RESOLUTION NO. 98-26

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:

The City Council supports an application for the Fiscal Year 2026 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), administered by the United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), to provide financial assistance to the Grand Junction Police Department (GJPD).

The 2026 Colorado Local JAG Allocations identify a joint award of $42,582 for the City of Grand Junction and Mesa County, consisting of $29,892 allocated to the City and $12,690 allocated to Mesa County.

The City proposes to use its $29,892 portion for mobile ballistic shields.
The proposed purchase is one additional Special Ops Bunker TAC-WALL 48 Modular Defense System, for deployment within the patrol supervisor vehicle fleet. The estimated total project cost for the complete system is $38,500. The City will request $29,892 in JAG funds and fund the remaining $8,608 from the Police Department budget.

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 4th day of November, 2026.

Laurel Lutz
President of the City Council

ATTEST:

Selestina Sandoval
City Clerk