

City of Columbia

701 East Broadway, Columbia, Missouri 65201



Agenda Item Number: B 367-14

Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: November 17, 2014

Re: Authorizing Chief of Police to apply for and execute grant agreements

Documents Included With This Agenda Item

Supplemental Council Memo, Resolution/Ordinance

Supporting documentation includes: None

Executive Summary

Staff has prepared for Council consideration an ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police, with consent of the City Manager, to apply for grants and execute grant agreements with the United States Department of Justice and the Missouri Department of Public Safety, related to law enforcement activities in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 per agreement and \$200,000.00 cumulative per fiscal year.

Discussion

Staff would request the passing of an ordinance authorizing the Chief of Police to apply for grants and execute grant agreements not to exceed the thresholds set into place. The Columbia Police Department expects to have at least 6 of these grants/agreements in the current fiscal year. The grants/agreements from the Department of Justice require that they are signed by the Head of the Law Enforcement Agency receiving the funds and often are presented in a time frame which requires a swift turnaround between the agencies.

The annual amount of grant agreements to which the authorization would apply would be limited to those that are less than \$25,000 each and less than \$200,000 cumulative per fiscal year from either the Department of Justice or the Missouri Department of Public Safety. Grants from other entities would require Council approval. In addition, any grant requiring matching funds from the City would be brought to Council for approval in advance of execution.

Once a grant award using this authority is received and an agreement is executed an appropriation will be brought to council for the funding, as these are not budgeted items. Examples of the types of grant agreements would be, (1) Department of Justice reimbursements for overtime expenses incurred by current officers involved in assisting multi-agency investigations into organized crime, and (2) Missouri Department of Public Safety reimbursements for overtime expenses incurred by current officers involved with traffic related highway safety enforcement.

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Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No additional costs anticipated for years one and two, as an appropriation from Council will be requested for each signed agreement.

Long-Term Impact: No additional costs anticipated for years beyond two, as an appropriation from Council will be requested for each signed agreement.

Vision, Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Vision Impact: Not Applicable

Strategic Plan Impact: Health, Well-Being, and Safety

Comprehensive Plan Impact: Not Applicable

Suggested Council Action

Should Council agree, staff recommends passage of the ordinance.

Legislative History

No known legislative history.


Department Approved


City Manager Approved

Introduced by _____

First Reading _____

Second Reading _____

Ordinance No. _____

Council Bill No. B 367-14

AN ORDINANCE

authorizing the Chief of Police to apply for grants and execute grant agreements for law enforcement activities; and fixing the time when this ordinance shall become effective.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBIA, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Chief of Police, with consent of the City Manager, is hereby authorized to apply for grants and execute grant agreements with the Department of Justice, or any agency thereof, related to law enforcement activities in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 per agreement and \$200,000.00 cumulative per year.

SECTION 2. The Chief of Police, with consent of the City Manager, is hereby authorized to apply for grants and execute grant agreements with the Missouri Department of Public Safety, or any agency thereof, related to law enforcement activities in an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 per agreement and \$200,000.00 cumulative per year.

SECTION 3. Any grant requiring matching funds from the City, or an expenditure of funds by the City in excess of the grant funds awarded by the applicable agency, shall have sufficient funds budgeted for such expenditures in advance of execution of the grant agreement. Nothing contained herein shall eliminate the requirement for any contract to be certified by the Director of Finance and approved as to form by the Law Department as set forth in City Charter Sections 42 and 65.

SECTION 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage.

PASSED this _____ day of _____, 2014.

ATTEST:

City Clerk

Mayor and Presiding Officer

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Counselor