

Should this item be pulled from the consent agenda the following motion is suggested:

POSSIBLE MOTION

I MOVE TO approve Resolution 2018-11 on first and final reading.



City and Borough of Sitka

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MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor Hunter and Assembly Members
Keith Brady, Municipal Administrator

From: Chief Jeff Ankerfelt and Serena Wild

Date: May 24, 2018

Subject: Approve Resolution 2018-11 authorizing a grant application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Background

The Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program provides grant funding that allows states and local governments to perform a broad range of enforcement activities to prevent and control crime. The grant funds provide states and agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and use the JAG funds where they are needed most. The State of Alaska and the Sitka Police Department have determined that these funds should be used to employ a Sitka Police Officer that will participate in the Southeast Alaska Cities against Drugs task force (SEACAD). Sitka has been using JAG funds for this purpose for over a decade. The grant requires a request for funding be made annually.

SEACAD is a law enforcement and prosecution collaborative that shares the common goal of addressing drug and violent crime problems in Southeast Alaska. SEACAD enhances the Sitka Police Departments ability to share intelligence and coordinate enforcement activities across jurisdictional boundaries resulting in the more efficient use of resources.

Analysis

This year's grant request of \$121,966.00 will pay the entire personnel cost of one Sitka Police Officer. This Police Officer will be assigned to perform drug investigations in Sitka as part of SEACAD.

Fiscal Note

This is a non-matching grant. The grant would pay for the base salary of the officer including benefits.

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Sitka Police Department that we apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-11

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY AND BOROUGH OF SITKA AUTHORIZING A GRANT
APPLICATION TO THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, the Justice Assistance Grant program is an important source of revenue that has funded a Sitka Police Officer dedicated to addressing the manufacture, transportation, and sale of illegal drugs in Sitka and Southeast Alaska; and

WHEREAS, the City and Borough of Sitka Police Department seeks to again obtain financial assistance to fund the personnel costs of a Sitka Police Officer position to participate in the Southeast Alaska Cities against Drugs task force (SEACAD); and

WHEREAS, with this application, the JAG program will provide funding for the personnel costs of a Sitka Police Officer to enforce laws related to the illegal manufacturing, distribution, and use of illegal drugs in Sitka.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka that the Administrator is authorized to apply to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Assembly of the City and Borough of Sitka, Alaska on this 12th day of June, 2018.

Matthew Hunter, Mayor

ATTEST:

Sara Peterson, MMC
Municipal Clerk

1st and final reading 6/12/18