

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

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

The Aurora Police Department is authorized for 307 sworn officers. The City of Aurora has an approximate population of 200,000. The City spans over approximately 39.33 square miles and sits in 4 counties. The City of Aurora, like most cities is still experiencing financial constraints and funding for additional equipment and training is limited.

The City of Aurora Police Department is in need of obtaining the following equipment for its Law Enforcement Personnel:

We intend to use JAG funds to help fund the following project. We are currently in the process of procuring a Body Worn Camera system (BWC) 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), intends to work with county prosecutors to utilize BWC footage in the prosecutions of criminal cases.

Our disparate agency, the **County of Kane**, has communicated its intent to use its portion of the grant funds to continue to fund a "Lexipol Law Enforcement & Custody Manual and Daily In-Service Training Bulletin" Program. This is an organization policy development program which includes development tools, policy updates and Daily Training Bulletins for public safety deputies, court security officers and corrections officers. Lexipol offers up to date policy and procedure notifications, daily in-service training bulletins and legal updates.

The County of Kane's goal for this project is to improve policy / procedures, disseminate notifications to employees in a timely manner while reducing risk and liability to the County of Kane. Thus, this would improve the police service to the citizens within the county.

Our disparate agency, **City of Elgin Police Department** plans to use this award 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.