

**ITEM #:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**FISCAL IMPACT:** \$90,892  
**FUNDING SOURCE:** U.S. Department of Justice,  
Bureau of Justice Assistance

**ISSUE:**

Authorize the Police Department to apply for the Justice Assistance Grant (J.A.G.) through the Department of Justice Programs. The Grant amount is \$90,892. The funds would be utilized to pay for a portion of the annual fees associated with our 190 Body Worn Cameras. The police department is not required to match funds as this is a non-matching grant. The 2015 J.A.G. program is a three year grant. Additional funding may be awarded in future years to continue the grant program.

**SYNOPSIS:**

The U.S. Department of Justice Programs is allowing the West Valley City Police Department to apply for a Justice Assistance Grant (J.A.G.). The funds may be used to purchase equipment, fund training, to fund approved programs, and pay salaries for approved programs. The procedure for allocating J.A.G. funds is a formula based on population and crime statistics in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program will allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to improve the criminal justice system. J.A.G. replaced the Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant programs

**BACKGROUND:**

Earlier this year, the West Valley City Police Department purchased 190 body worn cameras with one-time assistance from State funds. The costs associated with maintaining our body worn camera program is \$197,748, annually. The Police Department is exploring several different avenues through both State and Federal grants in order to fund these costs for the 2015 fiscal year.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the application packet for submission to the U.S. Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant.

**SUBMITTED BY:**

Lee Russo, Police Chief