



AGENDA MEMORANDUM

Police Department

City Council Regular Meeting Date: 07/30/2025

To: City Council
From: Chief Dalton
Date: 07/18/2025

SUBJECT: Edward Byrne Memorial justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

BACKGROUND: The Sanibel Police Department has consistently supported the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. However, since 2014, we have chosen not to participate in this grant program. This decision is based on the limited funding that Sanibel would receive, which amounts to approximately \$5,000 due to our population size. Given the significant resources and time required to apply for the grant, manage its usage, and provide the necessary reports, the effort involved far exceeds any potential benefits we might gain.

The Sanibel Police Department supports the distribution of funds to the Cape Coral Police Department and the Fort Myers Police Department.

FUNDING SOURCE: There is no budget impact.

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Approval of a letter of support for the distribution of funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to the Cape Coral Police Department and the Fort Myers Police Department.

Sanibel is and shall remain a barrier island sanctuary