

RESOLUTION NO. 2017- 337

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 FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2017 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG), STATE SOLICITATION, AND AUTHORIZING THE CHAIR TO EXECUTE A CERTIFICATIONS & ASSURANCES DOCUMENT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY.

RECITALS

WHEREAS, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement anticipates an award from the United States Department of Justice through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: State Solicitation, in the amount of \$28,312; and

WHEREAS, JAG funded projects may be used by St. Johns County local units of government to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system.; and

WHEREAS, the St. Johns County Sheriff's Office is requesting to use the grant funding for the purchase of six inflatable light towers totalling \$28,312; and

WHEREAS, the FDLE requires the Board of County Commissioners to authorize their acceptance through a Certifications and Assurances document; 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

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.

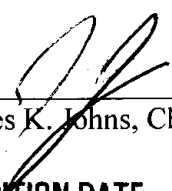
Section 2. The Board of County Commissioners hereby approves and authorizes the Sheriff of St. Johns County, Florida, or his designee, to submit an application seeking funding assistance through the Florida Department of Law Enforcement Federal Fiscal Year 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and to execute any other paperwork necessary to, or associated with, the grant application.

Section 3. The Board of County Commissioners hereby agrees to serve as the coordinating unit of government for JAG and authorizes the Chair to execute the attached Certificate of Participation on behalf of the County.

Section 4. To the extent that there are typographical or administrative errors or omissions that do not change the tone, tenor, or context of this Resolution, 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 3rd day of October, 2017.

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

By: 
James K. Johns, Chair

RENDITION DATE 10/5/17
ATTEST: HUNTER S. CONRAD, CLERK

By: 
Deputy Clerk



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program
FY 2017 Local Solicitation

Certifications and Assurances
by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government

On behalf of the applicant unit of local government named below, in support of that locality's application for an award under the FY 2017 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") Program, and further to 42 U.S.C. § 3752(a), I certify under penalty of perjury to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), that all of the following are true and correct:

1. I am the chief executive of the applicant unit of local government named below, and I have the authority to make the following representations on my own behalf and on behalf of the applicant unit of local government. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any OJP decision to make an award, under the application described above, to the applicant unit of local government.
2. I certify that no federal funds made available by the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above will be used to supplant local funds, but will be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for law enforcement activities.
3. I assure that the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was submitted for review to the governing body of the unit of local government (e.g., city council or county commission), or to an organization designated by that governing body, not less than 30 days before the date of this certification.
4. I assure that, before the date of this certification— (a) the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was made public; and (b) an opportunity to comment on that application (or amendment) was provided to citizens and to neighborhood or community-based organizations, to the extent applicable law or established procedure made such an opportunity available.
5. I assure that, for each fiscal year of the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above, the applicant unit of local government will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial), as OJP may reasonably require.
6. I certify that— (a) the programs to be funded by the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above meet all the requirements of the JAG Program statute (42 U.S.C. §§ 375D-375E); (b) all the information contained in that application is correct; (c) in connection with that application, there has been appropriate coordination with affected agencies; and (d) in connection with that award (if any), the applicant unit of local government will comply with all provisions of the JAG Program statute and all other applicable federal laws.
7. I have examined certification entitled "State or Local Government: FY 2017 Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373" executed by the chief legal officer of the applicant government with respect to the FY 2017 JAG program and submitted in support of the application described above, and I hereby adopt that certification as my own on behalf of that government.

I acknowledge that a materially false, fictitious, or fraudulent statement (or concealment or omission of a material fact) in this certification, or in the application that it "supports, may be the subject of criminal prosecution (including under 18 U.S.C. §§ 1001 and/or 1621, and/or 42 U.S.C. § 3795a), and also may subject me and the applicant unit of local government to civil penalties and administrative remedies for false claims or otherwise (including under 31 U.S.C. §§ 3729-3730 and §§ 3801-3812). I also acknowledge that OJP awards, including certifications provided in connection with such awards, are subject to review by USDOJ, including by OJP and by the USDOJ Office of the Inspector General.

Signature of Chief Executive of the Applicant Unit of
Local Government

Michael Wanchik
Printed Name of Chief Executive
St. Johns County Board of County Commissioners

Name of Applicant Unit of Local Government

Date of Certification

County Administrator
Title of Chief Executive

Program Narrative

St. Johns County is located in Northeast Florida and is one of the fastest growing counties in the state of Florida. Our ever growing population also means more calls for service. A portion of these calls for service occur at night or in low light conditions. Currently, we utilize standard light towers attached to trailers to solve this issue however, these standard light towers cannot be used for every crime scene due to location. To remedy this situation we would like to purchase 6 inflatable light towers to be used in low light situation where light towers cannot be utilized.

The inflatable light towers are portable and can be used in situations where standard light towers cannot be used. An example of this would be a crime scene in the woods, where a trailer cannot reach, or indoors. The inflatable light towers can be used in a situation where there is no power available. They are self-sustaining with an included generator that slides into the bottom of the inflatable light. They are a multipurpose solution as they can be used in a variety of other instances, such as at: special events, median lighting for traffic events, crime scenes, callouts, disaster recovery, training, and community based events. The inflatable lights are 14 feet tall with 1000 watt lighting that will illuminate the immediate area. The inflatable lights can light up an area of approximately 90 feet. They are quick and efficient to use, lightweight and much more flexible than lighting towers. The portable nature means we can store them in the back of our Public Service Assistants (PSA) trucks for easy access. This gives almost immediate access to them as our patrol shifts are staffed with one more PSAs every shift.

They are durable and can be assembled by one person. Unlike a standard light tower, they are much more portable because they do not need to be pulled behind a vehicle and can easily be stowed in the trunk or bed of a vehicle. The quick and easy set up make the inflatable light towers a very attractive alternative to our cumbersome standard light towers, and the portability means we will have them available in a much quick manner to shed light on low light situations. This may also play into officer safety on quick moving callouts as they will be available in a much quicker manner than our standard light towers.

We will track current usage for the inflatable light towers by callouts on a spreadsheet so we can report their usage when we submit our quarterly reports. With the implementation of these inflatable tower lights, we hope to make the lighting at callouts and events more portable and efficient, and allow for lighting in places that previously were limited. We also hope to improve time management by more efficiently deploying lighting sources when they are needed, as opposed to having an employee return to the Sheriff's office to pick up a light tower. We also hope to improve officer safety by reducing the amount of time it takes us to light a crime scene.