



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of April 25, 2009**

DATE: April 3, 2009

SUBJECT: Application for funding under the Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept \$288,679 in non-competitive grant funds under the Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
2. Contingent upon approval, appropriate \$288,679 in grant fund revenue from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (101.374900) to the Police Department (101.31202) for costs associated with the Recovery Act JAG Program in FY 2009.

ISSUES: The grant funds will be used to purchase equipment and training to support local law enforcement activities. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The Police Department will manage the \$288,679 in federal funds allocated under the Recovery Act Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Grant Program to purchase urgently needed equipment and training. The Sheriff's Department will receive a portion of the equipment purchased with grant funds (\$23,900). There is no local match required for the grant.

BACKGROUND: The Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program receives funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 through the U.S. Department of Justice. The JAG Program provides federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG allocations are derived from a formula based on a minimum allocation level and local population and crime statistics.

DISCUSSION: The Recovery Act JAG Program allows local governments to support a broad range of law enforcement activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions giving law enforcement agencies the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. JAG funds will be used by the Police and Sheriff's Departments. The Police Department will use the JAG funds to: replace gas masks and filters which have reached the end of their lifecycles; purchase patrol rifles and ballistic shields to better equip officers for terrorist incidents; and a property inventory bar code system to more

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Staff: M. Douglas Scott, Chief of Police

efficiently track evidence, supplies and equipment. Equipment purchased for the Sheriff’s Department will include training ammunition and protective gear to enhance the Department’s ability to train deputies to respond to threats directed at the courthouse and handle incidents in the jail. In addition, a vehicle weapons vault will be purchased for the safe storage of weapons.

The costs and other relevant information on JAG grant purchases appear in the below chart.

Item	Cost	Quantity	Replacement Cycle	Annual Costs	Total
Gas Mask (with filters)	\$317	400	10 years	None	\$126,800
Patrol Rifles	\$1,200	60	12-15 years	None	\$72,000
Ballistic Shields	\$2,000	16	8-10 years	None	\$32,000
Property Inventory Bar Code System	\$25,000	1	10 years	None	\$25,000
Law Enforcement Training	\$8,979	N/A	N/A	N/A	\$8,979
Training Equipment*	\$23,000	To be determined	8-10 years	None	\$23,000
Weapons Vault*	\$900	1	Unknown	None	\$900
*Purchases for the Sheriff’s Department		TOTAL			\$288,679

FISCAL IMPACT: Under this award the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance will provide \$288,679 in grant funds with no local match required.

Subject: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) – Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program