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**SUBJECT:** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant: 2014-2017 Local Assistance Grants No Cost, One Year Extensions: **Requesting Approval**

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## Summary

This agenda item requests Board approval of a no-cost, one-year extension for current JAG grantees who have requested it and whose contracts otherwise end on December 31, 2017. This extension will allow one additional year for current grantees to operate their programs and spend down their grant awards that, based on staff projections, otherwise will revert to the Board for awarding to future grantees.

## Background

The current JAG grantees received their awards on March 1, 2015 under new requirements associated with California's JAG State Strategy. Some of these grantees had start-up difficulties including completing hiring, purchasing, training, and local contracts. This created delays in program implementation. As a result, each JAG grantee had unspent 2015 funds that were carried over into 2016 and, in some cases, into 2017. With contracts scheduled to end on December 31, 2017, some grantees are reluctant to fill vacancies or hire limited-term staff given the contract end date, further contributing to unspent funds. A contract extension would provide additional time for grantees to staff up and provide additional services with their current awards. It would also allow an additional year of data collection that may help capture project outcomes. Attachment E-1 displays both the list of JAG grantees who are requesting this extension and their projected unspent funds at the end of 2017.

If the Board approves this action, staff will then request approval from the Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).

Current grantees that enter into a no-cost extension contract will still be eligible to apply for the next JAG cycle funding, subject to a federal award.

### Recommendation/Action Needed

Staff recommends approving the no-cost extension to current JAG grantees who have requested it, subject to federal approval.

## Attachments

E-1: List of JAG Grantees with projected unspent funds who have requested a no-cost extension.