

AGENDA ITEM #: 21-82
COUNCIL MTG OF: July 20, 2021
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: Edward B. Garone, Chief of Police
PREPARED BY: Capt. George R. Feole
SUBJECT: 2021 Justice Assistance Grant



STAFF REPORT
Public Hearing 8-24-21

PURPOSE: Authorize the Town Administrator to execute an agreement (Interlocal Agreement) between the Town and Rockingham County that allows the County to apply for funds on behalf of the Town pursuant to the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: See comments within this staff report.

BACKGROUND: The US Department of Justice has announced the 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Awards: The Town of Derry is eligible for an award of \$10,516. Rockingham County has been chosen by the DOJ to be the fiscal agent and applicant for the grant. Rockingham County will receive a 7% administration fee for this service, equal to \$736. The Town of Derry will receive a net total of \$9,780.

DISCUSSION: The Derry Police Department has historically accepted all JAG funds for which it was eligible. The funds are used to make purchases of law enforcement equipment or systems that would exceed our budgeted appropriations.

The deadline for filing the application is August 9th, 2021. The DOJ requires that prior to the expenditure of any funds associated with the JAG Award, the application must be provided to the governing body for review at least 30 days prior to application submission. The application will be provided to the Council on July 20th, 2021. Since the 30-day requirement cannot be satisfied, funds may not be expended or committed until the 30-day requirement has been met. Opportunity must be provided for public review and comment on the application. The application will be posted on our web site for public review and comment.

Rockingham County has agreed to be the fiscal agent and applicant agency for the grant. Consequently, the Town must enter into an Interlocal Agreement with Rockingham County.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the community. There is no matching requirement associated with this grant.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL:

- 1) Schedule a public hearing for August 17th, 2021, and subsequently authorize the Town Administrator, David Caron, to accept the 2021 JAG grant funds.
- 2) Authorize the Town Administrator, David Caron, to execute the agreement between the Town and Rockingham County required as a condition of the application and to execute all documents or electronic filings associated with the 2021 JAG process.

RECOMMENDED MOTION: Please see Resolution #2021-051.

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