



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** July 11, 2016
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2016-020, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Fiscal Year 2016
PRESENTER: Jimmy Perdue, Director of Public Safety

SUMMARY:

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. § 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states and units of local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement. Specifically, the funds from this grant may be used to purchase equipment. The Police Department intends to purchase 16 tire deflation devices to finish equipping all front line marked police vehicles, a restraint chair and a suicide prevention blanket for the jail. The total cost for this project is \$8,948. This grant provides \$8,973 for the 2016 award. There is no match required.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

The Police Department proposes to use JAG funds for law enforcement related activities. The Department intends to purchase tire deflation devices that will be used to disable suspect vehicles fleeing from the police. Desperate suspects who are unwilling to stop for the police pose a threat to public safety. The goal is to end each pursuit as quickly and safely as possible. Deflation of tires on fleeing suspect vehicles has proven to be effective for forcing suspects to stop, while minimizing the risks to the public, the suspects, and the police.

The Department intends to use the funds remaining in this award to purchase a jail restraint chair to secure violent prisoners once they are apprehended. The restraint chair protects police employees from the assaultive behavior of prisoners and protects the prisoners from harming themselves. In addition, the Department intends to purchase one suicide prevention blanket to prevent non-violent prisoners from harming themselves.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2016-020.