REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY & ECONOMY

Voting Members:
Augie Tulba, Chair; Esther Kia'āina, Vice Chair;
Scott Y. Nishimoto, Val A. Okimoto, Andria Tupola

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Committee Meeting Held
November 18, 2026

Honorable Tommy Waters
Chair, City Council
City and County of Honolulu

Mr. Chair:

Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy, which considered Resolution 26-239 entitled:

"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,"

transmitted by Departmental Communication 651(26), dated October 16, 2026, from the Honolulu Police Department and introduced on October 21, 2026, reports as follows:

The purpose of the resolution authorizes the Chief of Police of the HPD 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.

Major Ryan Hironaka of the Honolulu Police Department's Finance Division provided comments on the measure and answered questions from the Committee.

ADOPTED ON _____ COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 337(26)

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Your Committee considered and approved a proposed posted CD1 version that makes the following amendments:

A. Attaches the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program FY2026 Allocations and Application Information sheet to the resolution as Exhibit 1.

B. In the second BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED clause, clarifies that the notification requirement set forth in Ordinance 26-18, Sections 12(b) and 12(d), is not altered or waived.

C. Makes miscellaneous technical and nonsubstantive amendments.

Your Committee on Public Safety & Economy is in accord with the intent and purpose of Resolution 26-239, as amended herein, and recommends its adoption in the form attached hereto as Resolution 26-239, CD1. (Ayes: Kia'āina, Nishimoto, Okimoto, Tulba – 4; Noes: None; Absent: Tupola – 1.)

Respectfully submitted,

Committee Chair

HONOLULU CITY COUNCIL
Ke Kanihela o ke Kalana o Honolulu
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU

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KE KANIHELA O KE KALANA O HONOLULU

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No. **26-239, CD1**

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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:

> [e]ach 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; and

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

WHEREAS, the Honolulu Police Department ("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 ("JAG") that the program application must include the following:

> [a]pplicants 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, and 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 ("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, and 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, and 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; and

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WHEREAS, 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

WHEREAS, the OJP supports law enforcement, courts, corrections, treatment, victim services, technology, and prevention initiatives that strengthen the nation's criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, 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 ("City") is qualified to receive grant funds; and

WHEREAS, the BJA has allocated grant funds totaling $422,619 to the City 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 as Exhibit 1 incorporated by reference herein; 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 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant 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 Bureau of Justice Assistance 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 Honolulu Police Department to detail the agreement(s) entered into pursuant to this resolution in the annual report to the Council required by Section 1-8.2(a), Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 2021, or the obligation to

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notify the Council pursuant to Ordinance 26-18, Sections 12(b) and 12(d), prior to the expenditure of the funds; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Chief of Police, the Department of the Prosecuting Attorney, and the Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division of the State Department of the Attorney General.

INTRODUCED BY:

Tommy Waters (br)

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

October 21, 2026
Honolulu, Hawai‘i

Councilmembers

Exhibit 1

2026 Hawaii Local JAG Allocations

Only jurisdictions listed below in the state are eligible to receive FY 2026 JAG funding directly from BJA, with award amounts determined by the annual formula. Important notes:

1) Disparate jurisdictions are listed in shaded groups below, in alphabetic order by county. A single jurisdiction must serve as the fiscal agent on behalf of the group. BJA will only fund one award for the disparate group. Disparate jurisdictions are responsible for determining individual amounts within the Joint Allocation and for documenting allocations via a memorandum of understanding.

2) Jurisdictions eligible for a direct allocation (i.e., not part of a disparate group) are listed alphabetically below the shaded, disparate groupings.

For additional details on eligibility and disparate group requirements, refer to the JAG the Frequently Asked Questions here: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/frequently-asked-questions. For additional details regarding the JAG formula and award calculation process, please refer to the JAG Technical report here: https://bjs.ojp.gov/library/publications/justice-assistance-grant-jag-program-2024.

State	Jurisdiction Name	Government Type	Direct Allocation	Joint Allocation
HI	HAWAII County	County	$101,751	
HI	HONOLULU City And County	Municipal	$422,619	
HI	KAUAI County	County	$38,606	
HI	MAUI County	County	$90,906	
	Local Total		$653,882	

Report Title:
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG"); Bureau of Justice Assistance ("BJA"); Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"); Honolulu Police Department ("HPD"); Department of the Prosecuting Attorney ("PAT"); State of Hawai‘i; State of Hawaii; Crime Prevention and Justice Assistance Division ("CPJAD"); State Department of the Attorney General

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