

PROGRAM NARRATIVE**Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**Application 2016-H3844-OK-DJ

I. NORMAN POLICE ALLOCATION (\$14,655 plus \$4 from the City of Norman)

The Norman Police Department, through on-going benchmarking efforts, data analysis, and internal reviews, has identified three areas of concern that would benefit from Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding. The first area of concern is to strengthen our forensic services. The second area of concern is finding and recovering at-risk missing persons. And, the third area of concern is property damage, injuries and loss of life resulting from collisions.

Forensic Training and Certification (\$4,735 plus \$4 from the City of Norman)*Program outline*

The Norman Police Department's Crime Lab is responsible for processing major crime scenes. It is staffed by two non-commissioned Forensic Technicians and requires specialized certifications, annual accreditation, and continuing education. With JAG funding our agency would be able to certify our single un-certified technician as an International Association of Identification (IAI) Crime Scene Investigator. Funding would also allow the agency to send both technicians to required continuing education courses that are geared toward subsequent (IAI) certifications.

Program need

Our Forensic Technicians were both hired in 2015 and require additional training and certification. This makes the funding needs of our technicians come into direct competition with training needs of investigators. JAG funding would alleviate some of the competition making certification and continuing education attainable. The total cost for this portion of our program is approximately \$4,739. We would ask that \$4,735 be allocated from the JAG grant, with the City assuming responsibility for the additional \$4.

Plan for collecting data

The Norman Police Department would ensure that funding is used to provide the certification and training described in this application. The specific measurable items for goal achievement are that our single non-certified Forensic Technician would become certified through IAI as a Crime Scene Investigator and, in addition, both of our technicians will receive a minimum of 64 hrs (each) of IAI recognized continuing education between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017.

At Risk Missing Person Recovery (\$6,100)*Program outline*

Since 2012 the Norman Police Department has received over 33 calls regarding missing persons over the age of 55 – those adults most likely to be at-risk from Alzheimer's or Dementia. As a result, we have partnered with several community groups who have offered to help make a voluntary tracking transmitter (similar in size to a medical alert bracelet) available for the caregivers of those with Alzheimer's, Dementia, Autism or Down Syndrome. Our agency, however, would have to purchase the receiver that would be used to track a missing at-risk person. The longer a person suffering from these medical conditions is separated from support

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and assistance, the greater the likelihood for serious injury or death. The Oklahoma City Police Department has already implemented this system and has offered their assistance with air support, and they have shared their success stories. Our intent is to fully train our Crisis Intervention Team and Bicycle Team to use the system as they will be the primary responders for the initial searches involving at-risk missing persons.

Program need

Purchasing the CareTrak receiver would have to come out of already budgeted funds. With other community partners willing to assist caregivers in purchasing transmitters, we are requesting JAG funding to purchase the receiver. The total cost of the Care Trak receiver and On-Site training is approximately \$6,100. We would ask that all \$6,100 be allocated from the JAG grant.

Plan for collecting data

The Norman Police Department would ensure that funding is used for the purchase of the Care Trak receiver and on-site training. The specific measurable goal for achievement would be that we record the number of community participants in the program, the number of users trained, the number of times the instrument is used, and the number of successful recoveries, that occur between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017.

Traffic Enforcement (\$3,820)

Program outline

In 2015 the City of Norman experienced 2,431 collisions – an increase of only 16 from the previous year. Of those collisions, 6 were fatalities (down from 8 in 2014), 643 were injury collisions (down from 675 in 2014), with a total of 1,782 collisions. In 2015 our agency fielded 4 eCitation tools to our 4-person traffic unit to assist with enforcement operations. While our collision statistics increased, it was only a marginal increase and the injuries and fatalities decreased. At least a portion of that change can be attributed our ability to take more substantial enforcement actions in specifically targeted areas. Our Traffic Officers increased their written citations an average of 187% over the past year after having eCitation tools assigned to them. We intent to make this additional tool available for sign-out for other officers to use with projects or during regular duty times.

Program need

Purchasing the additional eCitation tool would have to come out of already budgeted funds. Several months ago, one of our 4 Traffic Officers retired. Since that time the eCitation tool assigned to him has been used on a sign-out basis by other Patrol Officers. The result is an increased interest and dedication to use the tool by officers as they become accustomed to how it can help in safety efforts. However, we have not found funding as this is a recent and unexpected development. The total cost of an eCitation tool (and peripheral equipment) is approximately \$3,820. We would ask that \$3,820 be allocated from the JAG grant.

Plan for collecting data

The Norman Police Department would ensure that funding is used to purchase the eCitation and peripheral equipment described in this application. The specific measurable achievable goals will be a count of how many citations are issued between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017 with that tool.

II. CLEVELAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE ALLOCATION (\$1,628 plus \$2 from Cleveland County)

The Norman Police Department is identified as being a part of a disparate group with Cleveland County. The total JAG grant allocation of \$16,283, therefore, must be shared with the Cleveland County Sheriff's Office – our law enforcement partner. The Sheriff's Office has requested that we assist them with improving their forensic and investigative capabilities through the purchase of still and video camera equipment, a data extraction tool accessory, surveillance cameras, and a metal detector.

Improving Forensic and Investigative Capabilities (\$1,628 plus \$2 from Cleveland County)

Program outline

The Sheriff's Office has extremely limited still and video capturing capability and the cameras listed would provide a rugged and mobile tool that could be used in any environment and for multiple purposes. The metal detector would replace an existing detector that has stopped working consistently and is used for crime scene processing. The IPEVO WebCam is used to capture data from personal device data extraction and is needed to record the retrieved content. Bushnell cameras are intended to be placed in areas for surveillance of possible marihuana grow operations, registered offender investigations, and other surveillance tasks.

Program need

The Sheriff's Office does not currently have the funding for the purchase of the equipment described in this application. The total cost of all of the equipment is approximately \$1,630. We would ask that \$1,628 be allocated from the JAG grant with Cleveland County assuming responsibility for an additional \$2.

Plan for collecting data

The Sheriff's Office would ensure that the listed equipment would be purchased using grant funds. When used, the equipment would be signed-out and a total count of the number of times it is used between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2017 would be maintained.