

-COUNTY OF MILWAUKEE-
INTEROFFICE COMMUNICATION

DATE : May 4, 2012

TO : Supervisor Marina Dimitrijevic, Chairwoman, Board of Supervisors
Supervisor Mark Borkowski, Chairman, Committee on Judiciary, Safety and General Services

FROM : Craig Kammholz, Fiscal & Budget Administrator, DAS-Fiscal

SUBJECT : 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

REQUEST

Approval to apply for and accept Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds for Federal Fiscal Year 2012 is requested.

BACKGROUND

On March 28 2012, the Department of Administrative Services-Fiscal Division (DAS-Fiscal) was notified by the U.S. Department of Justice (U.S. DOJ) that it had released applications for the 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG).

JAG funding is awarded to municipalities based upon the average annual number of Part 1 violent crimes reported by the unit to the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI). Since Milwaukee County bears the cost of prosecution and incarceration that arise out of Part 1 violent crimes, the DOJ has declared Milwaukee County a disparate jurisdiction and therefore eligible to share in the funding awarded to municipalities located within Milwaukee County.

The funding also requires the qualifying localities to negotiate a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding the administration and distribution of funds. Milwaukee County is not eligible for a direct grant award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance.

The following is a list of municipalities that are eligible for funding and their award amount:

Municipality	Award Amount
MILWAUKEE	\$829,754
WAUWATOSA	\$11,227
WEST ALLIS	\$25,149
	\$866,130
TOTAL	

The total allocation of \$866,130 represents a reduction of \$251,828 or 22.5 percent from the FY 2011 version of the grant. Since 96% of all the local funds are earmarked for the City of Milwaukee, no attempt was made to extract funding from the municipalities other than the City of Milwaukee. After discussions with Milwaukee Police Department, it was agreed that funding would first be allocated to fund the Community Justice Council Coordinator position housed at the Public Policy Forum at a cost of \$80,000, with Milwaukee County funding two-thirds of the cost (\$53,600) and the Milwaukee Police Department

funding the remaining one-third (\$26,400). The net award to the City of Milwaukee is then \$749,754. Of that, Milwaukee County will receive \$337,400 or 45% of the City of Milwaukee's net award.

Milwaukee County has agreed to act as the fiscal agent for the 2012 JAG grant as it is for the prior year JAG grants. Responsibility as the fiscal agent was transferred from the Office of the Sheriff to DAS-Fiscal in July 2011.

Matching Funds Requirement

The JAG grant does not require a local match.

Trust Fund Requirement

The JAG funds, which are forwarded to the County and pursuant to grant guidelines, must be held in a separate trust account.

Spending Plan

The spending plan is attached.

RECOMMENDATION

In order to strengthen the collective ability of local jurisdictions to combat violent crime, it is recommended that DAS-Fiscal be authorized to apply for and accept JAG funds. In addition, a separate trust fund must also be authorized and established to meet grant requirements and to deposit the grant monies that will be forwarded to the County.

FISCAL NOTE

Approval of this request will result in total 2012 JAG funds of \$866,130 being provided to the following localities:

Municipality	Award Amount
MILWAUKEE COUNTY	\$391,000
MILWAUKEE	\$438,754
WAUWATOSA	\$11,227
WEST ALLIS	\$25,149
	\$866,130
TOTAL	

This grant does not require a local match; however, staff time is required because Milwaukee County will be the fiscal agent for the grant. DAS-Fiscal, upon verification that expenses submitted for reimbursement are consistent with the approved joint spending plan, will transfer the funds to the appropriate departmental account from the trust account where the funds will be held. In addition, DAS-Fiscal, upon verification that expenses submitted for reimbursement are consistent with the approved joint spending plan, will make

payment to the municipalities from the trust account where the funds will be held.

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John Chisholm, Milwaukee County District Attorney

Jeffrey A. Kremers, Chief Judge, Milwaukee County Circuit Courts

David A. Clarke, Milwaukee County Sheriff