

MEMORANDUM

TO: Roger L. Stancil, Town Manager

FROM: Brian Curran, Chief of Police
Chris Blue, Assistant Chief of Police
Kenneth C. Pennoyer, Business Management Director

SUBJECT: Budget Amendment for Acceptance of FY2009-2010 Byrne Grant Funds

DATE: September 14, 2009

PURPOSE

Adoption of the attached resolution and enactment of the budget ordinance amendment would authorize the acceptance of FY2009-2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) funds in the amount of \$91,898 to purchase enhanced technology and to assist with funding of the Project Turn Around program.

BACKGROUND

In May of 2009, Orange County and the Towns of Chapel Hill, Carrboro and Hillsborough submitted a joint application for funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant, with the Orange County Sheriff's Department serving as the lead agency on the submission.

The Byrne Grant is a federal program that allocates money to local and county governments for law enforcement purposes. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) calculates the allocation amounts based on a combination of population and reported crime statistics. This year's Byrne grant award is part of the federal stimulus package.

DISCUSSION

The grant was awarded on June 17, 2009. The Police Department will use the funds to purchase a forensic workstation to analyze digital evidence and to purchase (10) additional in-car camera systems for police patrol vehicles. The Department will allocate a portion of the grant proceeds to help maintain the Project Turnaround program.

RECOMMENDATION

We recommend that the Council adopt the attached resolution and enact the budget ordinance amendment authorizing the acceptance of the FY2009-2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG) funds.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution authorizing acceptance of FY2009-2010 Byrne Grant
2. Budget Ordinance Amendment