

**Recommended Projects to Receive**  
**2009 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, \$341,995**

**Maricopa County Manager's Office/Justice System Planning & Information, in partnership with the Juvenile Probation Department, \$136,798** – Maricopa County recognizes the need for community-based solutions to address juvenile crime. The departments will coordinate efforts to establish a pilot program designed to **reduce disproportionate minority contact and disparate outcomes for youth of color** who become involved in the juvenile justice system. The project will begin with the identification of a target community, then solicit community-based organizations to brainstorm solutions. Solutions-based proposals solicited in compliance with Maricopa County procurement policies will be evaluated for viability within the target community. Contracts will be awarded to successful community-based organizations to fund Juvenile Crime Prevention & Early Intervention programs within the target community.

**Adult Probation, \$68,399 - Community Restitution** is a restorative justice program. It is a community corrections sanction that allows the victims and neighborhoods to recover from the financial and emotional harm caused by crime. It also affords the probationer an opportunity to give back for the harm that was caused by his/her crime. Community Restitution projects are performed for non-profit and government agencies throughout Maricopa County. This funding provides for an expansion of the existing Community Restitution program. It will allow Adult Probation to increase the list of qualifying agencies at which projects can be completed. It will also increase the number of community restitution projects available for probationers to perform their mandated court-ordered requirement. And, by providing additional officer and crew leader supervision, it will allow for more projects to be undertaken each week. As a result, more probationers can either remain in compliance with court orders or actually complete their court-ordered and statutorily ordered community restitution hours. It will also allow Adult Probation to improve their Managing for Results performance result - the percent of ordered work hours completed.

**County Attorney's Office, Gun Prosecution, \$68,399** - The Maricopa County Attorney's Office has experienced continual increases in firearms-related crime in Maricopa County. In Maricopa County alone, the number of violence related submittals for prosecution in 2008 was over 3,547. These were crimes involving allegations of dangerousness where significant violence or deadly force was used or threatened during the commission of a crime. During the first three months of 2009, the number of such violent crime submittals reported was 616. As violent crime generally increases during the summer months, MCAO will certainly receive over 3,000 violent crime submittals during 2009. Prosecution of criminal offenders is the County Attorney's top mandate. Many of the deadly weapon crimes are committed by the most dangerous criminals and require the attention of the most experienced prosecutors. Additionally, a very high percentage of these cases go to trial. Through the assignment of one prosecutor, the County Attorney will be able to focus attention on dangerous crime and close firearm-related cases in shorter timeframes. The Maricopa County Attorney's Office will also continue to work cooperatively with the U.S. Attorney's

Office, the Phoenix Police Department, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms (BATF) to achieve a reduction in violent firearm crime.

**Sheriff's Office, The Maricopa County Neighborhood Narcotics Enforcement Team (MCNNET), \$68,399** – This team combines the resources of individual agencies in western Maricopa County to confront the increasing narcotic activities in these communities, as well as in unincorporated areas. Standing alone, these agencies lack sufficient resources to address and impact the problem. As aggressive enforcement targeting narcotics and methamphetamine in the metropolitan Phoenix area continues, the proliferation of activity into the surrounding communities is expected to increase. Outlying areas have become havens for those criminals involved in the manufacture of methamphetamine and in narcotics transactions who are escaping the heightened law enforcement pressure from the metropolitan area. Narcotics traffickers have spread and have since established a presence in western Maricopa County communities, which are now experiencing the violence and other criminal activities plaguing the inner cities.

### **City of Avondale, \$12,254**

**Radio Connection Fee, \$7,505** - The current communication system used by the Avondale Police Department does not meet industry standards for functionality for dispatching police officers to citizens' calls for service. The Avondale Police Department has been temporarily sharing the Glendale Police Department radio system which has improved voice transmissions. However, the temporary partnership does not support full functionality of the radio system. An IGA between both cities is being pursued to partner fully which will bring full functionality of the radio system to Avondale PD, resulting in a radio system that meets industry standards and increases officer safety. The Avondale Police Department is responsible for paying for the transition between the current radio system and the Glendale Radio system.

**Special Projects/Community Policing Overtime, \$4,749** - With current budget shortfalls Avondale Police Department does not have funding to conduct special projects on overtime. Such projects are based on crime statistics and trends in specific areas. The Police Department will use JAG funding for overtime relating to beat projects, warrant sweeps, targeting career criminals, and assisting investigators in locating and arresting wanted suspects.

### **City of Chandler, \$101,205**

**Video/Camera Equipment Project, \$22,700** - This project will purchase necessary recording equipment for the Chandler Police Department (CPD). The JVC video camera kits will be used for recording footage to be used in the production of training, education, and information videos. The Apple video editor will be used to edit video productions for training, education, and information purposes as well as video to be included on the Department's website. The Canon Camera Kit will be used to take photos for training, education, information, and documentation purposes.

**Investigative Equipment Project, \$69,830** - This project will purchase necessary investigative equipment for the Chandler Police Department (CPD). A portable radio will be purchased for communication purposes for a spare motorcycle, which is available for any motor officer's use when their motorcycle is down. A License Plate Reader (LPR) will expand, enhance and upgrade our current two systems using GPS technology to track, map, monitor and locate stolen vehicles, repeat offenders and drivers with suspended and revoked licenses. Portable GPS Units for the Bicycle Team will enable them to respond by the shortest route to dispatched locations thereby decreasing response times, especially when operating outside known areas. They will also use them for other special and/or surveillance operations. Digital cameras for Persons Crime detectives will be used primarily for out of town follow up and low level crime scene documentation. External DVD/CD Rom drives will increase efficiency by allowing detectives to watch interviews while writing their reports at their desk. A Workmate Service shell for a Criminal Investigations Bureau (CIB) truck will be used to secure equipment for the Special Assignment Unit (SAU), Mobile Field Force Support, and CIB investigations. This will allow for a more rapid response since needed items already will be stored and secured in the truck. A Telestaff Server is critical to perform

software upgrades, system back up and testing of the staffing and payroll system. Vehicle Lights will be used by the Criminal Apprehension Unit (CAU) to help identify undercover vehicles and plain-clothes personnel during high-risk contacts with known fugitives. GPS Units for CAU vehicles will aid officers when tracking and apprehending fugitives in unfamiliar areas during warrant sweeps. GPS Tracking Units will be used by CIB to aid in investigations by electronically tracking individuals committing or suspected of committing crimes in Chandler.

**General Equipment and Supplies Project, \$8,675** - This project will purchase necessary general equipment and supplies for the Chandler Police Department (CPD). The monitor for closed circuit television (CCTV) viewing is for Records personnel to view/monitor activity 24/7 via cameras throughout the campus. Additional security system vehicle access tags are necessary for secure entry into police stations by employees.

### **City of El Mirage, \$11,334**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant as employed by the City of El Mirage Police Department will address three specific areas of need:

1. The department intends to purchase **23 digital cameras and 17 digital audio recorders**. With this purchase, the department will have enough digital cameras and recorders to issue one to each Patrol officer and sergeant. This equipment will allow the patrol officers and supervisors to perform their investigations more effectively and efficiently.
2. The department intends to purchase **one Motorola 800 MHz police radio**. The police department is regularly in need of extra radios whenever an issued radio malfunctions, is damaged or lost. Additionally, the department may be adding new police officers later this year which will require additional radios.
3. The department intends to acquire a **one-year subscription to Leads-Online Investigative System**. This web-based system maintains information on pawn transactions, E-Bay online sales and scrap metal sales. Businesses from across the country input transaction information into a database which is searchable by law enforcement. This will be an effective tool for the department's investigations unit.

### **Town of Gilbert, \$28,242**

The Gilbert Police Department will be using the JAG Grant in the amount of \$28,242.00 to purchase and implement an Automated License Plate Recognition (ALPR) project. ALPR is a software application for real-time motor vehicle license plate recognition. It is an emerging image processing technology that scans license plate data quickly and efficiently to identify stolen vehicles, stolen property and wanted persons. It is the cornerstone of the solution providing capability to read license plate numbers and query those plate numbers against various databases.

License plate capture will be performed by mobile self contained ALPR attached to patrol cars. These units shall be completely self-contained, including sensors, on-board electrical power, and communications facilities designed to provide twenty four hour coverage of Town of Gilbert. The National Crime Information Center (NCIC) access and interrogation will be performed through a download of NCIC data onto a local data base residing within the Gilbert Police Department.

For any law enforcement agency to be effective, the need for officers to interact with each other, other law enforcement agencies and citizens is paramount. The ability to interact requires that police agencies develop new and effective ways to complete old jobs. The demands on police services coupled with the fiscal inability of local governments to invest in more personnel, has required law enforcement agencies to use technology to its greatest extent. The Automated License Plate Reader Program is one such technology.

### **City of Glendale, \$172,060**

**Continued CAD/RMS/MDC Replacement** - The city of Glendale intends to use their portion funding to further the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS) replacement project. The purpose of this project is to purchase new software for the CAD and RMS. Items included in this replacement package include modules for booking, records management, dispatch, field reporting, property and evidence management and crime analysis. This state of the art system, which will operate on an IP platform, will allow the system to be accessible anywhere you can reach the internet. This approach will enhance the police dispatch center backup abilities. Other important outcomes of this project include access to "real time" crime data for crime response and analysis and enhanced access to critical information for officers responding to calls for service.

### **City of Goodyear, \$14,172**

This project will fund the procurement and installation of a iRecord video recording system. This project will provide the ability to perform audio/video recordation of custodial interviews which are critical in meeting the growing need to better preserve the details of an interrogation that results in a statement or confession by a suspect, prevents the waste of time and effort in attempting to recreate and reconstruct what transpired in a non recorded interview for the judicial process. Video recordation also dispels questions concerning the conduct, approach, and outcome of an interview.

### **City of Mesa, \$253,803**

The Mesa Police Department has had its current document management system in place since 1998 with great success and uses this system to store official police reports. However, it is now several versions old and servers and jukebox storage devices have reached end-of-life. It is critical that the department **replace the version of the document management system in use with current technology** to ensure a continuing reliable system for storing and managing police reports.

The server and storage upgrades are part of a city funded project to upgrade the Police Department's network and storage infrastructure.

The project will include the acquisition and implementation of a software application for document management. This software application will be compatible with similar systems in use by the Mesa City Court and City Prosecutor Office to ensure efficient exchange of documents among the three criminal justice agencies.

### **City of Peoria, \$38,058**

**MDC Software Upgrades** - The Peoria Police Department utilizes mobile wireless computers in the field to allow employees to communicate with dispatch, view files, access reports, and retrieve various types of information. Funding will be used to upgrade mobile computers to enable data sharing among newly expanded units within the Peoria Police Department.

### **City of Phoenix, \$1,268,192**

**Project BRAVE**, Parks and Recreation Department, \$155,739 - 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 and leadership training activities. The Project provides comprehensive workshops at various sites, non-profit agencies, and after-school programs.

These workshops are provided at no cost and focus on educating youth about factors and issues related to violence. Youth are taught life skills and healthy alternatives to violent behavior.

Workshops are designed for youth between the ages of 10-18, are 45 to 60 minutes in length and can be provided in a multi-session format to address more topics if necessary. The entire BRAVE curriculum is designed to cover a school year.

**Forensics Analysis**, Police Department, \$45,167 - The Forensic Scientist II position assigned to the Controlled Substances Section of the Laboratory Services Bureau is used to test items of evidence for the

presence of illegal drugs. Based on laboratory test results the Phoenix Police Department can file charges against individuals who were found to possess illegal drugs. The laboratory test results provide the basis for an item of evidence being an illegal drug.

**Fugitive Extradition**, Police Department, \$1,067,286 - As of July 1, 2009, the Police Department will be responsible for all prisoner extradition services. The Police Department will be required to extradite approximately 275 prisoners from varying agencies within the United States. The Police Department is in the process of contracting with a private transport service in an effort to reduce costs. Nevertheless, whether or not a private company is utilized, the Police Department is responsible for the completion of all administrative duties associated with each extradition. In addition, approximately 15% of the extraditions are expected to be the sole responsibility of the Police Department due to medical conditions restricted by the terms of the contract with the private transport service.

### **City of Scottsdale, \$55,196**

**Glock Duty Weapon Replacement** - The Scottsdale Police Department is in need of a Glock duty weapon replacement. The last weapon replacement occurred in FY2000/01, and therefore the Department currently has about 330 weapons requiring replacement. The Department's policy, which is also an industry standard, is for law enforcement service weapons to be replaced once the handguns begin to experience parts failures. Parts failure could happen at any time, but generally begins around the 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> year of service. The actual number of weapons to be purchased will depend upon the unit cost of the contracted vendor. The old weapons will be traded in to receive discounts on the new ones, and the total purchase price will not exceed the available grant funds.

### **City of Surprise, \$14,401**

**Covert Surveillance Program** - The City of Surprise Police Department wishes to enhance their covert surveillance program. It is their intent to upgrade one covert system with a new camera, purchase an additional system and purchase covert graffiti detectors. This will free up personnel to handle calls for service while still continuing to monitor locations in the city that have reoccurring criminal activity. The cameras can be used for surveillance, suspect identification, criminal activity time frames, etc.

### **City of Tempe, \$118,919**

**Crime Reduction Initiative** - The Tempe Police Department is at risk of losing its ability to continue the level at which it provides law enforcement services to the City. Current and projected economic realities have forced the Department to identify positions for elimination and lose funding sources, thereby directly impacting the Department's ability to reach the goals and objectives established in its formal strategic plan. At no time is the role of public safety more important than in challenging economic times. Studies have demonstrated a correlation between rates of unemployment and foreclosures and levels of crime in a community. The current challenges only add to the workload of Tempe officers who, according to a 2007 workload analysis, handle more crime reports and accidents per officer than any other Phoenix metropolitan area agency and are second only to Chandler in terms of the number of calls for service per officer. Therefore, the Tempe Police Department is seeking to use JAG 2009 funding to help prevent the elimination of critical sworn positions.