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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Steven R. Smagula, Deputy Chief

DATE: June 7, 2023

SUBJECT: 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application

Recommendation - Through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to apply for funding through the 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program through the United States Department of Justice – Office of Justice Programs.

Background – During the past several years, the Police Department has received grant funding from the United States Department of Justice - Office of Justice Programs, which has been used to make technological upgrades, purchase new equipment, and provide training for the Department. These awards have been shared with the Merrimack County Sheriff’s Office which has also made technological and equipment enhancements with these funds.

Discussion – This grant will allow for the Concord Police Department to replace and/ or update older technologies currently in use and also purchase new equipment needed to maintain our efforts in an ever-changing law enforcement environment. Funds may also be utilized to provide training for Department personnel. As with prior years, there is no match required for this grant; however, we again will have to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the County on programming and the allotment of the funds.

This grant is currently not open however it is expected to be open from mid-June 2023 with an application period which will likely end at the beginning of August 2023.

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