

Council Meeting of  
August 7, 2007

PUBLIC HEARING

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

**SUBJECT: Police – Accept 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant and, upon federal approval of the grant application, appropriate and allocate grant monies and asset forfeiture funds for the purchase of Police digital radio scanners. Expenditure: \$39,900.**

**RECOMMENDATION**

The Chief of Police recommends that City Council:

- 1) Authorize the application and acceptance of the 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant in the amount of \$35,154.;
- 2) Establish a trust fund for the deposit of grant monies;
- 3) Upon federal approval of the grant application, appropriate and allocate the grant monies, and any interest on the funds, for the Digital Radio Scanners project; and
- 4) Appropriate \$4,746 from DOJ Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture, for a total project expenditure of \$39,900.

**FUNDING:**

Funding in the amount of \$35,154 will be available upon federal approval of the 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant. Funding in the amount of \$4,746 is available from DOJ Unappropriated Asset Forfeiture.

**BACKGROUND**

In June 2007, the Federal Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, advised that the City of Torrance is eligible for FY 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant funding in the amount of \$35,154.

**ANALYSIS**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Grant (formerly the Justice Assistance Grant, or JAG) provides funds to states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place funds where they are needed most.

The JAG formula is based on a jurisdiction's number of Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) Part 1 crimes reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The City of Torrance is eligible for FY 2007 funding in the amount of \$35,154. There is no requirement for matching funds. Grant conditions include establishing of a trust fund, listing the authorized fund uses, financial

Grant conditions include establishing of a trust fund, listing the authorized fund uses, financial reporting requirements, and giving the public an opportunity to comment on the application (see Attachment A).

JAG funds can be used for local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice for any one or more of the following purpose areas:

- Law enforcement programs, including any law enforcement or justice initiative previously eligible for funding under Byrne or LLEBG
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs

The Police Department recommends that JAG funds be allocated to purchase digital radio scanners recorders for police use. The Police Department uses radio scanners to monitor law enforcement communications in the field. The scanners currently in use are obsolete technology that is not compatible with other police agencies. Digital scanners have become the technology standard and the Police Department will need to purchase digital radio scanners at an estimated total cost of \$39,900. The Police Department has identified the 2007 Byrne Grant and asset forfeiture funds as appropriate for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. NEU  
Chief of Police



By: Laurie Anderson  
Business Manager

CONCUR:



John J. Neu  
Chief of Police



LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager



Attachment A: Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Application

<b>APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE</b>		2. DATE SUBMITTED	Applicant Identifier
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier
Application Non-Construction		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier
<b>5. APPLICANT INFORMATION</b>			
Legal Name		Organizational Unit	
City of Torrance		Police Department	
Address 3300 Civic Center Drive Torrance, California 90503-5016		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application  Anderson, Laurie (310) 618-5676	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN)  95-6000803		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT  Municipal	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION  New		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY  Bureau of Justice Assistance	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE  NUMBER: 16.738 CFDA EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE TITLE: ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT  Digital Radio Scanners for Interoperability	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT  City of Torrance, California.			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: September 01, 2007 End Date: August 31, 2008		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF  a. Applicant b. Project CA36	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
Federal	\$35,154	Program is not covered by E.O. 12372	
Applicant	\$4,746		
State	\$0		
Local	\$0		
Other	\$0		

Program Income	\$0	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?  N
TOTAL	\$39,900	
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.		

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2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant  
Program Attachment**Program Narrative**

**Applicant:** Torrance Police Department  
3300 Civic Center Drive  
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**Project:** Digital Radio Scanners for Interoperability

**Funds requested:** \$35,154

**Category:** III: Enhancing Local Law Enforcement

Project Description

The purchase of digital radio scanners for Police vehicles will improve and enhance the administration and operations of the Torrance Police Department. Police radio scanners are used to monitor the radio communication frequencies of nearby law enforcement agencies. This ability is a key component of communications interoperability among first responders. It enhances officer safety during pursuits that involve multiple jurisdictions, and improves the ability to coordinate a multi-agency response to a critical incident or when mutual aid is requested. The Torrance Police Department currently uses radio scanners employing analog signaling technology. Analog technology is obsolete and has been replaced by digital technology. Analog scanners cannot be used to monitor digital radio frequencies.

The Cities of Torrance and Los Angeles share a common boundary. The Los Angeles Police Department uses digital radio communications that cannot now be monitored by the Torrance Police Department during for mutual aid or critical incidents. This grant award will

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Program Attachment

enable the City of Torrance to purchase and install digital radio scanners that will improve communications interoperability and officer safety between Torrance and other nearby jurisdictions.

Need for Grant Funds

The City of Torrance, like many other cities, must continue to provide services and secure the public safety in the face of State and Federal budget cuts and their effect on local government. The Police Department has a critical need for communications interoperability and is pursuing all available sources of funds. The FY2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant will help fund the purchase of Police digital radio scanners in direct support of field operations and communications interoperability.

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Budget Attachment

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This will be a lump-sum expenditure for Police digital radio scanners. The estimated project total is based on vendor quotations for a quantity of 57 scanners at \$700 each.

Digital radio scanners	\$ 700	unit cost
	<u>x 57</u>	units
	\$39,900	Total expenditure

Justice Assistance Grant	\$35,154
Applicant funds	<u>4,746</u>
Project Total	\$39,900

All grant expenditures are for items that will be procured from one or more private vendors through the City's competitive bid process. Any accrued interest on the grant funds will be spent on digital radio scanners.

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Review Attachment**Review Narrative**

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The accompanying Edward Byrne Memorial Grant application was made available for informal review by the Torrance City Council, the governing body of the City of Torrance, California, on July 19, 2007. Further, a formal review will be conducted at a regularly-scheduled City Council meeting on August 7, 2006, that will be open to and attended by the public. The grant review item will be included in a meeting agenda that is published and posted in advance. Citizens and neighborhood or community organizations have an opportunity to comment on the grant application at the August 7th City Council meeting in accordance with established procedure.

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Project Timeline Attachment

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This will be a one-time purchase of Police digital radio scanners. The purchase and installation will be supervised by Lt. Geoffrey Rizzo, Services Division Commander, Torrance Police Department. Equipment installation will be performed by existing City personnel.

The proposed project start date is September 1, 2007. The purchase and installation of the scanners are expected to be completed by December 31, 2007.