

Agenda Item	FY20 Bureau of Justice Assistance – Justice Assistance Grant COVID-19 Application
Date	05/18/20
Submitting Department	Police Department
Recommended Action	Approval
Strategic Vision Area and Strategy	Safe Healthy Connected People
Expenditure Required (amount and source)	\$1,693.07 from the General Fund (100-7-30-431 Other Equipment and Maintenance)
Background Information	<p>Historically the Justice Assistance Grant has awarded money on an annual basis to states using a formula that takes population and crime statistics into consideration. Applying that formula using those statistics if a municipality reaches an award of \$10,000 or more, the city becomes a direct recipient and is allowed to directly apply for the grant funds. This particular grant was put together as part of a COVID-19 federal stimulus package to assist state and local law enforcement with meeting both short term and long term needs to address new law enforcement concerns for dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.</p> <p>In addition the Bureau of Justice Assistance has acknowledged that because the need for additional resources is needed in a timely manner that current local "Sanctuary City" policies and certifications will be waved and are not a consideration for this particular grant, in an effort to get the money to municipalities in days and not months. The average application is approved within 3 days of submittal.</p> <p>The Winooski Police Department will utilize the COVID-19 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to pay for the cost of adding safety equipment (PPE), technology and remote training opportunities due to the immediate and long term budgetary and social</p>



	<p>distancing limitations of the virus that require new ongoing mobile solutions.</p> <p>The grant allows for the purchase of various items to assist with new workplace safety, equipment, training and a wide array of operational costs. These purchases will provide relief for short term needs and also allow the City of Winooski to strengthen resources as a countywide partner in the event local dispatch centers need assistance during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.</p>
Supporting Documents	Grant Application form, Federal JAG Narrative, Quotes and Receipts
Interested Parties	Police Department, City of Winooski
City Manager Approval	

