

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Program: FY 2015 Local Solicitation

(CFDA #16.738)

Program Narrative

Benton County Sheriff's office is in need for improving its communications with the Field Deputies and the Main Office. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) would assist in providing for some of the funding to update and upgrade current technologies in the sheriff deputy vehicles. Because of outdated, improperly working equipment, the objective is to simply get improved technology into the hands of the field deputy in order to serve the county in his job duties effectively.

The deputy must be able to receive calls for service, have the ability to do his work including research because of the capability of accessing the sheriff office's database, taking pictures with the camera system that is integrated into the tablets that are docked in the deputy's vehicle, as well as access necessary Global Positioning System (GPS) while on duty.

Some deputies have been able to get the necessary equipment, but limited funding from the budget has not allowed for all to be provided with this upgraded technology.

Benton County Arkansas is located in the Northwest Corner of Arkansas and is continually growing at a fast pace. The county is working hard to keep its citizens safe with a limited amount of resources. The grant would be of assistance in continuing to assist in allowing for a more effective sheriff's department.

Strategic Plan:

Included with the grant application is a quote for 18 tablets which indicates a cost of \$3,698 / tablet, utilizing the necessary specifications to meet the needs of the department. Also included is an attachment noting the number of tablets or laptops currently assigned to deputies in the department. Twenty-three of the 30 laptops have issues. Those with Toughbook computers are currently in good condition; however, 9 officers have no laptop at all.

The Sheriff's Office has identified the need for 26 units. In order to purchase this number of units, funds are being sought in numerous ways. This grant would ease the cost by the department by assisting in purchasing 3 – 4 tablets. The goal by the department is to purchase 20 in 2015 following by 15 in 2016. This number of 35 includes the 26 units needed as soon as possible, replacing 7 which are four years old and adding an additional two units for those that fail or are involved in accidents as they are no longer viable.

The information technology department has been of assistance in trying to find the appropriate equipment to assist in the department's needs, searching out the technology needed at as reasonable cost as possible.

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Budget Request	Amount Requested
Grant Administration	\$ -
* Project Cost:	
Tablets	\$ 11,865.00
Total	\$ 11,865.00

* Sheriff's Office has needs exceeding the grant request; therefore, the funds will be used specifically to purchase as many as possible utilizing the specifications for handling their duties effectively.

Quote from January estimate / machine	
Quote for 18 tablets	\$ 66,564.00
Per Tablet	\$ 3,698.00