



MINUTES
Committee on Ways and Means
Monday, November 13, 2023 @ 4:30 p.m.
City Council Conference Room

CALL TO ORDER

Council Member Spadafore called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

PRESENT

Council Member Peter Spadafore, Chair
Council Member Carol Wood, Vice Chair
Council Member Brian T. Jackson, Member-excused

OTHERS PRESENT

Sherrie Boak, Council Office Manager
Lisa Hagen-Lawrence, OCA
Chief Backus, LPD
Cheryl Rupprecht, LPD

Minutes

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 30, 2023, AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Public Comment

No public comment at this time.

Discussion/Action:

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Automobile Theft Prevention Authority

Ms. Rupprecht explained to the Committee that this grant is to accept the funds for an officer enforcement of stolen vehicles. It is at 60% reimbursement for a dedicated officer and in previous years it was a 50% reimbursement. Ms. Rupprecht confirmed the amount and City match noted in the resolution.

Council Member Wood asked how many vehicles were recovered last year, and Ms. Rupprecht could not provide specifics between types of arrests, but did note overall there was 402 arrests, as for “other vehicles” 66 were recovered, commercial year to date from last years grant was 44, and 116 regarding the 2 point and 4 point arrests.

Ms. Linden stated she did not have any questions at this time.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE; AUTOMOBILE THEFT PREVENTION AUTHORITY. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

Council Member Wood asked if these funds were considered in the budget that was just passed, and Ms. Rupprecht confirmed.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Office of Highway Safety Planning (OUI) Grant for Impaired driving, speed and seatbelt enforcement

Ms. Rupprecht explained this grant is for overtime, specific for the traffic enforcement. There are five (5) time periods that are focused on with regular efforts. Those periods are through November, March and August with specific dates listed in the grant application. This is a renewal, was anticipated with the budget and not a new fund request.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING (OUI) FOR IMPAIRED DRIVING, SPEED AND SEATBELT ENFORCEMENT. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Office of Highway Safety Planning Grant for Bicycle and Pedestrian Safety

Ms. Rupprecht stated this is also a renewal grant, with a 33% match, where last year it was 25%. The total \$34,803.39 allocation, with local match \$11,708, and allows an officer to make traffic stops while on bicycles. These funds are used to supplement overtime.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR OFFICE OF HIGHWAY SAFETY PLANNING GRANT FOR BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for the LPD

Ms. Rupprecht informed the Committee this grant was a renewal, and is a supplement CARE used to provide services that help with advocacy. The \$150,000 does not request match, is broken to personnel and then supplemental funding. This is for one overnight advocate, and covers hotels for victims, cell phones, moving. The funds go through MSP and federal pass through grant.

Council Member Wood asked how many people were helped last year with the funds, and Ms. Rupprecht stated she did not have those numbers, but sometime that information is hard to get due to the confidentiality of the situations.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FOR THE LPD. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Multi Agency 2023 Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant

Chief Backus explained to the Committee that these funds are allocated annually as a co-op grant with Ingham County. The total \$158,406 is to be split with the City and County, with the City receiving \$141,702. With the funds the City will purchase fire arm lock boxes, use towards training, and continue the health and wellness which began in 2022. It was confirmed there is no match on this grant.

Council Member Wood asked if they audit the County to make sure the funds are being spent on what they can spend them on, and Chief Backus confirmed that they require a canceled check and receipts before they reimburse the County.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR MULTI AGENCY 2023 BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT. MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

RESOLUTION – Grant Acceptance; Victims of Crime Act (VOCA)- Capital Area Response Effort (CARE) Grant

Ms. Rupprecht noted this is also a renewal grant not a new funding request. This grant supplements revenue to facilitate the administration role and two other advocates within the personnel breakdown. Goods and services pay for mileage reimbursement, and advocate and administrative cell phone. There is not City match on this.

Council Member Wood asked if it is fully staffed, and Ms. Rupprecht noted they are fully staffed in VOCA, but not with the JAG and they are looking for an overnight advocate.

MOTION BY COUNCIL MEMBER WOOD TO APPROVE THE RESOLUTION FOR THE GRANT ACCEPTANCE FOR VICTIMS OF CRIME ACT (VOCA)- CAPITAL AREA RESPONSE EFFORT (CARE). MOTION CARRIED 2-0.

OTHER

No other topics at this time.

ADJOURN

Adjourned at 4:46 p.m.

Submitted by,

Sherrie Boak, Recording Secretary,

Lansing City Council

Approved by the Committee on November 27, 2023