



Commonwealth of Virginia
Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services

Grant Application

Grant Program:	BYRNE JAG	Congressional District(s)	VIRGINIA 6TH
Applicant:	STRASBURG POLICE DEPARTMENT	Faith Based Organization?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Applicant Federal ID Number:	546001633	Best Practice?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Jurisdiction(s) Served and Zip Codes:	TOWN OF STRASBURG / 22657		
Program Title:	BYRNE JAG LAW ENFORCEMENT EQUIPMENT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICER OVERTIME	Certified Crime Prevention Community?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Grant Period:	JANUARY 1, 2020 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2020	DUNS NUMBER:	029832263
Type of Application:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation of Grant Number _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of Grant Number _____	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rural <input type="checkbox"/> Urban <input type="checkbox"/> Suburban	

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Signature of Project Administrator: 

Brief Project Description:

The purpose of this project will be to address shortfalls in Strasburg Police Department's operating budget by obtaining much-needed DCJS Grant funding for the following:

- 1) Purchasing Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) for Strasburg Police Department vehicles
- 2) Equipping every officer with a Taser and replacing the outdated Tasers owned by the Department
- 3) Allowing the Department to focus on its narcotic interdiction efforts, in order to combat the narcotics epidemic faced by the Town of Strasburg, by supplementing the Department's overtime budget to pay for targeted enforcement initiatives

Project Budget	DCJS Funds		Local Match	Total Requested
	Federal	State		
Personnel				
Consultants				
Travel				
Equipment		\$93,475		\$93,475
Supplies/Other		\$14,000		\$14,000
Indirect Costs				
Total Requested		\$107,475		\$107,475



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To Whom it May Concern,

I hereby authorize Wayne Sager, Chief of Police, to act as the Project Administrator as it relates to the DCJS Byrne JAG Grant application and program.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully,



Wyatt Pearson
Town Manager

BUDGET NARRATIVE

Budget Item 1: Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs)

In 2018, Strasburg Police Department finished the calendar year with over 8,000 incidents, ranging from Found Property and Assist Citizen incidents to Drug Overdose and Armed Robbery incidents. Not included in these statistics are regular inquiries made by officers, including DMV records requests and NCIC/VCIN warrant inquiries. Strasburg Police Department is on schedule to exceed that mark in 2019. Currently, due to the lack of MDTs, Strasburg Police Department relies on the Shenandoah County Emergency Communications Center (ECC) for literally every dispatch function, from start to finish, on every individual incident. The purpose of this grant application will be to allow for the addition of MDTs to each vehicle in the Strasburg Police Department fleet, which would greatly reduce the amount of communication needed between officers and ECC dispatchers to efficiently complete tasks at hand.

Cost Breakdown

Ten (10) Panasonic Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) and Mounting Brackets: \$43,075.30

(Individual Unit Cost \$4,307.53)

Budget Item 2: Axon/TASER CEWs

As law enforcement training has shifted in focus to de-escalation and alternate use of force options, the Axon/TASER Conducted Energy Weapon (CEW) has been brought front-and-center as one of the ultimate tools for subduing combative or resistant subjects. Currently, almost all of Strasburg Police Department's patrol officers are equipped with a TASER CEW. Unfortunately, however, all 13 of these are the X26 model. In 2014, TASER, which is now owned by Axon, announced that they were discontinuing the X26 from the sales lineup. All of the TASER CEWs owned by Strasburg Police Department are very quickly becoming obsolete. Strasburg Police Department has the best interest of the citizens of the Town of Strasburg, and of the officers of the Police Department, in mind. The purpose of this grant application will be to replace all of the TASERs, department-wide, with the newest model available. This will help to allow Strasburg Police Department officers to more safely gain control of combative subjects, potentially reducing the need of hands-on physical confrontation, and it will give officers another safe use-of-force option that could keep officers from relying on lethal force to achieve the goal of taking a violent suspect into custody.

Cost Breakdown

Fourteen (14) TASER 7 CEWs: \$50,400

(Individual Unit Cost \$3,600)

Budget Item 3: Law Enforcement Officer Overtime

Strasburg Police Department, in cooperation with the Northwest Virginia Regional Drug Task Force (NWVRDTF) has begun conducting Targeted Enforcement Assignments to combat the growing trend of drug possession and distribution in the Town of Strasburg. For these assignments, additional officers are brought in to conduct narcotics interdiction overtime assignments throughout the Town with great success. In June of 2019, during the most recent Targeted Enforcement Assignment, officers worked an eight-hour shift resulting in the following:

Arrests – 8 | Drugs Seized – Heroin (one gram), Methamphetamine (one gram), illicit prescription pills (30+) | Controlled Narcotics Purchases – 6 | Confidential Informants Cultivated – 1

Unfortunately, Strasburg Police Department lacks the necessary overtime budget to continue these assignments. The purpose of this grant application will be to supplement the overtime budget to facilitate hosting more of these Targeted Enforcement Assignments and continue combating the growing narcotics crime in the Town of Strasburg.

Cost Breakdown

Ten (10), Eight (8) Hour Assignments x 5 Officers Per Assignment = 400 Hours

400 Overtime Hours at Average Cost of \$35.00/hour: \$14,000

NEED STATEMENT

Strasburg Police Department is a full-service law enforcement agency in the Town of Strasburg, Virginia. Situated in the northern Shenandoah Valley, the Town of Strasburg has a population of approximately 6700 citizens, with a median household income of approximately \$56,744 (significantly less than the average median household income in Virginia, which is \$71,535). Approximately 11% of the Town of Strasburg's population fall below the poverty line.

While the Town is focused on growth and economic development, much like many small towns in Virginia, budgetary shortfalls have sometimes limited Strasburg Police Department's ability to efficiently serve the community. Despite that fact, through proactive policing and community cooperation, the Town of Strasburg has faithfully been included in the Safest Cities in Virginia lists since at least 2016. Utilizing Byrne/JAG funding, Strasburg Police Department seeks to increase its operating budget in the areas of equipment and overtime funding in order to provide a higher standard of police service to the citizens of the Town of Strasburg by addressing the following needs:

MDTs: Strasburg Police Department is currently the only law enforcement agency in Shenandoah County lacking Mobile Data Terminals in its police cars. Currently, Shenandoah County's Emergency Communications Center (ECC) is responsible for dispatching 6 Law Enforcement and Private Security agencies, approximately 15 Fire & Rescue agencies, and the Shenandoah County Fire Marshal's Office on top of fielding thousands of telephone calls from the citizens of Shenandoah County on a monthly basis. As is common with many public service agencies, the

Shenandoah County ECC is frequently short-staffed and over-worked. The amount of extra work performed by the ECC dispatchers is exasperated by Strasburg Police Department not having MDTs in each police car. Furthermore, the addition of MDTs to Strasburg Police Department's fleet will result in improved crime prevention and a strengthened level of trust between citizens and the Police Department, as officers will more frequently be seen throughout the community as opposed to sheltered at the Police Department headquarters completing reports and other paperwork.

TASERS: The need for TASERS was displayed by a Strasburg Police Department officer on May 10, 2015. Strasburg Police Officer E.M. Ramey responded to an address in Shenandoah County to assist the Shenandoah County Sheriff's Office with a call for service. A highly intoxicated man was causing a disturbance and, when law enforcement arrived, the man produced a knife and threatened law enforcement officers on more than one occasion with it. Fortunately for everyone involved, Officer Ramey was equipped with a TASER and was able to use it to help subdue the man, who was taken into custody without incident. There is no denying that a TASER potentially saved at least one life that day, just as there is no denying the importance of the TASER in modern-day policing. Because Strasburg Police Department's TASERS have become obsolete, there will be a need to purchase new TASERS in order to stay up-to-date on alternate use of force options to help facilitate safe outcomes like this one in the future.

LEO Overtime: The Town of Strasburg is situated at the interchange of Interstates 81 and 66 in northern Shenandoah County and falls into the Baltimore/Washington DC High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area (HIDTA). As such, in recent years, the Town of Strasburg has become inundated with drug crime ranging from simple possession and overdoses to trafficking quantities of narcotics. Additionally, overdoses resulting in death and injury are on the rise. As of August 3, 2019, there have already been 103 reported drug overdoses in the region. To help combat these issues, the Town of Strasburg has begun conducting Targeted Enforcement Assignments, which allow officers to focus specifically on taking narcotics off of the streets of the Town of Strasburg. Although the Targeted Enforcement Assignments have been successful, it is not feasible to continue to conduct them on a regular basis due to budgetary restrictions. Strasburg Police Department needs supplemental funds to its overtime budget in order to remedy this problem.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Through the allocation of Byrne/JAG funds, in partnership with the Virginia DCJS, Strasburg Police Department seeks to improve technology and safety equipment and combat the growing trend of drug crime in the Town of Strasburg. These needs will be addressed by: implementing a Mobile Data Terminal (MDT) program, through which each police vehicle will be equipped with an MDT for the first time in history; upgrading the Department's outdated TASER CEWs to allow for increased safety for officers and suspects alike; and funding overtime assignments for officers to specifically focus on narcotic and criminal interdiction throughout the Town of Strasburg. This much-needed grant funding will help bring Strasburg Police Department in line with 21st Century policing standards and will allow officers to more safely and efficiently serve the population of the Town of Strasburg on a daily basis.

ITEMIZED BUDGET

1. Personnel/Employees				DCJS FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
a. Name of Employees	Position Titles	Annual Salary Rate	Hours Devoted	FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
LEO OVERTIME	OFFICER	35	400		\$14,000			\$14,000
								\$0
								\$0
								\$0
								\$0
								\$0
TOTAL				\$0	\$14,000	\$0	\$0	\$14,000
b. Fringe Benefits								\$0
FICA % =								\$0
RETIREMENT =								\$0
OTHER (Itemize) =								\$0
TOTAL				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL PERSONNEL (A+B)				\$0	\$14,000	\$0	\$0	\$14,000

2. Consultants (including Travel and Subsistence)				DCJS FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
				FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
a. Individual Consultants								
Type								\$0
Hours Devoted:								\$0
TOTAL				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
b. Organizations and Associations								
Type:								\$0
Fee:								\$0
Time Devoted:								\$0
TOTAL				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
c. Consultants' Subsistence and Travel								
Number of Days:								\$0
Rate/Day:								\$0
TOTAL				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
TOTAL CONSULTANTS (a+b+c)				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

3. Travel and Subsistence for Project Personnel				DCJS FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
				FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
a.	Local Milage = No. of Miles X Rate Per mile	X						\$0
b.	Non Local Milage = No. of Miles X Rate Per mile	X						\$0
c.	Subsistence = number of days X rate per day	X						\$0
d.	Air or other fares							\$0
TOTAL TRAVEL:				\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

ITEMIZED BUDGET Continued

4. Equipment				DCJS FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
Type	Quantity	Unit Price	Purchase or Rental	FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
X7 TASER, AXON	14	3600	PURCHASE		\$50,400			\$50,400
MDT, PANASONIC	10	4307.53	PURCHASE		\$43,075			\$43,075
								\$0
TOTAL EQUIPMENT:				\$0	\$93,475	\$0	\$0	\$93,475

5. Supplies and Other Expenses			DCJS FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
Type	Quantity	Price	FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
							\$0
TOTAL SUPPLES AND OTHER:			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

6. Indirect Cost			DCJS FUNDS		APPLICANT MATCH		TOTAL
			FEDERAL	STATE	CASH	IN-KIND	
							\$0
TOTAL INDIRECT COST:			\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

GRAND TOTAL:	\$0	\$107,475	\$0	\$0	\$107,475
7. Cash Funds					
Cash funds from sources other than grant program supporting this project- (itemize).					
Do not add to requested Project Budget Summary accounts.)					
TOTAL:					