

**RESOLUTION NO. 35-26**

**A RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE APPLICATION FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE (DOJ) BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (BJA)**

Recitals:

City Council has considered and for the reasons stated, authorizes an application for the 2025 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant which will provide financial assistance to the Grand Junction Police Department (GJPD).

The GJPD has been solicited by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) program of the US Department of Justice (DOJ) to apply for an annual formula grant in the amount of \$40,241. The grant is a joint award that will be apportioned with the Mesa County Sheriff's Office per the grant requirements. If awarded, the grant funds will be used to procure essential field drug identification equipment providing sound evidence-handling practices, and the adoption of technology that supports more accurate and efficient field operations.

GJPD has been awarded this grant annually and would like to apply for the current cycle, which requires assurance of community priority. Applications cannot be submitted unless approved by the City Council.

As part of the application process, the Bureau of Justice Assistance requires that the City Council review/authorize receipt of the grant and provide an opportunity for public comment (30 days minimum). Therefore, a public comment opportunity will be provided for the purpose of satisfying this requirement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

1. The City Council of the City of Grand Junction supports the application to the DOJ to obtain funds needed to complete the training. The City Manager is authorized and directed to finalize and submit such DOJ BJA grant application; and,
2. If the grant is awarded, the City Council supports the use of the funds as provided in the grant agreement which the City Manager is authorized to sign on behalf of the City as grantee of the DOJ BJA grant.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage

PASSED and ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of April 2026.

*Cody Kennedy*

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President of City Council



ATTEST:

*Selestina Sandoval*

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City Clerk