

City of Hampton

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Resolution Approving the City of Hampton, Virginia's Participation in and Appropriation of the FY16 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant through the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs

PURPOSE/BACKGROUND:

The FY16 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant is provided by the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. The proceeds from this grant will be used to purchase equipment and fund training in support of the Police Division's efforts to further embrace the White House Recommendations for 21st Century Policing. Equipment purchases will include a utility task vehicle for community events and an unmanned aerial vehicle used for community engagement projects. Funds for training will allow for the Police Division's personnel to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference to share ideas and learn about new techniques and strategies to better serve the citizens of Hampton.

Discussion:

The community benefits from this project by providing police officers with equipment that facilitates greater interaction with the community through patrols and presence at special events as well as information sharing through social media.

Impact:

The citizens of Hampton will enjoy a higher level of interaction with their police officers and have better information available about the operations of the Police Division. There are no matching costs for this grant.

Recommendation:

Approve.

WHEREAS, the City of Hampton has been awarded the FY16 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$44,113 (in federal funds) with no match required to be used to purchase equipment and fund training in support of the Police Division's efforts to further embrace the White House Recommendations for 21st Century Policing. Equipment purchases will include a utility task vehicle for community events and an unmanned aerial vehicle used for community engagement projects. Funds for training will allow for the Police Division's personnel to attend the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) conference; and

WHEREAS, the grant award covers the period 10/01/2016 through 09/30/2019.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Hampton accepts and appropriates the FY16 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant as awarded/made by the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and any supplemental funding, in accordance with the grant agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Council authorizes the City Manager, or her designee, to take the necessary steps to implement this grant award.

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