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Justice Assistance Grant 2024

Ordinance TBD



Agenda

- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
- Application
- Delivery and Outcomes

About the Grant

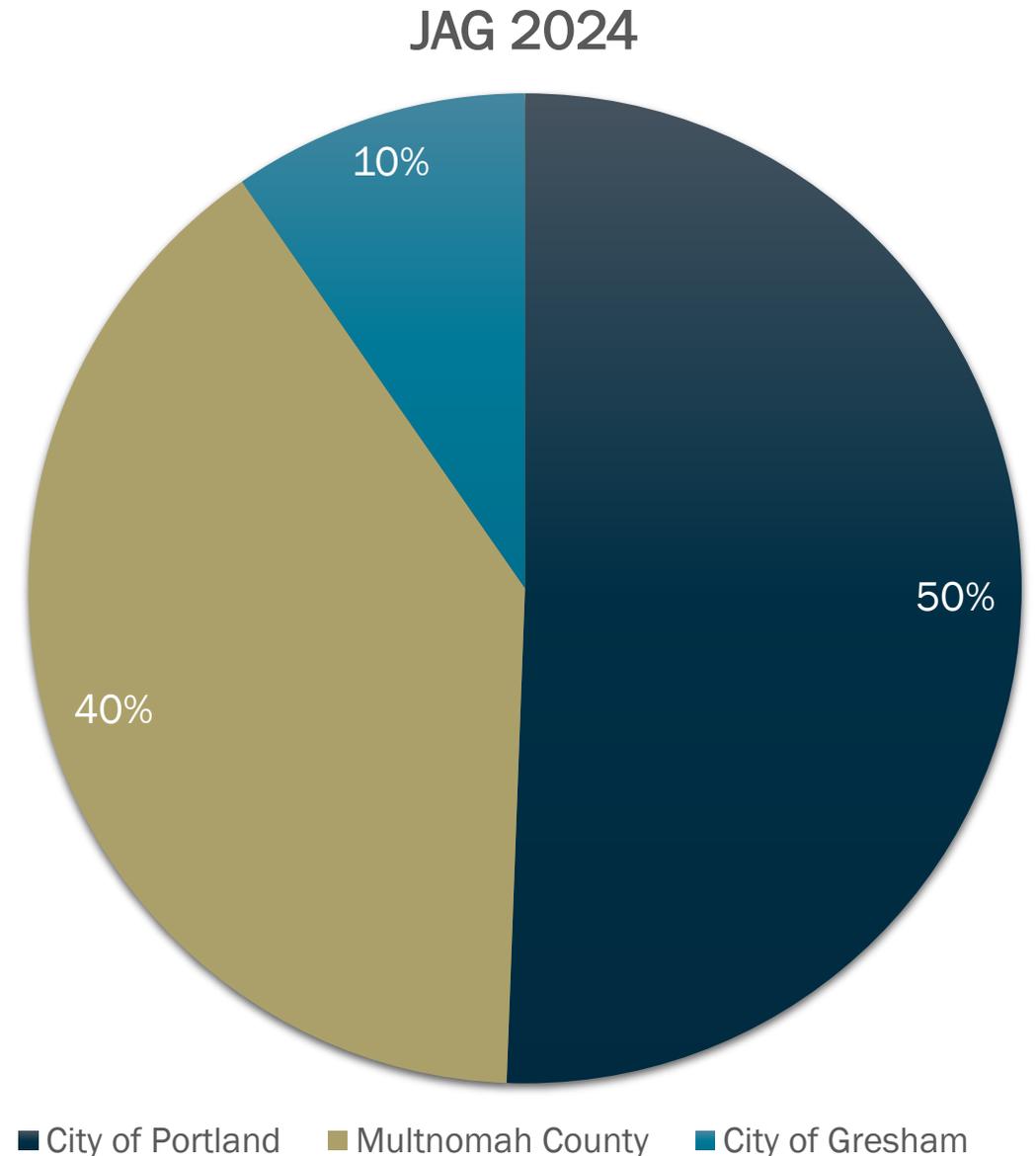
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

- The JAG grant program was created by the Department of Justice in 2005. It is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to local governments.
- These Federal grant funds may be used to:
 - Hire/retain personnel
 - Purchase non-Prohibited equipment, supplies, and contractual support
 - Training and technical assistance
 - Information systems for criminal justice purposes

JAG 2024

- The formula award amount, \$498,002, is allocated to three entities based on a statutory formula determined by the DOJ Bureau of Justice Statistics and agreement of partners

- Portland Police Bureau \$251,947
- Multnomah County \$197,959
- Gresham Police Department \$48,096



Portland Police Bureau - \$251,947

- The purchase of bicycles and the associated increase in bike patrols will enhance the effectiveness, mobility, and community engagement of police patrols in Portland, specifically downtown, and will have the following benefits:
 - **Increased Mobility in Urban Areas:**
 - Bikes provide quicker response times in congested areas compared to patrol cars
 - Officers can access narrow alleys, parks, and pedestrian-heavy zones more efficiently.
 - **Cost-Effective:**
 - Lower operational costs compared to vehicles (no fuel, lower maintenance)
 - Bicycles are cheaper to purchase and maintain compared to patrol cars and motorcycles.
 - Lower impact on the environment supporting green initiatives
 - **Enhanced Community Relations:**
 - Officers on bikes are more approachable, fostering positive interactions with the community.
 - Promotes the image of a sustainable and environmentally conscious police force.

Benefits continued

- **Agile Response to Protest-Related Vandalism:**

- Bike patrols can navigate through crowds and urban terrain more quickly than vehicle units, allowing for rapid response to vandalism or disorder during protests.
- Officers can be deployed discreetly and efficiently, managing large gatherings or demonstrations while minimizing disruptions.

- **Improved Feelings of Safety:**

- Regular presence of bike patrol officers can enhance residents' and visitors' sense of safety in the downtown urban core.
- Increased visibility and quick response times deter crime and promote a safer atmosphere for businesses, shoppers, and tourists.

- **Health and Fitness:**

- Regular use of bicycles encourages physical fitness among officers, which can improve overall well-being and job performance

PPB Bike Patrols

- PPB historically operated a 5-person dayshift bike team, which was doubled in 2024.
 - The increase added patrols in the afternoon and early evening hours due to the realized benefit of bike patrols and to increase coverage in the Central Precinct.
- JAG 2024 funding will allow PPB to acquire additional bikes to account for the previous increase in FTE and add additional, fully equipped, bike patrols.

Questions