

2021 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION

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PROJECT TITLE:

Hollywood Police Department Technology Initiative

GOALS:

Reduce violent and property crimes through the continued application of technology to provide and gather real time intelligence for use by detectives and officers in the field.

OBJECTIVES:

1. Expedite the apprehension of violent offenders.
2. Recovery of vehicles reported stolen.
3. Rapid dissemination of information to officers/detectives in the field by sharing criminal intelligence, photos, tag and felonious vehicle information in real time.
4. Increase effectiveness and efficiency of officers/detectives in the field.
5. Promote Traffic Safety

PROJECT IDENTIFIERS: must identify at least 3 no more than 10

Top Five 2021 JAG Project Identifiers:

1. Mobile ALPR: Two Camera Speed Trailer System
2. Computer Hardware/Software
3. Criminal Intelligence Information Systems
4. Case Management Software
5. Geo-mapping/Data Sharing/Linkage

PROJECT ABSTRACT:

The City of Hollywood has made a substantial effort to increase technology driven public safety efforts. As such, the Hollywood Police Department has utilized prior year BYRNE - JAG grant funding to increase the Department's technological capabilities in the field which has led to substantial reductions to a variety of Uniform Crime Reporting Part 1 crimes. In continuing with this focus, the Hollywood Police Department is requesting the use of its 2021 BYRNE - Justice Assistance Grant funds distributed via the Broward County Sheriff's Office to purchase law enforcement technology in the amount of \$29,917.56. The Department will utilize this grant funding to purchase a Vigilant Two Camera Mobile ALPR Speed Trailer system to be deployed in the field. While this funding globally enhances a number of the Department's technology driven efforts, it will substantially aid the Domestic Violence, Violent Offender and Auto Theft Programs by providing real time data to officers and detectives in the field. Additionally, the grant funded technology may be utilized by crime analysts to input suspect or crime information developed through data analytics to create geo-fencing opportunities within identified geographical locations.

PROGRAM NARRATIVE: include the following information:

Description of the Issues

During previous JAG grant cycles, the Department utilized this funding source to establish technology programs which allow officers/detectives to remotely access information and reporting systems from the field thereby increasing their effectiveness and efficiency while conducting criminal investigations, criminal intelligence gathering and case management. The Department utilizes data-driven proactive policing strategies which emphasize offender intervention along with crime and disorder hot spot intervention to effectively deploy its resources to address crime trends and community concerns. In recent years, the Department has expanded these technology initiatives to include video surveillance and fixed mount license plate reader platforms to further enhance its efforts in addressing violent crime/domestic offenders.

Project Design and Implementation

The City of Hollywood Police Department utilizes its technology program to address intelligence led and problem solving initiatives within the communities we serve. Although the Department's Crime Analysts utilize geospatial and temporal data analytics to effectively allow the Department to practice predictive policing while addressing the majority of Uniform Crime Reporting Part 1 crimes, the Department also utilizes feedback obtained through interactions within the community with both residents and business owners. Often these two methods become intertwined as *hot spots* identified through technology can be overlaid in areas where concerns have been raised by our community. However, shortages in both personnel and budgetary resources often make addressing these concerns problematic. The addition of the technology platforms are therefore utilized as a force multiplier in many areas as they continuously gather and report criminal information, while deterring crime, without the need for additional personnel to be deployed. In continuing with this

focus on technology, the Hollywood Police Department is requesting to apply its 2021 BYRNE - Justice Assistance Grant funds distributed via the Broward County Sheriff's Office towards the purchase law enforcement technology in the amount of \$29,917.56. The balance of the funding required to complete the project will be funded by the City of Hollywood which it has also done in previous grant cycles. The City of Hollywood has previously utilized grant and law enforcement trust funding to substantially enhance its technology initiatives.

The Department will utilize 2021 JAG grant funding to purchase a Vigilant Two Camera Mobile ALPR Speed Trailer system to be deployed in the field. The Department will deploy the mobile speed trailer/LPR camera system to capture all vehicular traffic entering the City of Hollywood via one of its major roadways and reinforce speed limits to drivers. The mobile ALPR speed trailer system will then provide real time criminal information data to officers/detectives in the area through mobile technology platforms. In addition, criminal investigative information regarding suspect, wanted or felonious vehicles may be uploaded to the LPR system to detect and notify officers/detectives of the vehicle's presence in the area. In addition, this technology has also been used to conduct traffic safety operations targeting drivers with suspended licenses and uninsured motorists. The mobile speed trailer/LPR system will be used in conjunction with other mobile technology purchased through previous BRYNE JAG grant cycles. The Department's CCTV Unit is tasked with monitoring mobile technology platforms such as the license plate reader and closed circuit television programs, and will therefore oversee the implementation of this grant purchase. The CCTV Unit will also capture analytical data once the system is installed.

As the City of Hollywood Police Department has migrated from the Uniform Crime Reporting format to the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS) during 2021, the NIBRS 3% set-aside in the amount of \$1,031.64 will be utilized to provide NIBRS training to key agency personnel who will be responsible for NIBRS compliance.

Capabilities and Competencies

While the City of Hollywood Police Department is heavily invested in its youth programming, and frequently works closely with many agencies that deal in juvenile justice matters, this particular technology initiative is not geared specifically towards juvenile offenders. However, as data begins to be gathered, should a correlation between violent crime and youthful offenders be realized the Department would contact the appropriate agencies.

Plan for Collecting the Data Required for Performance Measures

As previously mentioned, the Department's Crime Analysts utilize data analytics to effectively allow the Department to practice predictive policing while addressing the majority of Uniform Crime Reporting Part 1 crimes. Over the last several years, the City of Hollywood has significantly invested in its technology initiatives as a focus in addressing crime. As a result, the City of Hollywood realized an overall reduction of 2% in Part 1 crime for 2019. In 2020, the Department saw an additional reduction of 16% in UCR Part 1 crime overall. However, despite these successes, the Department once again saw an increase in motor vehicle thefts. Additionally, in analyzing crime trends, the Department established a correlation between domestic violence offenders and other violent crime which led to the implementation of the Department's Offender Based Domestic

Violence Reduction Initiative during 2015. After the implementation of the initiative, the Department partnered with Florida International University to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. The initial findings, published in a national publication, were that the program appeared to be effective as incidents of domestic violence had been reduced. A longer term study is currently also being conducted by Florida International University. However, due to the initial findings, in 2017 the program was expanded to adapt the offender based approach to all violent offenders identified within the City of Hollywood. Therefore, the Department expects to see continued correlations between reductions in crime and the expansion of its technology initiative.

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We are not high risk status.

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The agency is not involved in lobbying.

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None

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The Department continually posts information about the use DOJ JAG funding on its website. The information is posted directly below the Chief's message and provides a link to current Byrne JAG initiatives. Due to the timing of the application, the item is in the process of being placed on the agenda for an upcoming City of Hollywood, City Commission meeting which will be a public forum. Once the item is approved, the 2021 Byrne JAG information will be uploaded as well.