



Date: October 30, 2014

To: Thomas J. Bonfield, City Manager

From: Jose L. Lopez, Sr., Chief of Police

Subject: FY2014 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program: Planning Grant Award

Executive Summary

The City of Durham through the Durham Police Department has been awarded the 2014 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI): Planning Grant from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (USDOJ/BJA). The BCJI Planning Grant supports the development of projects that work to reduce crime and improve community safety as part of a comprehensive strategy to advance neighborhood revitalization goals. The City of Durham through the Durham Police Department has been awarded \$100,000 to design data-driven, cross-sector strategies to reduce crime and violence, for target neighborhoods with hot spots of violent and serious crime.

Recommendation

The administration recommends to authorize the City Manager to accept the “FY2014 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation: Planning” Grant by executing the grant documents; and

To adopt the “FY2014 Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation: Planning” Grant Project Ordinance, in the amount of \$100,000.

Background

Launched in 2012, the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) program was created as part of the Obama Administration’s larger national Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI) efforts to help local and tribal communities develop place-based, community-oriented strategies to change neighborhoods of distress into neighborhoods of opportunity. The BCJI program is part of the Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI), which provides neighborhoods with coordinated federal support in the implementation of place-based strategies as part of larger comprehensive neighborhood revitalization efforts. The City of Durham through the Durham Police Department applied for and has been awarded a planning grant that supports the design of a strategic, collaborative, and community-oriented plan to reduce crime in the targeted area Census Tract 10.01. The DPD’s initiative, “10.01 Police Evaluation Plan (PEP),” will partner with researchers from the University of North Carolina in Greensboro, other City and County departments, and residents and businesses in the targeted area to help to define strategies that are proven best practices in dealing with crime hot spot problems and social disorder. The collaboration will also focus on social disorder, language barriers, re-entry, at-risk youth, and trust between the community and police.

Issues/Analysis

The main issue is whether to accept this funding opportunity from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program. If the City refuses to accept funding to develop and design a strategic, collaborative, and community-oriented plan to reduce crime in a targeted revitalization neighborhood, the City then would not be able to apply for the \$1,000,000 funding for implementation.

Alternatives

The DOJ/BJA has made this funding available to the City of Durham. The alternative would be to deny this motion which would delay the project until such time alternative funding becomes available.

Financial Impact

There will be no financial impact on the City of Durham’s general fund by accepting this award. The budget for this funding is as follows:

Budget Item	Amount
2014 BCJI Grant	<u>\$100,000</u>
Total Project	\$100,000

SDBE Summary

This item does not require review by the office of Equal Opportunity/Equity Assurance.