

**City of Tamarac**  
**Interoffice Memorandum**  
**Financial Services Department**

**To: Michael C. Cernech, City Manager**  
**Through: Christine Cajuste, Interim Director Financial Services**  
**From: Michael Gresek, Grants Administrator**  
**Date: June 18, 2020**  
**Re: TR#13452: Accepting a 2018 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award and  
Memorandum of Understanding with BSO and the City of Pompano Beach**

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**Recommendation:**

The Interim Director of Financial Services and Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) Tamarac District Commander recommend the above referenced item be placed on the agenda for approval at the July 8, 2020 City Commission Meeting.

**Issue:**

The US Department of Justice (DOJ) announced the availability of grant funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. The JAG program provides grant funding for the enhancement of crime prevention and law enforcement programs. Tamarac is eligible for this funding through a Memorandum of Understanding with BSO and the City of Pompano Beach.

**Background:**

The JAG Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The intent of the program is to assist local governments in the areas of crime prevention and public safety. The Bureau of Justice requires that one entity serve as lead agency for purposes of application and administration of the grant. In the past, Broward County served as lead agency on behalf of a group of cities (including Tamarac) receiving a JAG award. This year, the City of Pompano Beach agreed to serve in this capacity.

Grant allocations for each agency are predetermined based on population and crime rate statistics. Working with BSO, the City proposes to use the grant funds for overtime expenses related to crime reduction and preventive operations, as well as the continuation of our patrol of commercial and retail plazas. These funds will allow the Tamarac District to proactively target areas that are experiencing an increase in certain types of crimes as well as using deputies to deter crime in certain locations, including business plaza's, city parks, and other areas of the City. This will assist the City in meeting its Strategic Goal #2, "Tamarac is Safe and People Know It". Therefore, this use of JAG funds is consistent with how JAG grant awards have been used in the past. These activities have been very successful and contribute to reducing crime in Tamarac.

The attached Resolution authorizes acceptance of the 2018 JAG award and the execution of several necessary documents pending legal review, including:

- Subrecipient Agreement with the City of Pompano Beach agreeing to:
  - Accept the 2018 JAG award on behalf of the City of Tamarac
  - Accept the City of Pompano Beach as lead agency to administer the award
  - Accept BSO to receive grant funds on behalf of the City of Tamarac for reimbursement of project expenses as outlined above via reimbursement forms filed through the City of Pompano Beach

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the group of cities receiving a 2018 JAG award:
  - Confirming the City of Pompano Beach as the agency dispersing funds
  - Confirming BSO will retain funds for cities such as Tamarac who contract police services
  - Amending the prior 2014 MOU to include BSO as a participating agency
  - Increasing the previous 7.23% administrative fee previously requested from BSO to administer the grant program to 10% for Pompano Beach to do the same. This fee will be deducted from the grant award of each participating agency. Tamarac's net award information is illustrated in the chart below.
- Certification and assurances forms required by DOJ to be signed by the City Manager and Attorney
- Questionnaire required by the US Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

2018 JAG GRANT AWARD	
AMOUNT	DETAIL
<b>\$11,349.90</b>	<b>TAMARAC AWARD</b>
<b>\$ 1,134.99</b>	<b>10% Admin Fee to Pompano</b>
<b>\$10,214.91</b>	<b>NET TAMARAC AWARD</b>

**Fiscal Impact:**

Grant funds will go directly to BSO as outlined in the above section. Therefore, there is no fiscal effect on the City's budget.