

**City of Bradenton**

Proposed Plan for the Fiscal Year 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program

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## **Overview**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and units of local government. BJA will award JAG Program funds to eligible units of local government as described in this FY 2020 JAG Program Local Solicitation (BJA will issue a separate solicitation for states).

## **Permissible uses of JAG Funds**

In general, JAG funds awarded to a unit of local government under this FY 2020 solicitation may be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice, including any one or more of the following:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)
- Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs

## **BJA Areas of Emphasis**

BJA recognizes that many state and local criminal justice systems currently face challenging fiscal environments and that an important, cost-effective way to relieve those pressures is to share or leverage resources through cooperation among federal, state, and local law enforcement. BJA intends to focus much of its work on addressing violent crime, enforcing firearms laws, officer safety and wellness, safe policing for safe communities, and fentanyl detection. BJA encourages each recipient of an FY 2020 JAG award to join federal law enforcement agencies across the board in addressing these challenges.

## **Objectives**

In general, the FY 2020 JAG Program is designed to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice. Although the JAG Program provides assistance directly to states, through pass-through (and similar) requirements, the JAG Program also is designed to assist units of local government concerning their criminal justice needs.

## **City of Bradenton Proposed Use of Funds**

The City of Bradenton proposes to use its fiscal year 2020 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) formula program funds as means to purchase one law enforcement patrol vehicle to conduct routine police patrol operations and engage the community.

### **Program Narrative**

The City of Bradenton is located along the west-central coast of Florida. The Bradenton Police Department has an authorized police force of 120 officers dedicated to serving a community of approximately 56,000 residents, with an average of more than 3 million visitors to the Bradenton area each year. The Police Department maintains a police fleet of roughly 91 vehicles designed for routine patrol and community engagement. Patrol vehicles are used to respond to regular calls for service and conduct community engagement.

The Bradenton Police Department is proposing to use the FY 2020 Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds to purchase one stripped patrol vehicle and conduct NIBRS training as required by the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. The marked vehicle will be used to focus additional law enforcement resources within the community aimed at responding to routine calls for service and conducting safe policing through community engagement.

Within the last year (July 16, 2019, to July 14, 2020), the Bradenton Police Department serviced over 107,000 calls, including 1,655 UCR crimes. Many of these calls for service or initiated events include traffic enforcement, medical calls, drug overdoses, domestic violence, or alarm calls, to name a few. In nearly every instance, a police cruiser was used to respond to these calls for service. The addition of another marked police cruiser to the patrol fleet will provide yet another resource for officers to conduct routine patrols, community engagement, criminal investigations, and crime prevention.

The equipment listed in this proposal is essential to enhance our ability to identify suspects, conduct criminal investigations, increase community engagement, as well as attend community events. The Bradenton Police Department will continue to work collaboratively with our community partners to strengthen community policing and develop safe communities for our residents.

After the program, data will be summarized, compared, and reported as required by the Department of Justice. The Bradenton Police Department is capable and confident in our ability to fulfill this proposal as we seek to eliminate crime and the fear for our stakeholders.

### **Budget and Budget Narrative**

#### **Equipment**

2021 Chevrolet Traverse	\$ 26,820
Total Equipment	\$ 26,820

This police cruiser is a crossover based car that will be marked with graphics and used to conduct ordinary police functions (homelessness programs, domestic violence, and other regular patrol functions) or community events. This vehicle will enhance our patrol fleet and provide an additional marked vehicle to support patrol functions, and also attend community policing events aimed at engagement. Additionally, this vehicle will reduce crime and improve public safety.

**Training**

In preparation for the FBI's 2021 National Incident Base Reporting System (NIBRS) compliance deadline, the Bradenton Police Department will dedicate at least three percent of our JAG award funds toward achieving full compliance with the FBI's NIBRS data submission requirements under the UCR Program. This three percent requirement will assist our agency in working toward compliance with the deadline through the purchase of equipment or training.

Total Equipment & Training	\$693
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The equipment and training listed above have been developed cost-effectively. Updated quotes will be obtained before any equipment is purchased. The equipment will be allocated for law enforcement investigations, and community policing.

**Budget**

Equipment: 2021 Chevrolet Traverse - \$26,820

Training : 3% set aside for NIBRS - \$693

Leveraged Funds \$ - 4,400

**Total Fiscal Year 2020 JAG Budget - \$ 23,113**

**REVIEW NARRATIVE**

The proposed plan will be provided to the governing body for review on July 17, 2020, and will be considered by City Council on August 12, 2020. The application will be submitted on August 18, 2020. Public comment will be allowed during the public hearing in consideration of the plan adoption on August 12, 2020, during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting. The plan will be made available for public review and comment for 22 days before submission.

The following timeline will be followed during this application process:

Public Notice Advertisement: July 26, 2020

Public Comment & Plan Availability Period: July 26, 2020, to August 17, 2020

Posted to City's Webpage: July 27, 2020

Governing Body Notified of Grant Opportunity: July 17, 2020

Governing Body Consideration for Adoption: August 12, 2020

Application Submission: August 18, 2020

The proposed plan was made available to the public via the City's webpage, [www.cityofbradenton.com](http://www.cityofbradenton.com), and was available at both City Hall and Bradenton Police Department. Public comment will also be allowed during the public hearing in consideration of the plan adoption on August 12, 2020, during a regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Any comments will be forwarded to the DOJ for review.

**City of Bradenton ADVERTISEMENT  
NOTICE OF FUNDING AVAILABILITY & NOTICE OF CITIZEN COMMENT PERIOD**

The City of Bradenton has received notice from the U.S. Department of Justice of its proposed allocation of \$23,113 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (A maximum of 10% of the funds may be used for planning and administration).

The City's proposed plan identifying how it intends to use these funds will be available for public review at the following locations:

**City of Bradenton webpage** - [www.cityofbradenton.com](http://www.cityofbradenton.com)

**City of Bradenton**, 101 Old Main Street, Bradenton, FL 34205

**Bradenton Police Department**, 100 10<sup>th</sup> Street West, Bradenton, FL 34205

**Bradenton Police Department webpage** – [www.bradentonpd.com](http://www.bradentonpd.com)

Citizen comments will be received from **July 26, 2020, through close of business day, August 17, 2020**. The City Council will conduct a public hearing and consider adoption of the recommended application during the **August 12, 2020**, City Council meeting commencing at 8:30 AM. All comments received during the citizen input period will be forwarded with the grant application submittal to the Department of Justice.

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2020 Justice Assistance Program  
101 Old Main Street  
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For more information, please contact Lieutenant Jeremy Giddens at 941-932-9300.

*Publish One Time on Sunday, July 26, 2020*

**APPENDIX**

**Budget Detail Summary**

Equipment Request: \$22,420 Federal	\$4,400 Non-Federal	\$26,820 Total
Other (Training): \$693 Federal	\$0 Non-Federal	\$693 Total
Total Direct Costs: \$23,113 Federal	\$4,400 Non-Federal	\$27,513 Total
Total Project Costs: \$23,113 Federal	\$4,400 Non-Federal	\$27,513 Total

**Total Federal Request: \$23,113**