

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

The City of Warner Robins is applying for funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program FY 2016 Local Solicitation in order to fund a law enforcement program project titled FY 2016 JAG Grant Law Enforcement Project. The Warner Robins Police Department (WRPD) and the Houston County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) have been declared disparate for this grant program and have agreed in a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to split the funds equally between the two agencies with the City of Warner Robins acting as the applicant/fiscal agent for the joint funds. The amount of funds that have been allocated for the two agencies is \$31,639. The project goal of the FY 2016 JAG Grant Law Enforcement Project is to improve and enhance local law enforcement programs by supplementing the ability of WRPD and HCSO to purchase equipment. This will allow both agencies to enhance public safety within their jurisdictions.

Using allocated funds for the FY 2016 JAG Grant Law Enforcement Project will allow both agencies to complete the following proposed program activities during the 4-year grant period:

- WRPD will use grant funds to purchase software to include user licenses for software, maintenance costs and training for software as needed. Updates and additional purchases of equipment and programs often leave WRPD in need of additional software to function at its greatest capacity.
- HCSO will use grant funds to purchase a law enforcement vehicle to be used in fighting crime and promoting public safety in Houston County. Law enforcement vehicles are a constant need for local agencies as high mileage, maintenance costs,

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and damages make older vehicles less efficient and reliable in emergency use on a daily basis.

The following performance measures will be used to assess whether or not the project objectives are being met:

1. Amount of JAG funds allocated to purchase equipment and/or technology investments. WRPD will report the amount of funds allocated to purchase equipment and/or technology investments during the reporting period.
2. Indicate the type of equipment and/or technology investments purchased with JAG funds. WRPD will report the type of equipment and/or technology investments purchased with JAG funds during the reporting period.
3. Describe any efficiencies or cost savings achieved as a result of any equipment and/or technology investment purchases. WRPD will report any efficiencies or cost savings achieved as a result of any equipment and/or technology investment purchases during the reporting period.
4. Describe any accomplishments of the program during the reporting period. WRPD will report any of the accomplishments achieved through the program during the reporting period.

WRPD and HCSO have greatly benefited from Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) programs in the past several years. The opportunity to meet needs for equipment that the officers and deputies from the two agencies have is incredible. There is always a need for updated and/or additional equipment within the two agencies that isn't always possible with budgeted funds. Under normal circumstances, the agencies would have to wait and see if the needed equipment would make it through the cuts in the next proposed budget cycle.

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The FY 2016 JAG Grant Law Enforcement Project will assist the agencies in meeting their current needs for software and law enforcement cruisers. WRPD's and HCSO's efforts to serve the community with the highest standards of excellence will be enhanced with better equipped employees.

The City of Warner Robins is fully capable and competent to implement the FY 2016 JAG Grant Law Enforcement Project. Since 2006, WRPD has obtained 36 public and privately funded grants valued at \$514,996. WRPD has effectively administered the grant funds it has obtained in the past. The City of Warner Robins Finance Department will collaborate with WRPD on this project by handling the financial aspects of the grant. The finance department currently assists WRPD with its grants. In order to meet the goals of this project, there will also need to be coordination between WRPD and HCSO. As stated previously, there has been an MOU signed for this project and in the MOU it states there will also be coordination between the two agencies in order to complete the required progress reports and financial reports for the grant.