HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL

KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

No. 26-239

RESOLUTION

AUTHORIZING THE CHIEF OF POLICE OF THE HONOLULU POLICE DEPARTMENT TO APPLY FOR AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, FOR FUNDS FROM THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM FY2026 LOCAL SOLICITATION.

WHEREAS, Section 1-8.2(a) of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021 (ROH); requires that

> (a) Each department shall submit an annual report to the council by September 30 detailing all agreements placing obligations upon the department that were entered into or used during the previous fiscal year. The annual report need not include agreements subject to council approval in Sections 1-8.3, 1-8.6, and 1-8.7.

WHEREAS, public review is required by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (hereinafter BJA), U.S. Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department (hereinafter HPD) and the BJA have cooperated in the past toward the common goal of law enforcement throughout the state of Hawai'i; and

WHEREAS, the BJA stipulates through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (hereinafter JAG) that the program application must include the following:

> "Applicants must submit information documenting that their JAG program application was available for review by the governing body of that unit of local government not less than 30 days before the application was submitted to the BJA. The attachment must also specify that an opportunity to comment was provided to its citizens to the extent the applicable law or established procedures make such an opportunity available;" and

WHEREAS, the JAG program is a mechanism to streamline justice funding and grant administration. The JAG program allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system; and

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WHEREAS, the JAG program shall be used to complement, but not supplant, the funds regularly appropriated for law enforcement purposes and may be used for one or more of the following areas:

- Law enforcement programs;
- Prosecution and court programs;
- Prevention and education programs;
- Corrections and community corrections programs;
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs;
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs;
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation);
- Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Justice Programs (hereinafter OJP) of the BJA was created in 1984 to provide federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist crime victims. The OJP carries out its mission by forming partnerships with other federal, state, and local agencies as well as national and community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, the OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increase access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds upon trust between law enforcement and the community. This program furthers the HPD's mission to prevent or reduce crime; and

WHEREAS, the OJP is dedicated to comprehensive approaches that empower communities to address crime, break the cycle of substance abuse and crime, combat family violence, address youth crime, hold offenders accountable, protect and support crime victims, enhance law enforcement initiatives, and support advancements in adjudication. The OJP also works to enhance technology use within the criminal and juvenile justice systems and supports state and local efforts through technical assistance and training; and

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WHEREAS, the OJP supports law enforcement, courts, corrections, treatment, victim services, technology, and prevention initiatives that strengthen the nation's criminal justice system. The OJP provides leadership, services, and funding to the nation's communities by emphasizing local control, building relationships in the field, developing collaborations and partnerships, promoting capacity building through planning, streamlining the administration of grants, increasing training and technical assistance, creating accountability of projects, encouraging innovation, and ultimately communicating the value of justice efforts to decision makers at every level; and

WHEREAS, the City and County of Honolulu is qualified to receive grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the BJA has allocated grant funds totaling $422,619 to the City and County of Honolulu under the JAG program jointly to the HPD and to the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; and

WHEREAS, a copy of the JAG program FY2026 Allocations and Application Information is attached hereto as Exhibit 1 and by reference made a part of this resolution; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Chief of Police or his duly authorized representative is hereby authorized to apply for funds from the JAG program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chief of Police or his duly authorized representative is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement to accept funds from the BJA and execute any incidental or related agreements and documents in furtherance of the above agreement so long as such agreements and documents do not incur additional obligations on the part of the City; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the foregoing approvals shall not be deemed to alter or waive the obligation of the HPD to detail the agreement(s) entered into pursuant to this resolution in the annual report to the Council required by ROH Section 1-8.2(a); and

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Clerk be directed to forward copies of the resolution to the Chief of Police of the HPD; Department of the Prosecuting Attorney; and the Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division, Department of the Attorney General.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

OCT 21 2026

Honolulu, Hawai'i

Councilmembers

Report Title:
Budget, Police, Funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Fiscal Year 2026

Description:
Request to accept FY2026 JAG Grant Funds for the Honolulu Police Department and the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney.

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