



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of July 11, 2009**

DATE: June 17, 2009

SUBJECT: Application for and appropriation of FY 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program.

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

1. Authorize the County Manager to apply for and accept \$70,128 in non-competitive grant funds under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program: FY 2009 Local Solicitation from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance.
2. Contingent upon approval, appropriate \$40,128 in additional grant funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (101.374900) to the Police Department (101.31202) for costs associated with the FY 2009 JAG Program in FY 2010.

ISSUES: The grant funds can be used to pay for equipment that supports local law enforcement activities. No issues have been identified.

SUMMARY: The Police Department will manage the \$70,128 in federal funds allocated under the FY 2009 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The Police Department will receive \$52,596 in funding to upgrade ballistic vests worn by officers. The Sheriff's Office will receive \$17,532 in funding to purchase equipment. \$30,000 of this grant is already included in the FY 2010 base budget. There is no local match required for the grant.

BACKGROUND: The FY 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program receives funding from the "Violence against Women and Department of Justice Reauthorization Act of 2005" (Public Law 109-162) and is administered through the U.S. Department of Justice. The JAG Program provides federal criminal justice funding to local jurisdictions derived from a formula based on a minimum allocation level, local population, and crime statistics.

DISCUSSION: The FY 2009 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. The program further gives law enforcement agencies the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where needed most.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: M. Douglas Scott, Chief of Police

The Police Department and Sheriff's Office will expend these JAG funds. The Police Department will use the JAG funds to upgrade and improve ballistic vests worn by patrol officers in order to provide additional protection in incidents involving large caliber weapons. The Sheriff's Department will purchase protective gear and other items that will enhance the Department's ability to respond to threats directed at the courthouse and to handle incidents in the jail.

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

Item	Quantity	Total
Ballistic Vest Upgrades	N/A	\$52,596
POLICE DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$52,596
Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA)	6	\$5,700
Weapon Sight w/Cantilever Ring	10	\$4,700
Gas Mask, Riot Control	16	\$3,030
Vertical Fore grip M910	6	\$2,700
Tactical Gun Case, 36"	6	\$560
Weapon Carry Case, 26"	6	\$542
HK G36 Picatinny Rails	6	\$150
Tactical MOUT Sling	6	\$150
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT TOTAL		\$17,532
GRAND TOTAL		\$70,128

FISCAL IMPACT: Under this award the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance will provide \$70,128 in grant funds with no local match required. The County Board has appropriated \$30,000 of the grant award as part of the FY 2010 budget.

Subject: U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
 FY 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program