

**EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
Hot Spots Policing Application Solicitation
15PBJA-21-GG-00251-MUMU**

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Background

- The Division of Public Safety Planning has limited funds available to support area law enforcement agencies from the U. S. Department of Justice (DOJ). An application packet is available on-line. All applicants must complete and return the application, data sheet, FY 2021 Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive, SAM registration and checklist no later than **Wednesday, June 1, 2022.**

Applications must address the following components in an abstract which includes: (1) Describe and document the problems facing the law enforcement agency and the need for assistance under this program while reducing crime in a hot spot area; (2) identify the most important needs of the agency while reducing crime in a hot spot area; (3) provide a strategy on how your agency will collaborate with community agencies and businesses; and (4) provide detailed information on how funds will be used to increase misdemeanor arrest, improve physical and social disorder in efforts to increase social order.

Program Purpose Areas

The purpose of this funding is to provide the State of Mississippi's local law enforcement agencies with funds to implement effective crime reduction and crime prevention strategies in select communities that exhibit high rates of crime. The goal of this program will be to improve social and physical order in selected high crime areas in Mississippi.

Targeted Areas

Funds can be used in the following targeted area:

- Overtime
- Equipment
- Personnel

SPECIAL GRANT CONDITIONS

Availability of Funds and Application Deadline

- Funds are available after completing the attached application, returning it to DPSP and receiving an executed grant award document. All applicants are expected to complete and return the application no later than **Wednesday, June 1, 2022.**

The grant award period is tentatively from **July 1, 2022, to June 30, 2023.** All funds must be expended by the end of the contract period. All awards are subject to availability of appropriated funds. *Funding is not guaranteed.*

Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government

A State or unit of local government that receives an award under the FY 2021 Byrne JAG Program will be required (by award condition) to obtain a properly executed certifications and assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government from any proposed subrecipient that is a unit of local government or a "public" institution of higher education (i.e., one that is owned, controlled, or directly funded by a State or unit of local government). The specific certification required from a unit of local government will differ from the specific certification required from a "public" institution of higher education. *(This form will be provided to your agency)*

- [FY 2021 Byrne JAG – Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government](#)
- Local Law agencies applying for JAG funds will also have to submit a letter on letterhead regarding Communication with the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and/or Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE). *(The format will be provided to your agency)*
- Local Law agencies applying for JAG funds for body armor purchases must have a written “mandatory wear” policy in effect and submit a signed certification for your grant file.
- Ballistic-resistant and stab-resistant body armor purchased with JAG award funds may be purchased at any threat level, make or model, from any distributor or manufacturer, as long as the body armor has been tested and found to comply with applicable National Institute of Justice ballistic or stab standards and is listed on the NIJ Compliant Body Armor Model List (<https://nij.gov/>). In addition, ballistic-resistant and stab-resistant body armor purchased

must be American-made. The latest NIJ standard information can be found here: <https://nij.gov/topics/technology/body-armor/pages/safety-initiative.aspx>.

- Local law agencies applying for body worn camera equipment must have policies and procedures in place related to equipment usage, data storage, privacy, victims, access, disclosure, and training, etc. in effect and submit a signed certification for your grant file.
- Within 120 days of award acceptance, each current member of a law enforcement task force funded with award funds who is a task force commander, agency executive, task force officer, or other task force member of equivalent rank, must complete required online (internet-based) task force training. Additionally, all future task force members must complete this training once during the period of performance for this award, or once every four years if multiple OJP awards include this requirement. The required training is available free of charge online through the BJA-funded Center for Task Force Integrity and Leadership (www.ctfli.org).
- Any law enforcement agency receiving direct or sub-awarded funding from this JAG award must submit quarterly accountability metrics data related training that officers have received on the use of force, racial and ethnic bias, de-escalation of conflict, and constructive engagement with the public.

Special Grant Conditions (please address how you will implement these special grant conditions in your application under the Goals, Objectives and Project Impact section.

- **Please include your town or city statistical crime data within the last two years.**
- *Funds must be used to increase misdemeanor arrests, which include arrests for public order violations, some examples are making arrests for public drinking, arresting drug dealers, conducting “stop and frisks” of suspicious individuals with probable cause, and conducting foot patrol in high-crime areas.*
- *Funds must be used to improve physical and social disorder in target areas by police, this includes the installation of improved street lighting, implementation of video surveillance, dispersing groups of loiterers, performing code inspections, cleaning up vacant lots, razing abandoned buildings, and evicting problem residents. This will require partnerships between and among police and city agencies, local business owners, and tenant associations.*
- *Funds must be used to increase social order with assistance from social service agencies, this include providing youth with recreational opportunities, working with local shelters to provide housing for homeless individuals, and connecting problem tenants to mental health services. These activities are intended to create opportunities for high-risk individuals in targeted locations to promote social order.*

- Hot Spot Policing Grant Program award recipients agree to submit a quarterly progress report including measures such as identifying the sub-recipients receiving grants and addressing primary components of the program which must include, the number of increases in arrests, prevention strategies that have been implemented as well as address what social service actions have been implemented. These measures will be reported outside of the PMT and will not be included in the existing JAG measures.
- If you are receiving assistance from any other federal agency, there can be no duplicate purchases from such funds. In other words, funds cannot be used from separate agencies to make the same purchase.
- Expenditures incurred prior to the actual start date will not be approved. Supporting documentation must have valid and verifiable dates.
- **Handwritten applications or applications submitted by facsimile (FAX) will not be accepted.**

Non-Supplant Requirement

Funds available under this program may not be used to supplant (replace) existing local funds. These funds must be used to supplement the level of funds from non-federal sources that would, in the absence of these funds, be made available for programs or activities funded under a similar program.

Monitoring

Each successful sub-grantee will receive an on-site compliance monitoring visit at least once during the grant period. Each successful sub-grantee must retain records, receipts, invoices, and other documents for review during the monitoring visit. Guidelines and/or procedures listed in the original application must be adhered to and deviations from those guidelines must have prior approval by the Division of Public Safety Planning.

Budget

The total 12-month budget allotted for the subgrantee of this RFP will be based on number of applicants.

A twenty-five (25%) cash match is required, however, a request for match waiver with sufficient justification will be considered. Each agency will need a letter on letterhead stating the need for a waiver, submit city or county budget that shows a deficit, board minutes that state the city or county cannot afford the match, and documentation that shows the city or county poverty rate and unemployment rate.

Organizations are required to register with the System for Award Management (SAM) using their DUNS number. Please note that applicants formerly used the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database for this purpose. SAM is a government-wide registry for vendors doing business with the federal government which requires annual renewal. The SAM centralizes information

about grant recipients and also provides a central location for grant recipients to change organizational information.

Please note that organizations must update or renew their SAM registration at least once a year to maintain an active status. Please include a copy of your SAM registration verifying an active status along with your application. To complete the SAM registration process, access the website at www.sam.gov.

Application Submission Requirements

- One (1) original and one (1) copy of the application should be submitted on the official application form of the Office of Justice Programs, Division of Public Safety Planning no later than **Wednesday, June 1, 2022.**

Submit Applications to: **Attn:** Sharon Nguyen
Office of Justice Programs
Division of Public Safety Planning
1025 NorthPark Drive
Ridgeland, Mississippi 39157

***If you have questions, you may contact Sharon Nguyen at (601) 977-3756.**