

Memorandum

REPORT TO: City Commission

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SUBJECT: Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Application for the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program -Local Formula.

MEETING DATE: May 5, 2026

AGENDA ITEM TYPE: Grant

RECOMMENDATION: Authorize the City Manager to Approve the Application for the Bureau of Justice Assistance FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program -Local Formula.

STRATEGIC PLAN: 1.3 Public Agencies Collaboration: Foster successful collaboration with other public agencies and build on these successes.

BACKGROUND: The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant provides formula funding to eligible units of local government to support law enforcement agencies in various ways. In previous grant cycles, Bozeman Police Department has used this funding to enhance the forensic unit. This funding will continue the same efforts to further enhance the Forensic Lab. We are requesting to use the formula funding to purchase two advanced camera kits, a bullet trajectory kit, advanced training for the forensic team, and personal protective equipment (PPE). Of the two advanced camera kits, one is a 3D imaging camera for major crime scenes, and the second camera kit has infrared capabilities to identify various fluids, substances, and accelerants. Ultimately, these technologic advancements will enable our forensic team to perform more in-depth analysis for end-term case work to include in the judicial process.

UNRESOLVED ISSUES: None.

ALTERNATIVES: As suggested by Commission.

FISCAL EFFECTS: Total expenditures are expected to be \$26,523. Expenditures will be made in the General Fund.

Attachments:

[FY26 JAG Application Combined.pdf](#)

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