

FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, Local Solicitation.

ABSTRACT

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Project Goals: The City of Aurora Police Department intends to use the award for equipment by funding the following project. We would like to purchase six (6) night vision devices for our Special Response Team (SRT). Currently we don't do not have any department purchased night vision devices for the team. Some of the SRT officers have purchased their own night vision to enhance their visual awareness when conducting nighttime operations. Having night vision capabilities gives officers on the team the tactical advantage to assess and appropriately address a nighttime scenario. Having the ability to see in the dark also greatly increases officer safety as well as the safety of others; to include citizens and offenders.

Purchasing night vision devices will allow the department to standardize the team's equipment, so all of the team members will be familiar with the night vision device. This would also allow the department to have more of the team members outfitted with night vision capabilities.

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 replacement cameras for already existing cameras that have reached end of life and are in need of replacement. The City of Elgin Police Department began a citywide camera network system in 2014 with a single camera atop of the Elgin Tower Building. Since then we have increased to over 425 cameras. Most of these cameras are in public areas of the community and have assisted Elgin Police staff with everything from special event surveillance, traffic crashes, locating missing persons and homicide investigations to name a few. The cameras are visible to the public allowing them to be aware the location is under surveillance.

Over time, camera technology has changed and many of the cameras on the citywide network have become outdated and unsupported by the camera manufacturer. Locations in need of camera updating in the City of Elgin include intersection cameras at McLean Blvd & College Green Dr., Spring St. & Highland Ave., Longcommon Pkwy. & Bowes Rd., Chicago St. & Center St., Kimball St. & Grove Ave., along with the water tower camera at Shales Pkwy.

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 purchase six (6) night vision devices for it’s Special Response Team (SRT). The Aurora Police Department intends to improve the team’s ability to operate at night and to do so safely and effectively. Except for a few team members purchasing their own night vision devices, most of the team members do not have night vision. Not having night vision greatly hampers the team’s ability to address situations in low light or no light conditions. Having night vision will increase officer safety and the safety of citizens and offenders.

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 to replace existing cameras that are starting to fail due to age and no longer being supported by the manufacturer. Having cameras placed through out the City of Elgin gives law enforcement and city officials the ability to monitor roadways and intersections for traffic flow, monitor special events and provide security for the business and citizens within the community. These cameras are visible to the public, thus indicating the location is under surveillance which will help in deterring crime.

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 the purchase of Night Vision Devices. Aurora will also provide training to personnel to become 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 and 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.

The City of Elgin Police Department’s goals and strategies related to equipment and training as they are purchasing video cameras to replace old and outdated surveillance cameras. They would also train personnel to assist in becoming fully NIBRS compliant.