



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** April 13, 2026
SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2026-022, authorizing submission of the application and acceptance of allocated funds, if awarded, in the amount of \$12,033 for the Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Formula.

PRESENTER: Jeff Garner, Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the leading source 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 an unmanned aircraft system with the grant funds. North Richland Hills has been allocated \$12,033 with the FY 2025 grant. 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 an unmanned aircraft system with the awarded grant funds.

Unmanned aircraft systems, commonly referred to as drones, have become an increasingly valuable tool for public safety agencies nationwide. These systems provide real time aerial intelligence that can improve situational awareness, enhance officer safety, and increase operational efficiency across a variety of law enforcement activities.

Vendors and the number of drones to be purchased are still in the process of being researched and will be completed before the April 28, 2026 grant submission deadline.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2026-022.