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POLICE DEPARTMENT

TO: Bogdan Vitas, City Manager

FROM: Donald J. Lee Jr., Chief of Police

DATE: June 13th, 2014

RE: Approval and authorization to accept the 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant – Local Solicitation in the amount of \$14,780.00.

Action Statement: Approve and authorize the City of Key West Police Department to accept a Federal grant titled 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Grant – Local Solicitation in the amount of \$14,780.00. This grant, if accepted, will allow the Police Department to purchase equipment for the effective and efficient operation of the Department.

Background: The Key West Police Department has been awarded a series of Federal grants with the Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) on a yearly basis. The application submission for this year's Byrne Grant was completed and submitted prior to the June 10th deadline. This grant is intended to be used for the purchase of specialized Ballistic Armor protection for our SRT, Patrol, and K-9 officers and is an authorized expense for JAG funds. The department currently uses a Special Response Team (SRT) and two K-9 units to assist with high risk arrest and search warrants and to respond to other dangerous and potentially violent situations. During these responses, the SRT and K-9 teams use existing specialized equipment including helmets, gas masks and individual ballistic body armor. The SRT Team is currently not equipped with mobile ballistic shields and our K-9 Officers are not equipped with armor plates in their body armor to protect against high velocity ammunition. In addition, our patrol units are routinely first on the scene at dangerous and violent situations and are in need of ballistic shields for their protection and the protection of victims and innocent citizens light weight shields are portable and can be mounted onto vehicles in a variety of configurations or carried by officers. In addition to the ballistic shields, Armor Plates inserted inside the front of body wear ballistic vests for added protection against high velocity ammunition and Minimal Rapid Response Carriers will also be purchased.



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The grant has no matching requirement and the award consists of all Federal Funds thus increasing City revenue.

The grant application submittal and acceptance of the award are both done through the Office of Justice Programs, Department of Justice website.

Options: One option is to approve and authorize the Department to accept the grant. This will allow reimbursement of \$14,780.00 for the purchase of specialized ballistic equipment to enhance and upgrade officer safety capabilities. No City match required.

Another option is to decline the grant and forgo the funding opportunity and revenue provided by this grant.

Financial Impact: The acceptance of the grant will increase grant revenue by \$14,780.00 Account No. 001-0000-331.20-00. The expenditures for the purchase of grant eligible equipment is budgeted in Account No. 001-2101-521.64-00 for FY 14/15.

Recommendation: We recommend the option to approve and authorize the department to accept the grant and purchase the equipment.



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