

## Memorandum

To: Honorable Mayor Shetter and members of the Burlleson City Council

From: Tom Cowan, Chief of Police

Date: April 06, 2009

Subject: Public Hearing and Authorization to apply for Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) recovery funds and provide for public comment.

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### **Council Action Requested:**

1. Open a public hearing to receive public comment on the City's application for \$27,331.00 in Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds for purchase of twenty five tasers.
2. Close the public hearing.
3. Authorize staff to submit the City's application for JAG funds authorized by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

### **Background Information:**

On February 17, 2009 President Obama signed into law the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. As one of its many elements, the Recovery Act provides the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) with funding for grants to assist state, local and tribal law enforcement. The funds may be used to purchase equipment and supplies.

The City of Burlleson has been allocated \$27, 331.00 under the JAG formula. Staff proposes to use the funds to purchase twenty-five tasers to completely outfit all of our uniformed officers with the best less than lethal self defense technology available. The purchase of the twenty-five tasers will allow for replacement of some of the eighteen currently in use and allow for each uniformed officer to be issued his or her own unit. The application is due on May 18, 2009 and the Governing Body Review and Public comment must be conducted not fewer than thirty days before submission.

### **Board/Citizen Input:**

N/A

**Financial Considerations:**  
N/A

**Attachments:**  
N/A

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