



## CITY COUNCIL AGENDA FORM

Meeting Date: May 8, 2023 Agenda item: \_\_\_\_\_  
Prepared by: Chief Randall Reviewed by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Aragon  
Department: Police

**AGENDA ITEM DESCRIPTION:** BJA FY 23 Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program

**Attachment:** [BJA FY 23 Grant Specifications](#)

### **STAFF BRIEFING:**

#### **Goals**

The goal of this program is to increase the capacity of police departments or prosecutors' offices to fully implement the critical elements found in the guides to build capacity to combat violent crime.

#### **Objectives**

To provide funding to strengthen the capacity of a rural or small jurisdiction to combat violent crime through enhanced implementation of critical elements.

To provide tools and resources need to implement critical elements.

#### **Grant specifications:**

- For municipalities with less than 250 police officers.
- Funds up to \$300,000 over three years.
- No-match grant.
- We would be applying for \$300,000 to fund a Crime Analyst. It will be earmarked for that purpose and disbursed over 3 years at \$100,000 a year. This includes a \$70,000 annual salary, plus approximately \$20,000-\$30,000 annually for benefits.

#### **HISTORY:**

Currently, as approved via the *La Marque Safe City Initiative* the department employs a contract *Crime Analyst* at \$30.00 per hour, 30 hours weekly.

**TARGET IMPLEMENTATION:** "Initial application" of this grant is due the Department of Justice NLT June 13, 2023.

**SIGNIFICANT ACTION DATES:** June 13, 2023, is the deadline for initial application of this grant.



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**ACTION:**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Resolution |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Special Presentation   | <input type="checkbox"/> Proclamation          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Finance Report   | <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other - ILA  |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mark if this item does not conflict with any Resolution, Ordinance or City Charter, policies, procedures |  |

**Cost Details:**

<b>Budgeted</b>	0
<b>Actual Bid</b>	
<b>Estimated Expenditure</b>	0
<b>Acct. Name(s)</b>	
<b>Line Items #</b>	
<b>Other Funding</b>	

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**STAFF'S RECOMMENDATION:** Chief Aragon & his Command Staff recommend that the City Council support the department in applying for this meritorious grant opportunity & approve a resolution of support to apply for this amazing grant opportunity.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** N/A—grant does not have any match requirement.