

MEMORANDUM

URBANA POLICE
DEPARTMENT

To: Mayor Diane Wolfe Marlin and City Council Members
From: Deputy Chief of Police Richard Surles
Date: April 28, 2020
Re: Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program FY 2020 Grant,
Opportunity # BJA-2020-18533, GMS Award # 2020-VD-BX-0196

Introduction

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform the City Council of a grant for which the Urbana Police Department has applied and has already been awarded. The grant is through the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance. The grant is entitled the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding Program FY2020 Grant.

Grant Information

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance released solicitation information related to this grant on March 30, 2020. The City of Urbana was specifically selected for a designation of funds as part of federal assistance related to COVID-19. The amount earmarked for the City of Urbana is \$35,119. Those funds can be used for the following expenses:

“Allowable projects and purchases include, but are not limited to, overtime, equipment (including law enforcement and medical personal protective equipment), hiring, supplies (such as gloves, masks, sanitizer), training, travel expenses (particularly related to the distribution of resources to the most impacted areas), and addressing medical needs of inmates in state, local, and tribal prisons, jails, and detention centers.”

Application for the grant was made by police department staff on April 21, 2020. The department received notification on April 24, 2020 that the grant had been awarded in its entirety. The expectation is that the vast majority of this grant will be used to reimburse the City of Urbana for expenditures related to the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE), new cleaning methods/supplies, and new technological and communication equipment to facilitate remote work. The police department is already working with other city departments to provide PPE for employees and new cleaning methods/supplies for city facilities and employees to safeguard the health and welfare of all community members and employees.

There are no required certifications of compliance with federal law related to immigration matters as on previous federal awards.

Action Requested

The City Council is requested to approve the resolution accepting the grant award for the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding FY2020 Grant.

Prior Council Action

This grant is a federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic and has never been previously available for application or award.

Budget Impact

There is no local match in order to accept or receive this award. The grant is intended to reduce the financial impact of COVID-19 on local and county government.

Staffing Impact

The only staffing impact will be the amount of time spent to prepare and apply for and administer the grant. These tasks will be completed by existing staff from the police department and community development.

City Council Options

Refuse to accept grant award – The City of Urbana will not receive any of the \$35,119.

Accept the grant award – The City of Urbana will receive the \$35,119. The City of Urbana will also be required to use awarded funds for eligible expenses and comply with financial reporting requirement.

RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05-022R

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A CORONAVIRUS EMERGENCY SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING FY2020 GRANT FROM THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana (“City”) is a home rule unit of local government pursuant to Article VII, Section 6, of the Illinois Constitution, 1970, and may exercise any power and perform any function pertaining to its government and affairs, and the passage of this Resolution constitutes an exercise of the City’s home rule powers and functions as granted in the Illinois Constitution, 1970; and

WHEREAS, the President’s national emergency declaration for the coronavirus (**COVID-19**) pandemic on March 13, 2020, urged officials to, without delay, take appropriate actions that are necessary to protect public health and safety pursuant to public health guidance and conditions and capabilities in their jurisdictions.; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana Police Department is currently working with other city departments to provide personal protective equipment (PPE) for employees and new cleaning methods/supplies for city facilities and employees to safeguard the health and welfare of all community members and employees; and

WHEREAS, the City of Urbana Police Department has applied to the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for a grant to assist with these efforts; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance has approved a \$35,119 reimbursement grant for the City for their coronavirus efforts; and

WHEREAS, said grant will be used to reimburse the City of Urbana for expenditures related to the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) and new cleaning methods/supplies.

WHEREAS, the City Council, after due consideration, finds that the acceptance of the grant, promotes the fiscal welfare of the City, is in the best interests of the residents of the City, and is desirable for the welfare of the City’s government and affairs.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council, of the City of Urbana, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1.

The City of Urbana, Illinois, hereby accepts a Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding FY2020 Grant from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance in the amount of \$35,119.

Section 2.

The Mayor of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to execute and deliver and the City Clerk of the City of Urbana, Illinois, be and the same is hereby authorized to attest to said execution of said agreement and all other documents necessary for the City to accept such grant as so authorized and approved for on and behalf of the City of Urbana, Illinois.

Section 3.

From and after the execution and delivery of such agreement, the Chief of Police, or his designee, is hereby authorized and directed to perform all acts necessary on behalf of the City of Urbana to carry out the purpose and intent of this Resolution.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL this ____ day of May, 2020.

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTENTIONS:

Charles A. Smyth, City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR this ____ day of May, 2020.

Diane Wolfe Marlin, Mayor