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REPORT TO MAYOR AND THE CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Gregory S. Taylor, Deputy Chief of Police

DATE: July 20, 2020

SUBJECT: 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Appropriation

Recommendation - Through the City Manager, authorize the Police Department to accept and appropriate \$21,685 in unmatched funding from the United States Department of Justice, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program.

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

Discussion – This grant will allow for the Concord Police Department to replace and update older technologies currently in use and also purchase new equipment needed to maintain our efforts in an ever changing law enforcement environment. In addition, these funds will be utilized to offset costs associated with providing enhanced training to Department personnel in specialized areas. 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. Under this grant the Police Department will receive \$10,843 for technological upgrades, equipment purchases, and training, while County of Merrimack will receive \$10,842.

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