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City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 18, 2016

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: MARK B. JINKS, CITY MANAGER \s\

DOCKET TITLE:

Consideration of an Application for the Renewal of the Justice Assistance Grant for the Police Department's Part I Crimes Task Force.

ISSUE: Consideration of a renewal grant application to the U.S. Department of Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, in the amount of \$31,713 in federal funds.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council:

- (1) Approve the grant application (due in late June 2016) to the Department of Justice in the amount of \$31,713; and
- (2) Authorize the City Manager to execute all the necessary documents that may be required.

BACKGROUND: The Federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program was first funded in FY 2005, replacing the former Law Enforcement Block Grant (LEBG) program. The City has participated in these programs since 1997. The JAG grant would enable enhanced enforcement of Part I (serious) crimes. The Police Department addresses Part I crime trends through task force style investigations involving multiple officers.

DISCUSSION: Federal grant funds will be used for overtime to hire back officers to replace those temporarily assigned to investigate Part I crimes. Staff has monitored the Department of Justice website and have been informed that open solicitation will begin in early May 2016. The on-line application is due in the third week of June. Alexandria's share of funding is predetermined by the grantor agency.

FISCAL IMPACT: There is no required match from the City and, therefore, no additional fiscal impact from this grant.

ATTACHMENT: None.

STAFF:

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