PPPD's preparedness for dangerous situations

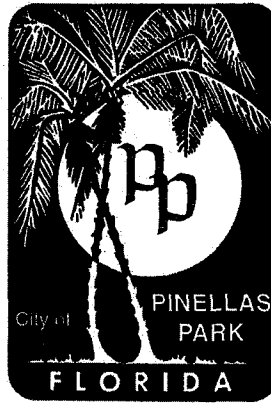
DESCRIPTION OF STRATEGIES: The Pinellas Park Police Department's (PPPD) strategic objective is to equip their personnel with the equipment necessary to save lives in the event of an active shooter event. The PPPD will utilize FY 2019 JAG funds for the following: Equipment purchases of fifty (50) Paraclete OMEGA 8X10 Level III ICW Rifle Plate (in conjunction with soft armor). The OMEGA plate takes ballistic performance to new levels. This National Institute of Justice .06 Level III ICW plate has been independently tested with both Level IIIA, II and Ballistic/Stab Soft Armor systems. This armor system will provide officers with protection from commonly encountered rifle threats such as .223, .762, and .308. This equipment is exceptionally lightweight, thin, can be worn by officers at all times and provides superior protection against special threats. Currently, the PPPD lacks the resources to put altogether the necessary systems to effectively respond to and prevent against special threats.

PROJECT IDENTIFIERS: Officer Safety
 Violence – Violent Crimes
 Equipment – General
 Firearms
 Task Forces

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August 5, 2019

Ms. Tammy Hillier
Community Services Manager
City of Pinellas Park
P.O. Box 1100
Pinellas Park, Florida 33780

RE: City Document #19-244
JAG Resolution

Dear Ms. Hillier:

I have reviewed today the proposed Resolution for the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Program Grant and have spoken to you on the phone today, and would approve of the title for forwarding and for advertising by the 10:00 a.m. deadline, as to form and correctness.

Very truly yours,

James W. Denhardt
City Attorney

cc: Doug Lewis, City Manager
Diane M. Corna, MMC, City Clerk
Patrick Murphy, Deputy City Manager
Susan Walker, Community Development Administrator
Benjamin Ziskal, Planning & Development Services Director

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