


COUNCIL COMMUNICATION

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	Submitted by:	Dana Wingert, Chief of Police		

AGENDA HEADING:

Approval to accept the 2024 Iowa Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, (JAG) Innovation grant award issued by the State of Iowa Department of Public Safety, Office of Drug Control Policy. The grant does not require a match but encourages an investment from the awarded agency.

SYNOPSIS:

The Des Moines Police Department recommends the acceptance of the 2024 Iowa Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, (JAG) Innovation grant award through the Office of Drug Control Policy. The funding has been designated for the purchase of the Scan Writer software with one year of maintenance. The City will meet the suggested match with the purchase of two additional years of maintenance.

The program is designed to import scans of several large documents and then sort the data quickly and effectively using key words, amounts or unique patterns. Manually performing these tasks would be more time consuming and increase the probability of error. The program will be uploaded onto a dedicated computer in the Investigations section for department wide accessibility.

This funding opportunity is not associated with the City's annual application /award of Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Local Solicitation grant.

FISCAL IMPACT:

Amount: \$8,245

Funding Source: Adopted Operating Budget Fiscal Year 2024, page 214.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

The police department investigates a variety of crimes that involve large quantities of data that need to be analyzed as quickly as possible to assist in the case resolution. Currently, investigators use the State of Iowa's Scan Writer program only when it is necessary to process large amounts of scanned, case-related, documents. Access to the State's program can be limited and subject to availability depending on the volume of pending requests from statewide law enforcement agencies.

Purchasing the program ourselves would expand access and reduce the need for manual data entry. The program is designed to collect a variety of scanned documents and search for key words, amounts, and

even patterns in the documents. This would save man hours of physical review and reduce possible entry errors. This would allow the analysis of the collected data to be completed more effectively and efficiently.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL ACTION(S): NONE

BOARD/COMMISSION ACTION(S): NONE

ANTICIPATED ACTIONS AND FUTURE COMMITMENTS: NONE

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