

Recommended Projects to Receive
2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program:
Local Solicitation Allocations

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Proposed to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. The stated purpose of the JAG program is to underwrite projects that reduce crime and improve public safety.

Please note that the programs below are proposed and are being presented to governing boards for final approval. If any changes or updates are made, they will be reflected here in as timely a manner as possible.

Maricopa County, \$230,361

Maricopa County intends to utilize a **part-time Grant Administrator (\$41,853)** to oversee and coordinate the reporting requirements for this four-year grant.

Adult Probation, \$62,836 – Thinking for a Change (T4C) – A cognitive-behavioral intervention program for medium-high to high risk offenders that targets the top risk factors for re-offense specifically, antisocial personality, antisocial behavior, antisocial peers and antisocial attitudes. T4C group sessions are 6 hours/week for 13 weeks and hold a limited number of probationers at each session. These funds will help pay for some of the overtime costs incurred by Adult Probation Officers who are the facilitators for these Thinking for a Change sessions and will allow Adult Probation to provide more sessions, across multiple locations, while integrating the Thinking for a Change program into departmental culture and with partner agencies.

County Attorney's Office, Gun Violence Reduction, \$62,836 - Through specialized prosecution efforts in cooperation with law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County, the MCAO Gun Violence Prosecution Program will focus on those violent crimes involving the use of deadly weapons, specifically guns. This program utilizes a specialized prosecutor to review, charge, prosecute, and sentence felons committing crimes involving guns.

Juvenile Probation, Case Carrying JPO Retention Program, \$62,836 – The Juvenile Probation Department (JPD) will continue to fund one case-carrying Juvenile Probation Officer currently supported through the JAG 2013 grant. The probation supervision provided by these Juvenile Probation Officer positions support community safety efforts of the Juvenile Probation Department, within the Standard Probation and Special Supervision Units.

City of Avondale, \$26,659

Taser Replacement - The Avondale Police Department intends to use their \$26,659 2014 JAG funding to purchase 5 Taser X2s as well as additional Taser cartridges supplies. Each unit is equipped with video capability which, when deployed, captures the use of force encounter for administrative and criminal purposes. The Avondale Police Department purchased department wide Tasers back in 2007, however, Tasers have a shelf life of approximately 5 years and the Taser X2 is newest model available. We are seeking to replace all of our Tasers over the next few years.

City of Chandler, \$55,890

Investigative Project – This project will purchase necessary investigative equipment for the Chandler Police Department (CPD). Various equipment, such as License Plate Readers (LPR), surveillance equipment, metal detectors, and investigation response equipment, will be purchased to support all types of investigations. The equipment will be implemented in various units within the department.

Town of Gilbert, \$15,563

The Town of Gilbert will be utilizing the 2014 JAG funds to purchase Forensic Audio/Video Equipment to capture and process digital files (to include hardware and software as well as related training costs). As technology improves and more evidence are digital based, updating equipment and having fully trained staff to handle the changes in technology is critical for staff to do their jobs effectively and efficiently.

Another project to be funded with the 2014 JAG funds is to purchase an Alarm Management Web Module software package. It is known in law enforcement that most alarms calls are known to be false and often take up much needed officer time. The current Alarm Management software from Public Safety Corporation called Crywolf, has another module which has enhanced features. Implementing this module will help maximize management of alarm calls and better serve the citizens of the community.

Forensic audio/video equipment and training - \$10,000
Alarm Monitoring Web Module Software Package - @ \$5,563

City of Glendale, \$94,864

The City of Glendale will use the 2014 JAG allocation to purchase Dragon speech recognition software licenses and related maintenance costs for officers assigned to the Patrol Divisions. In the Fall of 2014, the Glendale Police Department will transition to a new Records Management System (RMS) that will allow officers in the field to enter their reports directly into the RMS through web-based Field Based Reporting (FBR) technology. Officer Safety concerns have been raised within the department regarding the implementation of FBR. Concerns center around officers being in the field where they should be focused on their surroundings, but are instead focused on their Tablets and keyboard as they enter reports that can at times be lengthy. Dragon speech recognition software will allow officers to enter reports from their vehicle via their issued Tablets through FBR while maintaining the needed awareness of their surroundings.

City of Goodyear, \$7,714

In 2013, Goodyear created the Narcotics Unit – an undercover team of four officers and a sergeant – dedicated to identifying and disrupting the cultivation, transport, and sale of illegal drugs in our community. The unit is extremely effective, shutting down three grow operations as well as the discovery and subsequent apprehension of suspects in two drug transport schemes involving hundreds of pounds of marijuana and a substantial amount of heroin. The unit performs undercover drug details at locations aimed at keeping drugs from the youth in the community. The unit, while successful, represents very labor intensive cases and investigations. As the crime experienced in Goodyear becomes more serious in nature, officer safety and crime scene support functions are greatly impacted. A lack of specialized equipment to for officer safety, as well as up to date crime scene investigation equipment is sorely needed. This equipment would include ruggedized GPS systems to pinpoint and map evidence, awnings, tables, light plants, rehabilitation equipment, buried body recovery kits, and ruggedized tablets with built in air cards to download digital evidence immediately for review. Additionally, due to the nature of Narcotics investigations, officer rescue scenario equipment is essential, to include breaching tools and ballistic shields.

City of Mesa, \$140,063

Disk-Based Back Up System - Historically, the Mesa Police Department has relied on tape-based systems to back up all critical enterprise data. Because enterprise-class tape backup systems are comprised of a robot and several tape drives (all moving parts), the frequency of failure is high. The aggregate throughput of the tape drives is limited, causing the system to be in use most of the time just to keep up with the backup schedules of approximately 100 servers. Tape-based systems also have associated recurring costs as tape media wears and errors form, preventing the backed-up data from being read when it is needed to recover lost server files. Replacement tapes are costly and have a limited lifespan, usually around one year. The Mesa Police Department would like to transition to a disk-based backup system that would eliminate the need for a robot, friction-based tape readers and the scores of tapes requiring periodic replacement. Instead, all enterprise data would be backed up to magnetic disk arrays that include fault-tolerant data encoding and hot-spare drives. Data throughput would be much higher, thus reducing backup windows and allowing servers to allocate more resources to serving user data, and spending fewer

resources on making copies of themselves. This request is to purchase a disk-based backup system, along with initial warranty and installation services..

City of Peoria, \$20,976

Youth Citizen Police Academy and Law Enforcement Supplies - The Peoria Police Department will conduct a Youth Citizen Police Academy for local teens which focuses on promoting the philosophy of Community Oriented Policing to educate our youth about various aspects of law enforcement, as well as good citizenship, leadership, and emerging social issues that impact our youth.

The Peoria Police Department is also requesting funding to purchase a mobile biometrics identification device. These devices interface with the state AFIS fingerprint database and FBI RISC database.

City of Phoenix, \$699,230

Police Department Records Management System (RMS) - Phoenix citizens approved \$15 million in 2006 Bond funds for the replacement of the nearly 28-year-old Police Automated Computer Entry (PACE) system. PACE is the records management system used by the Police Department to store and track all Department Reports (DRs), the victims, suspects, witnesses, vehicles and associated property related to those DRs. The Records Management System (RMS) Project is underway to replace PACE. The software and most of the hardware necessary to run the program is budgeted within the bond funds and other funding sources. The funds received through the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) would provide additional components such as hardware, software or training to system administration of the RMS. Many of these components are as yet unidentified and unfunded.

Parks and Recreation Department – Project BRAVE (Bringing Reality About Violence Education) is a violence prevention education program that was created with the goal of decreasing violence in our community through awareness, leadership training activities, and effective partnerships with other local agencies. Project BRAVE provides no cost comprehensive workshops to youth ages 10-18 where they are taught life skills and healthy alternatives to violence and other self-destructive behaviors. Project BRAVE augments workshop sessions with powerful High Visibility stage productions (Plays, Talent Revues, and school assemblies) that emphasize prevention education themes before live audiences.

City of Scottsdale Police Department \$30,448

The Scottsdale Police Department proposes to use their 2014 JAG allocation to hire a part-time Property and Evidence Tech. The City Auditor's Office recently conducted an audit on the destruction of property and evidence seized by the Police Department and reported that impounded property and evidence is not being disposed of in a timely fashion. The Department has made previous attempts to add an employee to reduce the accumulation of property and evidence has been unsuccessful. The use of JAG funds will allow the Department to hire a part-time employee to work up to 20 hours per week dedicated to the proper destruction and elimination of property and evidence.

City of Surprise Police Department \$7,849

Training and Crime Scene Processing - The City of Surprise Police Department wishes to enhance its capabilities in the areas of crime analysis and crime scene processing. Training and equipment in the areas of crime analysis and crime scene processing will be obtained. Training – Personnel will be scheduled to attend training (e.g., annual crime analyst conference, officer involved shooting investigations), and they will utilize the information obtained to enhance their own, and ultimately, the department's current capabilities. Equipment – The equipment (e.g., scene lighting, cameras) acquired will be utilized to enhance crime scene processing efforts. This equipment will improve the quality of evidence collected and directly impact investigatory and prosecutorial efforts.

City of Tempe, 65,498

Overhire Program for Sworn Officer – From date of hire to when a police officer is able to work solo, it take over 12 months of school and training. The overhire program ensures a continuous pool of qualified candidates is moved through the hiring and training process to address the immediate and future staffing needs of the Department. It is critical that vacancies are filled quickly, as there are long term repercussions if hiring lags occur.