



Legislation Text

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Resolution to Accept and Appropriate Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Award of \$25,086 for Opioid Harm Reduction Efforts and Sharps Disposal **(8 Votes Required)**

The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, crime victim and witness initiatives, mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.

The City of Ann Arbor was awarded a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) of \$25,086.00. We propose utilizing these funds to expand substance use disorder (SUD) harm reduction efforts within the community. The City of Ann Arbor, through its deflection program, Supportive Connections, will use JAG funds in three ways to address SUD and the related harm within our community:

1. Provide Naloxone/Narcan in public park restroom areas.
 - a. JAG funds would be used to purchase 15 Naloxone wall-mounted dispensers. The dispensers would go in restrooms and/or public areas in park buildings within the City of Ann Arbor. Naloxone will be obtained through the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services (MDHHS).
 - b. We will target areas where substance use has been identified and overdoses have occurred. The dispenser models will have instructional use information and contain enough Narcan so daily maintenance will not be required. Supportive Connections staff will maintain the dispensers.
2. Provide sharps containers in the public restrooms in the Larcom City Hall Building and the Justice Center.
 - a. Installation of the dispensers and disposal of the used sharps will be handled by a contracted maintenance company.
3. Assemble and provide 150 opioid abatement kits.
 - a. Each “kit” will be packaged in a reusable plastic bag and include a medication lock box, Naloxone/Narcan, Fentanyl test strips, a pill box, as well as a substance abuse resources card, a support meeting list, and medication disposal location information.
 - b. The kits will be available to City of Ann Arbor first responders, community agencies and partners within Washtenaw County, as well as families and individuals who are

struggling with SUD and/or have experienced an overdose.

- c. This program will start with an initial pilot of 150 kits.

Budget/Fiscal Impact: No funding for this project currently exists in the City Administrator's General Fund budget, and this project was not accounted for in the budget for the deflection program, Supportive Connections. There is no match requirement for the Justice Assistance Grant. DOJ/BJA must approve the grant scope and budget. JAG funds may not be used, directly or indirectly, for any purpose prohibited by federal statute or regulation, as "match" for the purposes of other federal award, or to supplant State or local funding. All JAG funds must be expended prior to September 30, 2025.

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Approved by: Milton Dohoney Jr., City Administrator

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor was awarded a Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) of \$25,086.00;

Whereas, The City of Ann Arbor has an interest in harm reduction efforts and assisting people with substance use disorders;

Whereas, The Department of Justice approved the grant award modification for use of the funds for harm reduction efforts and sharps disposal; and

Whereas, The Supportive Connections Deflection Program submitted a cover memo, the initial grant narrative and budget, and the approved Grant Award Modification and modified budget, to City Administration on September 6, 2023, for review and distribution to City Council members, via e-mail communication for review, in accordance with the grant terms, in preparation for the October 16, 2023, Public Hearing and City Council Meeting;

RESOLVED, That City Council approves the acceptance of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant in the amount of \$25,086 (the Grant Funds);

RESOLVED, That City Council authorizes use of the Grant Funds for the purposes outlined in the Grant Award Modification, including expansion of access to Naloxone/Narcan, sharps disposal containers in the City Hall and Justice Center public restrooms, and opioid abatement kits;

RESOLVED, That City Council appropriate \$25,086 to the FY24 City Administrator Major Grants Programs Fund expenditure budget with the source of revenue being the funds provided under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant outlined herein and that the funding be available without regard to fiscal year; and

RESOLVED, That the City Administrator is authorized to execute the Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of Applicant Government form in accordance with the requirements of the grant and 34 USC 10153.