

PUBLIC SAFETY AND HEALTH COMMITTEE MINUTES
City Council Chambers
140 West Pine Street
Missoula, Montana
June 6, 2012, 10:00 AM

I. Administrative Business

A Roll Call

Others present: Police Chief Mark Muir, Gregg Schonbachler, Alex Taft.

B Approve minutes from May 30, 2012

Minutes approved unanimously.

II. Public Comment on Items not Listed

III. Regular Agenda

A Set public hearing and authorize the Missoula City Police Department to apply for JAG IX Grant funding totaling \$57,701 (pass through to Missoula County \$17,611)

Recommended Motion: The committee recommends the city council set a public hearing on June 25, 2012, concerning the City of Missoula Police Department applying for and accepting a grant award in the amount of \$57,701 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG IX). \$17,701 of this grant will be pass-through to Missoula County.

Mark Muir discussed the JAG IX Grant. The amount of the grant is determined by use of a formula. There is an obligation under Federal law to share the funding with the County because the County carries the burden of incarcerating individuals arrested by the City Police Department. Out of the \$57,701, \$17,611 will pass through to the County. \$40,090 will be allocated to the City Police Department. The funding will be used to finance software for officer scheduling, the prescription drug diversion program, and the purchase of SPSS business analysis software for community surveys.

Dick Haines asked if the information that Chief Muir just discussed would be available in a document.

Mark Muir responded that a summary is contained in the referral to the committee. He can provide a full breakdown prior to the public hearing. He provided a general breakdown for the committee: Improved response to victims, \$20,090, training funds for the prescription drug diversion program, \$4,000, officer scheduling and SPSS software, \$16,000.

Dick Haines stated that \$20,000 is significant for Missoula.

Mark Muir recognized that there are additional training needs for providing good communication and quality training for officers to respond to victim's needs.

Bob Jaffe asked for details on how the program will be implemented.

Mark Muir replied that the International Association of Police Chiefs (IACP) has developed a comprehensive guide based on best practice scenarios. They implemented a number of test sites for programs, and have come up with exhaustive recommendations. They establish a process to arrive at what is considered the best practice for providing services to crime victims. It is a lengthy process. It can take 16-36 months to develop. A commitment is needed. It starts with more communication with the community to determine where an organization is failing to live up to its goals and expectations.

Bob Jaffe asked about interaction between the Police Department and the City communications office.

Mark Muir responded that the City communications office does not have the resources to conduct large-scale, in-depth surveys.

Bob Jaffe asked if the funding could be coordinated with the efforts of the City communications office.

Mark Muir replied that the Police Department is always willing to work with the City communications office. He feels that there are multiple options available for resources. The U of M can conduct surveys.

Bob Jaffe wants to see tools and skill sets developed that are needed citywide. He would like to avoid survey analysis redundancy.

Mark Muir is unaware of any other departments in the City that has this software and capacity. He is going to obtain the software. He is willing to work with other departments in regards to this capacity.

Caitlin Copple moved to set a public hearing for June 25th regarding the authorization of the Missoula City Police Department to apply for JAG IX Grant funding totaling \$57,701 (pass through to Missoula County \$17,611).

Motion approved unanimously.

IV. Ongoing and Held Committee Business

- A Police Department update.
- B Fire Department update.
- C Health Department update.
- D Eat Smart Coalition information.
- E Air quality issues related to railroad operations in and through Missoula.
- F Discussion with Crime Victim Advocate Office.
- G Revisit cell phone restrictions.

H Safety aspects of management of the urban deer population in the city of Missoula.

V. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted,

Gregg Schonbachler
Administrative Secretary