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MEMORANDUM

TO: Burlington City Council
FROM: Mayor Bob Kiss *Bob Kiss*
DATE: May 19, 2010
RE: 2010 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Burlington is again eligible to apply for Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding this year through the Bureau of Justice Assistance, a division of the Department of Justice. JAG funding is intended to support a broad range of crime prevention efforts, depending on local needs. JAG guidelines require prior notice to the municipality's governing body. This year, Burlington is eligible to apply for \$112,816.

Based on staff feedback and priorities, I am proposing to apply for the following allocations to support crime prevention in the City:

- \$46,000 – for the Community Justice Center to enhance public safety, crime prevention efforts, support for victims of crime, and facilitation of offender re-entry.
- \$51,816 – for staffing to support the new Rapid Arraignment and Intervention initiative, developed by the Burlington Police Department and Chittenden County State's Attorney. A more detailed description of this program is attached.
- \$3,000 – to help fund community-based trainings on diversity and cultural competence.
- \$2,000 – for graffiti cleaning supplies for the City's Graffiti Removal program.
- \$10,000 – for administrative costs of the grant.

Please let me know if you have comments or questions. Thank you.