

AGENDA ITEM #: 22-88
COUNCIL MTG OF: August 2, 2022
FROM: David Caron, Town Administrator
OFFERED BY: George R. Feole, Deputy Chief of Police
PREPARED BY: Lt. David M. Michaud
SUBJECT: 2022 Justice Assistance Grant



STAFF REPORT
Public Hearing 9-6-22

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 2022 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program.

TOWN ADMINISTRATOR COMMENTS: Annually, the Town receives a grant opportunity from the JAG Program as administered by Rockingham County. The Council is encouraged to adopt Resolution #2022-060 after the September 6, 2022, public hearing which will allow these funds to be applied towards the Training Simulator program, as explained below.

BACKGROUND: The US Department of Justice has announced the 2022 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Awards. The Town of Derry is eligible for an award of \$12,027. 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 \$842. The Town of Derry will receive a net total of \$11,185.

DISCUSSION: The deadline for filing the application is August 3rd, 2022. 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 August 2, 2022. 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 an Interlocal Agreement with Rockingham County.

We propose to purchase an APEX OFFICER Training Simulator system. The system under consideration has two VR headsets etc. that integrate with other hardware and allows for two officers to train at the same time. The system provides a training platform for De-Escalation, Use of Force and Crisis intervention. The cost of the system is \$67,500, with funding from this grant and the balance of \$56,315 from the Outside Detail Revolving Fund.

A separate resolution will be presented at the September 6th Council meeting requesting the transfer of the balance of the needed funds from the Outside Detail Revenue Fund.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact to the community. There is no matching requirement associated with this grant. The balance of funds needed for the purchase of the equipment exist in an existing revenue fund.

RECOMMENDED ACTION BY COUNCIL:

1. Schedule a public hearing for September 6th, 2022 and subsequently authorize the Town Administrator, David Caron, to accept the 2022 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 any and all documents or electronic filings associated with the 2022 JAG process.

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Please see Resolution #2022-060