
CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM

TO: Mayor & City Council

DATE: April 13, 2012

FROM: John McDonough, City Manager

AGENDA ITEM: Consideration of Approval of Application for Allocation under
FY2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
Program

MEETING DATE: For Submission onto the April 17, 2012, City Council Regular
Meeting Agenda

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: *(Attach additional pages if necessary)*

See attached:

Memorandum
Application

APPROVAL BY CITY MANAGER:  APPROVED

_____ NOT APPROVED

PLACED ON AGENDA FOR: 4/17/12

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL REQUIRED: () YES () NO

CITY ATTORNEY APPROVAL: 

REMARKS:



TO: John McDonough, City Manager

FROM: Eden Freeman, Assistant City Manager

DATE: April 12, 2012 for submission on the Agenda of the April 17, 2012 City Council Meeting

ITEM: Consideration of Approval of Application for Allocation under FY2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Grant Program.

Background

The Byrne JAG Grant Program provides funding to support all components of the criminal justice system, ranging from multijurisdictional task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. Awards are available both directly from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) (if the applicant is eligible to receive more than \$10,000) or through the State Administrative Agency (SAA) appointed by the Governor.

The FY12 award marks the second direct award to the City from BJA. Allocation amounts are determined by a formula based equally on the population and part one crime statistics within a jurisdiction. For FY12, the City's total allocated award is \$17,351.

The solicitation requires that the application be made available for review by the applicant's governing body (City Council) no less than 30 days before the submission of the application and that the public have an opportunity to comment on the proposed use of the funds. Funds can only be used to directly benefit the jurisdiction in which the applicant is based.

Discussion

For the FY2012 Byrne JAG Local Allocation, the City proposes to utilize our allocation (\$17,351) to purchase and install a mobile automatic license plate reader system (ALPR) and a camera to expand the City's existing IronSky network. This proposed use of our FY2012 Byrne JAG allocation is in direct support of the Bureau of Justice Assistance's stated priority of counterterrorism, real time crime analysis centers and information sharing/fusion centers.

*City
Manager*

Alternatives

Council could choose not to authorize the submission of this application. However, if this is the outcome, the City will forfeit the direct allocation of funds and perhaps endanger any future awards under this program.

Recommendation

Staff recommends approval and submission of the application.

Attachment

1. Application

**Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
FY2012 Local Solicitation**

City of Sandy Springs, Georgia

Combating Crime and Terrorism Through Intelligent Systems

Abstract

With all of the successes experienced by Sandy Springs since incorporation, there remain areas of need for equipment when investigating. For the FY2011 Byrne JAG Local Allocation, the City proposes to utilize its allocation (\$17,351) to purchase a Mobile Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) System and an additional Iron Sky camera. The ALPR System will enhance the City's investigative capabilities to identify vehicles involved in criminal activity (stolen vehicles, drug investigations, vice investigations, wanted persons, etc.) based on local and national locations. This proposed use of its FY2012 Byrne JAG allocation is in direct support of BJA's stated priority of counterterrorism and information sharing/fusion centers.

The ALPR System will be integrated into the City's Video Management System to alert public safety personnel in both the Fusion Center and in field units that we have received a "hit" on a license plate. Public safety personnel will be able to track vehicles by using the video cameras available to them on the City's Iron Sky network in an attempt to identify the vehicle while responding to the location. This proposed use of the FY2012 Byrne JAG allocation is in direct support of the Bureau of Justice Assistance's stated priority of counterterrorism and information sharing/fusion centers.

The purpose of this project is to enhance public safety communications and collaboration, including response to criminal activity (stolen vehicles, drug investigations, vice investigations, wanted persons, etc.). The goals of the project are:

1. Provide a method for officers to rapidly identify vehicles involved in criminal activity, thus improving officer safety;
2. Reduce by 25% the time required to receive and relay critical information to officers regarding vehicles suspected of involvement in criminal activity; and
3. Increase by 15% the apprehension of offenders involved in criminal activity

The top five identifiers associated with this project are:

1. Vehicle Tag Monitoring
2. Surveillance
3. Policing
4. Auto Theft
5. Equipment – General

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Program Narrative

The City of Sandy Springs is one of the newest cities in the State of Georgia and operates in a Council – Manager form of government. Incorporated December 1, 2005, the City has made dramatic strides in providing effective and efficient services to residents.

Sandy Springs is a demographically diverse community and covers a 38 square mile area in north Fulton County, Georgia. Sandy Springs is the second largest city in the metropolitan Atlanta area and is the sixth largest city in the State of Georgia. In 2010, the City's population was 65% White, 20% Black and 14.2% Hispanic. The City is home to more than 40% of the available hospital beds in the metropolitan Atlanta area and is proud to be the home of Northside Hospital, Saint Joseph's Hospital and Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. While the City's residential population is 93,853, the daytime population swells to more than 200,000, due to the concentration of major corporations and businesses. Sandy Springs is home to many outstanding businesses, including corporate giants such as First Data, Newell Rubbermaid, UPS, Cox Enterprises, ING North America and Spectrum Brands.

Sandy Springs has accomplished much since incorporation, including the start up of a new police department. In fact, in 2010, the City participated in the National Citizen Survey with police services rated as "excellent" or "good" by 89% of respondents, placing the City 3rd when compared to 56 similarly-sized cities. Even with these significant achievements, there remain areas of need for equipment when responding to criminal incidents as well as coordinating responses in the community during times of emergency, including acts of terrorism and disasters.

For the FY2012 Byrne JAG Local Allocation, the City proposes to utilize its allocation (\$17,351) to purchase a Mobile Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) System and an additional Iron Sky camera. The ALPR System will enhance the City's investigative capabilities to identify vehicles involved in criminal activity (stolen vehicles, drug investigations, vice investigations, wanted persons, etc.) based on local and national locations. The Vigilant System allows agencies to submit the license plates read in their jurisdictions to a national data base that our personnel can access to determine if the vehicle was at a location involving criminal activity.

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If approved, the City of Sandy Springs proposes to purchase and install the proposed Mobile Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) System and an additional Iron Sky camera in the first year of this grant award. The City currently receives an FY11 Byrne JAG Local Allocation award directly from the Bureau of Justice Assistance. Where appropriate, the City will coordinate the use of the equipment proposed for purchase through the FY12 Byrne JAG Local award with the efforts of other related justice-funded programs. Sandy Springs is not located in a disparate jurisdiction; therefore, coordination with other local governments in the submission of this application is not required.

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Budget and Budget Narrative

Category and Description	Amount
Personnel No funds are requested in this category.	\$ 0
Fringe Benefits No funds are requested in this category.	\$ 0
Travel No funds are requested in this category.	\$ 0
Equipment The City proposes to purchase a Mobile Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR) System and an additional Iron Sky camera. The ALPR System will enhance the City's investigative capabilities to identify vehicles involved in criminal activity (stolen vehicles, drug investigations, vice investigations, wanted persons, etc.) based on local and national locations. This amount is an estimate only and the final cost may be higher, which would be covered from Police Department Forfeiture Funds.	\$ 17,351
Supplies No funds are requested in this category.	\$ 0
Consultants/Contracts No funds are requested in this category.	\$ 0
Other No funds are requested in this category.	\$ 0
Total	\$ 17,351

For the FY2012 Byrne JAG Local Allocation, the City proposes to utilize its allocation (\$17,351) to purchase and install a state-of-the-art video conferencing system, linking the City's facilities with its private partners who have video conferencing links available in their facilities. This proposed use of its FY2012 Byrne JAG allocation is in direct support of BJA's stated priority of counterterrorism and information sharing/fusion centers.

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The City is requesting no administrative funds. Should the bids for the purchase of this equipment be above the amount awarded, the City will cover any cost difference through the use of forfeiture funds. As this project has not been funded in the City budget, City funds will not be supplanted to support this project.

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Review Narrative

The City of Sandy Springs made this application available for review by the governing body, the Mayor and City Council, and the general public on Friday, April 13, 2012. The application is posted on the City's website at www.sandyspringsga.gov. A public hearing on this application will be held at the Council's regular Council meeting on Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 6:00 PM. A certified copy of the meeting minutes, including public comment is attached under "Additional Attachments" to this application. The section relevant to the Byrne JAG Public Hearing and Review by the Governing Body begins on page ____ of the minutes.