

Council Meeting of
October 12, 2010

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

Members of the Council:

SUBJECT: Police - Accept the 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and appropriate and allocate the grant monies to the Police Cadet program. Expenditure: \$36,416

RECOMMENDATION

Recommendation of the Chief of Police that City Council;

- 1) Authorize the acceptance of the 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$36,416;
- 2) Establish a trust fund for the deposit of grant monies; and
- 3) Appropriate and allocate the grant monies, and any interest on the funds to the Police Cadet program.

FUNDING:

Funding is available in the 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

BACKGROUND

In April 2010, the Federal Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance advised that the City of Torrance is eligible for FY 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funding in the amount of \$36,416.

In June 2010, Council reviewed the 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application which proposed JAG funds be allocated to the Police Cadet Program.

ANALYSIS

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (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.

Byrne JAG funds can be used for local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems for criminal justice that will improve or enhance:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs

- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)

The Police Department recommends that JAG funds be allocated to the Cadet Program. Established in 2002, the Cadet Program provides valuable experience to college students interested in a career in law enforcement. Cadets work a variety of assignments throughout the various Police Department Divisions that are inclusive of, but not limited to, community outreach, report writing, preliminary investigations and customer service. Since 2008, three former Cadets have been hired as Police Officers with Torrance Police and another is a Police Officer Trainee with the Department. The Cadet Program currently consists of seven Cadets with one available opening. Since July 2009, the Cadet Program has been funded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. The Police Department has identified the 2010 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant as an appropriate source for continued funding of the Cadet Program.

Respectfully submitted,

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