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Legislation Text

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BACKGROUND:

The City of Columbus Division of Police has been awarded a Federal Fiscal Year 2005 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs via the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs Unit. The JAG program provides funding to allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The city funding has been awarded \$180,000.00 under the purpose area of technology improvements for the continued maintenance and support of the computerized National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS). NIBRS is a national crime reporting system. Its data is used by the FBI and in the development of federal funding programs. And \$80,000.00 for additional customization projects for the system were also approved. They include Property Room bar coding, records sealing capabilities and added forms and self-reporting functions. The City must act as a subgrantee to the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs Unit per our joint Memorandum of Understanding and Interlocal Agreement previously approved by the City and the County and on file with the U.S. Department of Justice. Therefore, the Mayor is required to sign a subgrantee award to accept on behalf of the City. The official City program contact authorized to act in connection with this grant is Technical Services Bureau Lt. Ramona Patts.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact for the City General Fund Account. All appropriated funds will come from the grant award and any interest accrued by them.

To authorize and direct the Mayor of the City of Columbus to accept a subgrantee award through the FY2005 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs via the Franklin County Office of Homeland Security and Justice Programs Unit, to authorize Lt. Ramona Patts as the official representative to act in connection with the subgrant and to authorize an appropriation of \$260,000.00 from the unappropriated balance of the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund to the Division of Police to cover the costs of the FY05 Justice Assistance Grant projects. (\$260,000.00)

WHEREAS, the City of Columbus Division of Police has been awarded funding through the FY05 Justice Assistance Grant program for technology improvement projects; and

WHEREAS, Lt. Ramona Patts has been identified as the official representative to act in connection with the FY05 Justice Assistance Grant and to provide information as required; and

WHEREAS, continued maintenance, support and customization of the Division of Police technology will support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and improve the criminal justice system; now therefore

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS:

Section 1. That the Mayor of the City of Columbus be and is hereby authorized and directed to accept a FY05 Justice Assistance Grant for continued technology initiatives for the Columbus Division of Police.

Section 2. That Lt. Ramona Patts is designated as the official program contact and authorized to act in connection with the FY05 Justice Assistance Grant and to provide information as required.

Section 3. That from the unappropriated monies in the Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Fund and from all monies estimated to come into said fund from any and all sources and unappropriated for any other purposes during the subgrant award period the sum of \$260,000.00 is appropriated as follows:

DIV	FD	OBJ#1	OBJ#3	OCACD	GRANT	AMOUNT
30-03	222	03	3336	338010	338010	80,000.00
30-03	222	03	3372	338010	338010	180,000.00

Section 4. That the monies appropriated in the foregoing Section 3 shall be paid upon order of the Director of Public Safety; and that no order shall be drawn or money paid except by voucher, the form of which shall be approved by the City Auditor.

Section 5. That this ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after the earliest period allowed by law.