

Introduced by: Lee Foley, City Manager
Date: April 28, 2009
Action: Passed
Vote: 5-0

CITY OF BETHEL, ALASKA

Resolution # 09-23

PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FORMULA PROGRAM, A PROGRAM OF THE AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

WHEREAS, on February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment, which provided the U.S. Department of Justice with funds for grants;

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, is soliciting grant applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program, a program funded with Recovery Act funds;

WHEREAS, the City of Bethel is a local unit of government eligible and able to apply for these grant funds;

WHEREAS, based on a formula using population and crime statistics, the City of Bethel is eligible to apply for \$63,397;

WHEREAS, the Bethel Police Department is requesting funds under this program to purchase two essential pieces of equipment: (1) firearms training simulator, and (2) E-911 recorder;

WHEREAS, the firearms training simulator will allow the City to provide more effective and efficient training in use of force, reaction times, muscle memory skills, civilian contact protocol, and to offer a new set of qualification courses;

WHEREAS, the E-911 recorder will allow the Police Department to record all telephone and radio transmissions going through the Dispatch Center, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so that the recordings can be used to develop cases, reduce City liability, train officers and dispatchers, and aid in civil litigation;

WHEREAS, Bethel City Council, the City's seven-member governing body, was provided a copy of the JAG grant on April 18, 2009, thirty days before the application is due to be submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance;

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WHEREAS, Bethel City Council members were given an opportunity to express their comments on the grant application by email, in writing, and in person over the thirty day review period, and in public during the regularly scheduled City Council meeting held on April 28, 2009;

WHEREAS, the grant application was made public on April 23, 2009 via the City's website and hard copies at City Hall, per established procedure, and the public was provided an opportunity to comment at the regularly scheduled City Council meeting held on April 28, 2009;

WHEREAS, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program application is due May 18, 2009;

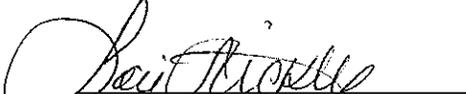
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bethel City Council supports the preparation and submission of a grant application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Formula Program to request funding for the purchase of Bethel Police Department equipment.

ENACTED THIS 28th DAY OF APRIL 2009 BY A VOTE OF 5 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.



Dan Leinberger, Vice-Mayor

ATTEST:


Lori Strickler, City Clerk