

CITY COUNCIL REPORT



Meeting Date: *June 23, 2026*
General Plan Element: *Neighborhoods*
General Plan Goal: *Enhance and protect neighborhoods*

ACTION

Adopt Resolution No. 13685 authorizing:

1. Acceptance of the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of up to \$39,252 to continue to partially fund a full-time Property and Evidence Technician position; and
2. Chief of Police or designee(s) with the concurrence of the City Attorney to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant; and
3. A budget transfer of up to \$39,252 from the adopted FY 2026/27 Grants Contingency Budget to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.

BACKGROUND

When a crime is committed, police officers, detectives, and crime scene specialists collect property and evidence from the scene to investigate, solve the crime, and prosecute the offender. These items are stored in the Department's secure property and evidence warehouse for forensic processing and used as court exhibits. All property and evidence must be retained until the case is resolved and closed (when the offender is adjudicated). Once the case is closed, the property and evidence may be eligible for release or destruction. State statutes and City Ordinances govern the procedures for the disposal or release of property and evidence.

Because some cases take months or even years to resolve, new crimes continually result in additional property and evidence being brought into and stored in the warehouse.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), funded by the Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, supports various components of the criminal justice system. Proposed projects under JAG funding aim to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice processes and address local crime prevention and control needs.

JAG funds are allocated based on a formula that takes into account population size and each city's share of total violent crime reported through the State's Unified Crime Reporting (UCR) system. The Scottsdale Police Department has received JAG funding since 2009, using the funds to support a variety of department needs, including the purchase of patrol and laboratory equipment. Since the FY 2014/15 fiscal year, JAG funds have also been used to partially fund a full-time Property and Evidence Technician. (Res. 13045).

Action Taken _____

ANALYSIS & ASSESSMENT

By again directing the 2025 JAG award to partially fund the full-time Property and Evidence Technician position (1.00 FTE), the items in the secure warehouse that are eligible to be disposed of or destroyed will continue at a proportional rate of new items received and stored for evidence purposes.

RESOURCE IMPACTS

Available funding

The acceptance of the grant funds will continue to allow a full-time Property and Evidence Technician position (1.00 FTE) to dispose of and destroy eligible evidence timely, while not increasing the General Fund budget. If the grant is not awarded in subsequent years, either the position would need to be reduced to part-time, or the department would look to the General Fund to absorb the full cost of the position.

This action requests a budget transfer of up to \$39,252 from the adopted FY 2026/27 Grant Contingency Budget to provide budget appropriation for the purpose of the grant.

Staffing, Workload Impact

Approval of the grant will reduce the backlog of property and evidence cases waiting to be processed and provide a balance of workload for the current Technicians.

Future Budget Impacts

There are no additional cost recovery opportunities nor is there a match requirement associated with the grant.

OPTIONS & STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Recommended Approach

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RESPONSIBLE DEPARTMENT(S)

Police Department

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5/21/26 16:59 MST
Date



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5/24/26 08:30 MST
Date



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5/24/26 10:18 MST
Date

ATTACHMENTS

1. Resolution No. 13685

RESOLUTION NO. 13685

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, MARICOPA COUNTY, ARIZONA, AUTHORIZING THE ACCEPTANCE OF THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE GRANT FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS (JAG) IN THE AMOUNT OF \$39,252

WHEREAS, the Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") provides funding to local law enforcements to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this grant will allow the Police Department to continue to address the disposal needs of property and evidence seized for investigative purpose and no longer needed; and

WHEREAS, the Future Grants Budget and/or the Grant Contingency Budget for FY 2026/27 provides the budget authority necessary to accept grants throughout the fiscal year.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale, Maricopa County, Arizona, as follows:

Section 1. Authorize, acceptance of the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of up to \$39,252 to continue to partially fund a full-time Property and Evidence Technician position (1.00 FTE); and

Section 2. Authorize, Chief of Police or designee(s) with the concurrence of the City Attorney to conduct all negotiations and to execute and submit all documents and other necessary or desirable instruments in connection with the acceptance of the grant; and

Section 3. Authorize, a budget transfer of up to \$39,252 from the adopted FY 2026/27 Grants Contingency Budget to a newly created cost center to record the related grant activity.

PASSED and ADOPTED by the Council of the City of Scottsdale this ____ day of June 2026

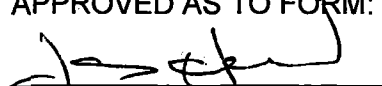
CITY OF SCOTTSDALE, an
Arizona municipal corporation,

ATTEST:

Ben Lane, City Clerk

Lisa Borowsky, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Luis Santaella, City Attorney

By: James Heard, Assistant City Attorney