

TO: James L. App, City Manager
FROM: Lisa Solomon, Chief of Police
SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (Number 16.738)
DATE: September 4, 2007

NEEDS: For the City Council to consider accepting approximately \$12,500 in FY 2008 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

FACTS:

1. The City of Paso Robles Is eligible to receive approximately \$12,500 in FY 2008 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.
2. These are “entitlement” funds and do not require matching funds from the City’s budget.
3. The grant does require a public hearing for Council notification and public comment regarding the proposed use of the grant funds by the Police Department prior to the dispersal of funds. This will be accomplished during the regularly scheduled Council meeting during their review of this staff report, where public comment will be invited.
4. The Police Department intend to use the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds to purchase new AR-15 rifles and accessories to replace old, antiquated rifles in its patrol fleet. The budget for this program will allow for 6 new rifles to be installed in over half of the current patrol fleet.

**ANALYSIS &
CONCLUSION:**

The Police Department currently deploys some AR-15 rifles in a small percentage of its patrol fleet. These rifles were provided to the Department as used weapons by the California Department of Corrections approximately 7 years ago, and they are estimated to be over 25 years old. They are worn and antiquated. The firepower in the hands of criminals today demands that law enforcement officers are equipped to properly respond to a high-power rifle threat. The Police Department intends to use the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds to purchase new AR-15 rifles and related accessories to replace old rifles in over half of our patrol fleet.

The expenditure plan is detailed in attachment “A” with minor variances in final procurement decisions being allowable by grant rules based on identified need. The Police Department will cover minor overage costs above the allotted \$12,500 grant funds.

**POLICY
REFERENCE:** City purchasing policy.

**FISCAL
IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact as the source of funds for the purchase of the replacement rifles is fully grant funded.

OPTIONS:

- a. Adopt Resolution No. 07-xx accepting the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Funds (Number 16.738) and approving the outlined expenditure plan.
- b. Amend, modify, or reject the above option.

ATTACHMENT "A"

Item	Description	No.	Cost Each	Total
1	Colt LE Carbine AR-15 Rifle	6	\$1,054.54	\$ 6,327.24
2	Surfire M500 Tactical Light	6	\$ 424.25	\$ 2,545.50
3	Aimpoint Comp ML-2 Site Optics	6	\$ 435.10	\$ 2,610.60
4	Santa Cruz Gun Lock SC915D55A	6	\$ 242.00	\$ 1,452.00
			GRAND TOTAL:	\$12,935.34

**The Paso Robles Police Department will cover overage costs above the allotted \$12,500.00 grant funds.

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ten and oral views regarding this matter.

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August 22, 2007

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RESOLUTION NO. 07-

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASO ROBLES
AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE
GRANT PROGRAM FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT SUPPORTING THE FRONTLINE
LAW ENFORCEMENT MISSION

WHEREAS, the City of El Paso de Robles Police Department is eligible for funds up to \$12,500.00 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (Number 16.738); and

WHEREAS, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program has notified the City of a \$12,500.00 maximum award to be received by the City of El Paso de Robles in fiscal year 2008; and

WHEREAS, the monies received from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program are for the purpose of budgeting personnel, programs and/or equipment; and

WHEREAS, with the acceptance of the above described Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funds, the police department plans to purchase a variety of equipment for the police department's patrol fleet, to support the frontline law enforcement mission.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of El Paso de Robles does authorize acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Funds in the amount of \$12,500.00 and approves the associated expenditure plan for fiscal year 2008.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that Council approves a one-time budget appropriation in the amount of \$12,500.00 to budget account 124-210-5454-136 to fund purchases identified in the expenditure plan with an offsetting revenue budget adjustment in the same amount to revenue account 124-000-4617-000.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Paso Robles this 4th day of September 2007 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAIN:

ABSENT:

Frank R. Mecham, Mayor

ATTEST:

Deborah Robinson, Deputy City Clerk