

FY 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, Local Solicitation.

ABSTRACT

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Project Goals: The City of Aurora Police Department plans to use the award for equipment by funding the following project. We are currently in the process creating a Body Worn Camera (BWC) program for the department. Our goal is to equip all of our patrol officers with a BWC to provide an additional level of transparency between the department and community.

The BWC project is currently in the research stage, however, our intent is to have a vendor chosen in a very short order as well as have policies in place regarding the use, storage and retention of video from the BWC's.

Additionally; the City of Aurora (sitting in four counties) intend to work with county prosecutors to utilize BWC footage in the prosecutions of criminal cases

Lastly; a 3% "set aside" to assist in the training of personnel to become proficient in using NIBRS data submission requirements and become fully NIBRS compliant.

The County of Kane plans to use the award for the training program. It would like to continue to fund its "Lexipol" policy and training system with daily updates.

In addition; using the 3% "set aside" to assist in training personnel and become fully NIBRS compliant.

The City of Elgin Police Department plans to use this award for equipment. To purchase up to ten cameras that would interface with their Real-time Information Center to provide a higher level of safety and security in the Elgin Community. The City of Elgin is split by the Fox River running through the center of town. There are six bridges that connect one half of the city to the other half. The City of Elgin intends to install cameras on these bridges to monitor vehicular and pedestrian traffic running in and out of Elgin's central business district. The cameras would also provide coverage of a major public transportation center for Pace Bus and Elgin Metra Station. The installation of these cameras on and around these downtown bridges would promote overall safety and security to residents and commuters while giving police the ability to remotely monitor these locations for possible criminal activity.

Additionally; Elgin would use the 3% "set aside" to assist in training and becoming fully NIBRS compliant.

Strategies to be used: The City of Aurora Police Department plans to use these funds to implement a Body Worn Camera System. We anticipate this being a large project with a substantial cost, the funds secured from this Byrne Grant would only be a portion of funds used to complete this project.

Since we have never had a BWC system we are starting at the ground level. Our intention is to create policy on the use of BWC's, the storage and retention of video footage. By having this system in place we intend to enhance officer safety, provide transparency to the community should there be a question as to whether or not an officer's actions were appropriate. We also feel having BWC video footage would enhance our conviction rate in court by providing prosecutors with video evidence of arrestees and their actions when dealing with police.

The County of Kane plans to continue to fund their "Lexipol" policy program to manage, disseminate and archive policies, procedures and training records; as well as distributing Daily Training Bulletins to all of its employees.

The City of Elgin Police Department plans to use JAG funds to purchase cameras that would interface with their Real-time Information Center. The cameras would be installed on and around six bridges in the City's downtown business district and would provide video coverage of locations that currently has no video surveillance. This coverage would allow the ability to view pedestrian and vehicular traffic on the bridges and coming in and out of the business district and the main transportation center. Having these cameras would enhance the safety and security of the Elgin Community; which aligns with the City of Elgin's goal to enhance service quality to its citizens.

Project Identifiers for the programs of the three agencies: Equipment and Training.

The Aurora Police Department's goals and strategies relate to the equipment and training categories. The Aurora Police Department would fund a Body Worn Camera Project. Aurora will also provide training to personnel to become fully NIBRS compliant.

The City of Elgin Police Department's goals and strategies related to equipment and training as they are purchasing video cameras to interface with their Real-time Information Center. They would also train personnel to assist in becoming fully NIBRS compliant.

The County of Kane's goals and strategies relate to the training category and continue to fund the ongoing "Lexipol" policy program to manage, disseminate an archive policies / procedures and training records as well as daily training bulletins. Additionally, to become fully NIBRS compliant by training personnel for the NIBRS data submission program.