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**AGENDA INFORMATION SHEET**

**DEPARTMENT:** Finance

**ACM:** Cassey Ogden

**DATE:** March 5, 2024

**SUBJECT**

Consider adoption of an ordinance of the City of Denton approving and authorizing the City Manager to execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the City of The Colony, Texas, for the transfer to The Colony of its share (\$12,876) of the proceeds of the U.S. Department of Justice – Office of Justice Programs – Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG Grant) 2023; and declaring an effective date.

**STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT**

This action supports Key Focus Area: Support Healthy and Safe Communities.

**BACKGROUND**

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Edward Byrne JAG program is a formula-based allocation grant, providing specific amounts to States and localities based on their resident population reported by the U.S. Census Bureau and on violent crime data reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation’s Uniform Crime Reporting Program. The purpose of the grant is to further the DOJ’s mission by assisting state, local, and tribal jurisdictions’ efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence and to improve the fair administration of the justice system. The 2023 JAG grant allocated the following amounts to entities in Denton County:

- a. City of Denton: \$34,143
- b. City of Lewisville: \$24,596
- c. City of The Colony: \$12,876
- d. Denton County: No amount was specified as Denton County did not submit the level of violent crime data to qualify for a direct award from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”)

The City of Denton applied for the allocated amount of \$34,143. The City received the allocated funds for the City of Lewisville and the City of The Colony, for a total of \$71,615, because those jurisdictions did not apply. Under the grant guidelines, counties and local jurisdictions must partner in the use of funds when receiving the grant. The JAG Grant funds awarded will be distributed through a Memorandum of Understanding with each of the eligible cities in accordance with the JAG Grant provisions.

The Colony City Council met on January 2, 2024, and approved the Memorandum of Understanding to receive its allocated share of the proceeds of the 2023 JAG Grant.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends approval of the ordinance.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

The grant requires no funding match.

**EXHIBITS**

Exhibit 1 Agenda Information Sheet

Exhibit 2 Ordinance

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