

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,
Chapel Hill Police Department Training Grant Funds and Chapel Hill
Police Department Youth Trip

DATE: February 22, 2010

PURPOSE

Adoption of the attached resolution and enactment of the budget ordinance amendment would authorize the acceptance of FY2009-2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds in the amount of \$22,333.60 to purchase safety equipment, Project Safe Neighborhoods-Middle District Advisory Team, Chapel Hill Police Department Training Grant funds in the amount of \$1,250.00 to be used for anti-gang training, and Project Safe Neighborhoods-Middle District Advisory Team, Chapel Hill Police Department Youth Trip Grant funds in the amount of \$5,000 to continue funding for the annual enrichment trip for at risk youths in the community.

BACKGROUND

In June 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.

The Chapel Hill Police Department is currently participating in a grant for Project Safe Orange through the Department of Crime Control and Public Safety. The current grant is funding a part-time coordinator position. In December 2009 additional funding became available through the grant. The Department of Crime Control and Public Safety approved additional funding for anti-gang training and a youth trip.

DISCUSSION

The Byrne Grant was awarded on September 1, 2009. The Police Department will use the funds to purchase safety equipment. The Department will complete the purchase of StopSticks in every

front line vehicle. The remainder of the grant will be used to purchase additional officer safety equipment.

The PSN-MDAT CHPD Training Grant and the PSN-MDAT CHPD Youth Trip Grant were approved on January 8, 2010. The Department will use the training grant to fund gang training for officers. The youth trip grant will be used to fund the annual enrichment trip for at risk youths in the community.

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, the Project Safe Neighborhoods-Middle District Advisory Team, Chapel Hill Police Department Training Grant funds and the Project Safe Neighborhoods-Middle District Advisory Team, Chapel Hill Police Department Youth Trip Grant funds.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Training Grant Award Letter (p. 5)
2. Youth Trip Grant Award Letter (p. 6).