

RESOLUTION NO. 2011- 194

A RESOLUTION BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA, AUTHORIZING THE SHERIFF, OR DESIGNEE, TO SUBMIT AN APPLICATION SEEKING FUNDING ASSISTANCE THROUGH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FORMULA GRANT (JAG), STATE SOLICITATION.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Department of the Justice allows local governments to make application through the: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: State Solicitation, in order to provide funding directly to law enforcement agencies to support all components of the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities, and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, and processes and procedures; and

WHEREAS, the JAG Grant is the first of 2 JAG Grants that will be available for application over the coming months.; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office would like to use funding from the first of the two JAG grants to purchase a life-saving alarm system for the Corrections Division as well as a database for locating and recovering stolen property, 2nd JAG purpose yet to be determined; and

WHEREAS, the deadline for the County submitting the application is July 22, 2011; and

WHEREAS, the County has reviewed the pending Grant announcement materials; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the Grant announcement materials, the County has determined that nothing contained in the Grant application negatively impacts the interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the Grant announcement materials, the County has determined that none of the requirements, restrictions, and/or obligations associated with award of the Grant, or the Grant itself, negatively impact the interests of the County; and

WHEREAS, after a review of the Grant announcement materials, the County has determined that an award of a Department of Justice Grant to provide a life-saving alarm system for the Corrections Division and to purchase a specialized database for locating and recovering stolen property will better serve the community and coincides with the overall interests of the County.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida that:

Section 1. The above Recitals are incorporated by reference into the body of this Resolution, and such Recitals are adopted as Findings of Fact.

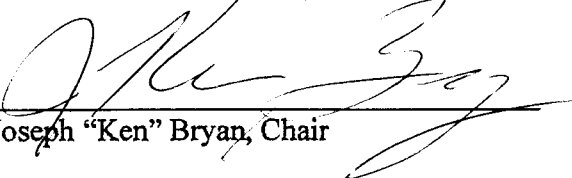
Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the Sheriff of St. Johns County, Florida, or designee, to submit a completed application based on the approved guidelines for grant submittal (attached hereto, and incorporated herein), on behalf of the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office for a Department of the Justice grant as part of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), State Solicitation Program.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby authorizes the Sheriff of St. Johns County, Florida, or designee, to execute any other paperwork necessary, and/or associated with the application for the Department of the Justice Grant.

Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical and/or administrative errors and/or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this Resolution, then this Resolution may be revised without subsequent approval of the Board of County Commissioners.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of County Commissioners of St. Johns County, Florida, this 19th day of July, 2011.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF ST. JOHNS COUNTY, FLORIDA**

By: 
Joseph "Ken" Bryan, Chair

ATTEST: CHERYL STRICKLAND, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk

RENDITION DATE 7/21/11





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The Honorable Joseph Bryan
Chairman, St. Johns County
Board of Commissioners
500 San Sebastian View
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Re: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance
Grant (JAG) Program – JAG Countywide – State Solicitation

Dear Chairman Bryan:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) anticipates an award from the United States Department of Justice for FFY 2011 JAG funds. FDLE will distribute these funds in accordance with the JAG Countywide distribution provisions of Chapter 11D-9, Florida Administrative Code.

FDLE has set aside \$89,623 funds for use by all units of government within St. Johns County. The enclosed Program Announcement provides an overview of these funds which can be used by local units of government to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. Please note that the Program Announcement includes information from the U.S. Department of Justice relating several areas of national focus and its priorities to help maximize the effectiveness of the Byrne/JAG funding.

As a condition of participation in this program, the units of government in each county must reach a consensus concerning the expenditure of these funds. This consensus must include the projects to be implemented as well as the agency responsible for such implementation.

Developing such consensus will require someone to exercise leadership and assume a coordinating role in the development of applications for these funds. FDLE recommends that the Board of County Commissioners assume this responsibility. In the event the county declines to serve in this capacity, the Department will request the governing body of each municipality in the county, in descending order of population, to serve as the coordinating unit of government.

SJCBOC Distribution
All Districts: _____
District 1: _____ District 2: _____
District 3: _____ District 4: _____
District 5: _____ Total: _____
Winchick Cameron Locklear
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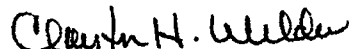
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The enclosed Certificate of Participation form requests the identification of an individual coordinator. We will send this individual further information regarding the application process in FDLE's on-line grant management system. Please complete the enclosed Certificate of Participation and return it as soon as possible to:

Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Office of Criminal Justice Grants
2331 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308
Attention: Clayton H. Wilder, Administrator

We look forward to working with you. If you have any questions or if we can provide you with any assistance regarding the JAG Program, please contact me at (850) 617-1250.

Sincerely,


Clayton H. Wilder
Administrator

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Enclosures

cc: Mayors in St. Johns County
Law Enforcement Agencies in St. Johns County
Project Directors in St. Johns County

**PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT
FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011**

**Edward Byrne Memorial
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**

The State of Florida, Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE), anticipates an award from the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) for \$9,549,906 in Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. FDLE will distribute these funds in accordance with the JAG Countywide distribution provisions of Chapter 11D-9, Florida Administrative Code. This announcement is to notify eligible applicants of program requirements. Please note this Program Announcement includes information from the USDOJ relating several areas of national focus and its priorities to help maximize the effectiveness of the Byrne/JAG funding.

Eligible Applicants

Units of local government are eligible to receive subgrants from FDLE. "Units of local government" means any city, county, town, township, borough, parish, village, or other general-purpose political subdivision of a State and includes Native American Tribes that perform law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of the Interior.

Program Strategy and Purposes

JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice. Local units of government receiving JAG funding have the flexibility to implement projects in any of the seven federally approved purpose areas, listed below.

- 1) Law enforcement programs
- 2) Prosecution and court programs
- 3) Prevention and education programs
- 4) Corrections and community corrections programs
- 5) Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- 6) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs
- 7) Crime victim and witness programs

Any law enforcement or justice initiative previously eligible for funding under Byrne or LLEBG is eligible for JAG funding.

Coordination Efforts

Each county is allocated a sum of money for use by all local governments within the county. This amount is determined through a funding algorithm established in the administrative rule.

Chapter 11D-9.005, Florida Administrative Code, requires that units of government in each county reach consensus concerning the expenditure of these funds, including the projects to be implemented and the agency responsible for such implementation. Maximum coordination is required to meet this program requirement, and the Department requests the county board of commissioners to serve as the coordinating unit for all local governments within the county. The Chairman, Board of County Commissioners, in each county so notified is requested to return to the Department a statement of certification indicating the county's willingness to serve. This certification must be returned within 30 days from the date of receipt of notification. In the event the county declines to serve in this capacity, the Department will request the governing body of each municipality in the county, in descending order of population, to serve as the coordinating unit of government.

Each county or coordinating unit of government is encouraged to form a criminal justice coordinating/planning group to identify and implement criminal justice priorities for the county, to plan strategies to address those priorities, to identify areas of greatest need, and to review all possible sources of revenue to make sure that funds go to the programs or issues that need them most.

Furthermore, FDLE requires that units of government in each county reach consensus concerning the expenditure of the JAG funds, including the projects to be implemented and the agency responsible for such implementation. Each county must document this consensus by submitting letters from at least 51 percent of the units of government which also represent at least 51 percent of the population located in said county.

Match Requirements

There is no match requirement under the guidelines of the JAG program.

DOJ/Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Priorities

BJA wishes to ensure that recipients are aware of several areas of national focus and priority and to encourage recipients to maximize the effective use of JAG funds. The following is a brief list of key priorities:

- 1) Counterterrorism and Information Sharing/Fusion Centers
- 2) Evidence-Based Programs or Practices
- 3) Economic Crime
- 4) Reentry and Smart Probation
- 5) Indigent Defense
- 6) Children Exposed to Violence
- 7) Interoperable Communications

For more information on BJA's priorities, recipients may access: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/11JAGLocalSol.pdf> (see pages 2 and 3). This is for informational purposes only; do not apply for any funds through this solicitation. Recipient must still submit application for funding through SIMON.

Application Requirements and Deadlines

Once the Certificate of Participation form designating the coordinator for your county is received, the Office of Criminal Justice Grants will send this individual further information regarding the application process.

Applicants must apply on-line using FDLE's grant management system. The deadline for the on-line submission is **5:00 P.M., Friday, July 22, 2011**. In addition, applicants must print out the completed application and submit **two (2) hard copies** (both with *original signatures*) no later than **5:00 P.M., Friday, July 29, 2011**. **A separate application must be submitted for each proposed project.** Applications should be mailed or hand delivered to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, Office of Criminal Justice Grants, 2331 Phillips Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32308, Attention: Clayton H. Wilder, Administrator.

Applications must be accompanied by letters of approval representing agreement among at least 51 percent of all units of local government representing at least 51 percent of the county population as to the allocation of dollars to each project in the county.

Questions regarding this Program Announcement should be directed to Clayton H. Wilder, Florida Department of Law Enforcement, at (850) 617-1250.