

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION
Date: September 9, 2010**

SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2010 Local Solicitation

SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department

PREPARED BY: Candace Manibusan, Administrative Supervisor, on behalf of Chief Jim Maxson

AGENDA LOCATION: Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

ATTACHMENTS: a) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2010 Local Solicitation Contract

SUMMARY/BACKGROUND: The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) recently solicited applications for funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY 2010 Local Program. The Byrne/JAG Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multi-jurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes and procedures.

Applicants for the Byrne JAG Local Program are limited to units of local government appearing on the FY2010 JAG Allocations List. The JAG Program allows 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 justice funds where they are needed most. The procedure for allocating JAG funds is a formula based on population and crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure each state and territory receives an appropriate share. Funds are then distributed 60/40 between state and local recipients.

Through this program, the Town of Prescott Valley was allocated and eligible to apply for JAG funds in FY2010. These funds may be used for local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice and criminal justice related research and evaluation activities that will improve or enhance law enforcement programs.

In June, the Prescott Valley Police Department submitted a proposal to receive five (5) eCitation units for use by patrol officers. The department currently has four (4) units in operation which have proven to significantly reduce the amount of time and effort taken to process traffic citations. On August 18th, the department received notification of an approved grant award in the amount of \$23,363 to purchase the additional units.

OPTIONS ANALYSIS: The Town Council may either accept the grant award from the Department of Justice and approve the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2010 Local Solicitation Contract # 2010-DJ-BX-1269, or decline the grant award.

ACTION OPTION: Motion to approve the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2010 Local Solicitation Contract # 2010-DJ-BX-1269 accepting the grant award, **OR** Motion not to accept the grant award. **VOTE.**

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends approving the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2010 Local Solicitation Contract # 2010-DJ-BX-1269 accepting the grant award.

FISCAL ANALYSIS: There is no fiscal impact to the Town. This grant is fully reimbursable through the Department of Justice Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program in the amount of \$23,363.

REVIEWED BY:

Management Services Director _____

Town Clerk _____

Town Attorney _____

Town Manager _____

COUNCIL ACTION:

Approved Denied Tabled/Deferred Assigned to _____