



CITY COUNCIL MEMORANDUM

FROM: The Office of the City Manager **DATE:** June 12, 2017

SUBJECT: Consider Resolution No. 2017-022, and Authorize the City Manager to Execute Memoranda of Understanding with the City of Fort Worth and with the cities of Hurst, Bedford, Arlington, Fort Worth and Tarrant County for the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program Awards and Implementation.

PRESENTER: Mike Young, Assistant Chief of Police

SUMMARY:

The U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance notified the Police Department that grant funds were allocated to assist in funding law enforcement programs in the City of North Richland Hills under the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant programs. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) must be approved to negotiate the sharing of the funds and facilitate implementation.

GENERAL DESCRIPTION:

To receive the grant funds, the Bureau of Justice Assistance has required the City of North Richland Hills, the Cities of Hurst, Bedford, Arlington, Fort Worth and Tarrant County to approve an MOU negotiating the sharing of funds with Tarrant County. The City of Fort Worth has agreed to act as the official filing agent for the other cities and Tarrant County. The municipalities involved agreed to confer 25% of their total allocated funds to Tarrant County to satisfy the disparate certification imposed on the group by the Texas Attorney General.

Once awarded, an MOU must be approved between the City of Fort Worth and the City of North Richland Hills to facilitate effective implementation in compliance with the Department of Justice program requirements.

Under the terms of the FY 2015 MOU, the City of North Richland Hills will receive \$9,570.00. The Police Department plans to use the proceeds of this grant award to purchase 32 ballistic helmets to finish equipping all sworn personnel. Under the terms of the FY 2016 MOU the City of North Richland Hills will receive \$8,973.00. The Police Department plans to use the proceeds of this grant award to purchase a restraint chair for the detention facility to secure violent prisoners once they are apprehended and 16 tire deflation devices to finish equipping all front-line marked police vehicles. There is



no requirement for a cash match under the terms of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve Resolution No. 2017-022 and authorize the City Manager to execute necessary Memoranda of Understanding for the FY 2015 and FY 2016 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant programs.