

Program Narrative
City of Bridgeport
Cameras and Equipment
FY23 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program

Description of the Issue

The City of Bridgeport is seeking a four-year grant of \$164,024 from the FY23 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program to fund costs associated with supporting and improving law enforcement response in Bridgeport, Connecticut. JAG funds will be used to purchase JAG approved equipment

The City of Bridgeport is the most populous and one of the most impoverished and densely populated cities in the state. Approximately 23% of Bridgeport residents live below the poverty line. The majority of residents 42% identify as Hispanic/Latino, 34% as Black/African American; 19% as White (non-Hispanic); 3% as Asian; and the remaining 2% into another category. Bridgeport is also one of the most violent cities in the state. A 2014 report from the Congressional Quarterly, based on FBI Uniform Crime Reporting Data, ranked crime in Bridgeport sixth highest in a national list of 252 cities of comparable size (100,000-499,000 residents). With approximately 145,000 residents living within Bridgeport's 15.97 square miles, its dense population means that violence and crime affects the lives of nearly every resident of the city.

The City of Bridgeport Police Department (BPD) is committed to improving its ability to protect its residents, visitors, and its police officers. For this reason, the City is seeking funding to purchase Electronic Control Devices (Tasers) for the 35 newly hired police officers.

Project Design and Implementation

The City of Bridgeport's Police Departments Training Division has had a successful Taser program for the past 17 years. Officers are required to successfully complete training on the functionality of the ECD and the Departments policy on it's use prior to issuance of the ECD. Each new training officer prior to becoming a certified Bridgeport Police Officer will receive the initial aforementioned training and upon successful completion will be issued the ECD. In addition, a mandatory annual re-certification training must be successfully completed to be authorized to carry the ECD each year.

The purchase of 35 ECD's will provide an additional tool for the officers to de-escalate dangerous situations which have the potential to escalate rapidly into a deadly physical force. The ECD has proven to subdue violent individuals, minimize the risk of physical injury to the officer and the subject and de-escalate situations that would have escalated in a violent confrontation.

The BPD will follow the City of Bridgeport procurement policies, which require that the Department undergo a formal competitive bidding process for all purchases above a \$25,000 threshold. The Department will work with the City of Bridgeport's City Attorney's Office and Purchasing Department to begin the formal bidding process upon notification of grant award.

Capabilities and Competencies

The Bridgeport Police Department's Training Division has a State Certified Electronic Control Device Program, a certified BPD policy as it relates to the ECD program. The Bridgeport Training Academy has certified hundreds of officers over the past 17 years, in which it has shown to be an asset in minimizing injuries to both officers and violent combative subjects. Given the extensive training provided that is required in order to be issued the ECD, the officers have the skills and knowledge to safely utilize the ECD not only to be effective but to minimize injuries and to de-escalate situations.

Plan for Collecting Data Required for Performance Measures

The BPD is committed to providing performance measurement data and information to the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Department will assign a staff member to oversee the data collection and analysis process and will evaluate program impact using BJA's accountability measures. The BPD per department policy is required after deploying an ECD to immediately notify their respective Supervisor, attain medical attention for the subject, document the incident which will be reviewed and investigation by the Supervisor, in addition, a copy of the Use of Force will be submitted to the State of Connecticut Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division for their review.

PUBLIC COMMENT OPPORTUNITY

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2023 Local Solicitation Application

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

PUBLIC COMMENT START DATE: August 16, 2023

END DATE: August 21, 2023

The requirements for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY 2023 Local Solicitation indicate that an applicant agency make its grant application available for review to the public. The City is making the application available to the public for consideration and comment, which will fulfill the requirement.

All comments must be submitted on the attached form; hard copy only, no emails will be accepted. Written comments must include the name and address of the person submitting the form.

All written comments must be delivered to Angelica Ojeda, OPM Analyst, Central Grants Office, Margaret E. Morton Government Center, 999 Broad Street, no later than August 21, 2022, at 4:30 PM.

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Name:

Address:

Please enter your comments below (use as many pages as required):

Budget Detail - Year 1

Does this budget contain conference costs which is defined broadly to include meetings, retreats, seminars, symposia, and training activities? - Y/N
[\(DOJ Financial Guide, Section 3.10\)](#)

A. Personnel

Name <i>List each name, if known.</i>	Position <i>List each position, if known.</i>	Computation <i>Show annual salary rate & amount of time devoted to the project for each name/position.</i>						
		Salary	Rate	Time Worked <i>(# of hours, days, months, years)</i>	Percentage of Time	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
						\$0		\$0
Total(s)						\$0	\$0	\$0

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B. Fringe Benefits						
Name		Computation				
<i>List each grant-supported position receiving fringe benefits.</i>		<i>Show the basis for computation.</i>				
		Base	Rate	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
				\$0		\$0
Total(s)				\$0	\$0	\$0
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C. Travel										
Purpose of Travel	Location	Type of Expense	Basis	Computation						
<i>Indicate the purpose of each trip or type of trip (training, advisory group meeting)</i>	<i>Indicate the travel destination.</i>	<i>Lodging, Meals, Etc.</i>	<i>Per day, mile, trip, Etc.</i>	<i>Compute the cost of each type of expense X the number of people traveling.</i>						
				Cost	Quantity	# of Staff	# of Trips	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
			N/A					\$0		\$0
Total(s)								\$0	\$0	\$0
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D. Equipment					
Item	Computation				
<i>List and describe each item of equipment that will be purchased</i>	<i>Compute the cost (e.g., the number of each item to be purchased X the cost per item)</i>				
	# of Items	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
Electronic Control Device (Taser)	35	\$4,686.40	\$164,024		\$164,024
Total(s)			\$164,024	\$0	\$164,024
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<p>The purchase of 35 ECD's will provide an additional tool for the officers to de-escalate dangerous situations which have the potential to escalate rapidly into a deadly physical force situation, the ECD could provide a non-deadly force alternative. (Total Cost \$164,024.00)</p>					

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E. Supplies						
Supply Items <i>Provide a list of the types of items to be purchased with grant funds.</i>		Computation <i>Describe the item and the compute the costs. Computation: The number of each item to be purchased X the cost per item.</i>				
		# of Items	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
			<i>Total(s)</i>	\$0	\$0	\$0
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F. Construction						
Purpose <i>Provide the purpose of the construction</i>	Description of Work <i>Describe the construction project(s)</i>	Computation <i>Compute the costs (e.g., the number of each item to be purchased X the cost per item)</i>				
		# of Items	Cost	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
				\$0		\$0
Total(s)				\$0	\$0	\$0
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G. Subawards (Subgrants)								
Description <i>Provide a description of the activities to be carried out by subrecipients.</i>		Purpose <i>Describe the purpose of the subaward (subgrant)</i>		Consultant? <i>Is the subaward for a consultant? If yes, use the section below to explain associated travel expenses included in the cost.</i>				
				Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request		
						\$0		
Total(s)				\$0	\$0	\$0		
Consultant Travel (if necessary)								
Purpose of Travel <i>Indicate the purpose of each trip or type of trip (training, advisory group meeting)</i>	Location <i>Indicate the travel destination.</i>	Type of Expense <i>Hotel, airfare, per diem</i>	Computation <i>Compute the cost of each type of expense X the number of people traveling.</i>					
			Cost	Duration or Distance	# of Staff	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
						\$0		\$0
			Total			\$0	\$0	\$0
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H. Procurement Contracts								
Description		Purpose		Consultant?				

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<p><i>Provide a description of the products or services to be procured by contract and an estimate of the costs. Applicants are encouraged to promote free and open competition in awarding contracts. A separate justification must be provided for sole source procurements in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently \$150,000).</i></p>		<p><i>Describe the purpose of the contract</i></p>		<p><i>Is the subaward for a consultant? If yes, use the section below to explain associated travel expenses included in the cost.</i></p>							
							Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request		
									\$0		
Total(s)							\$0	\$0	\$0		
Consultant Travel (if necessary)											
Purpose of Travel		Location		Type of Expense		Computation					
<i>Indicate the purpose of each trip or type of trip (training, advisory group meeting)</i>		<i>Indicate the travel destination.</i>		<i>Hotel, airfare, per diem</i>		<i>Compute the cost of each type of expense X the number of people traveling.</i>					
						Cost	Duration or Distance	# of Staff	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
									\$0		\$0
Total							\$0	\$0	\$0		
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I. Other Costs											
Description					Computation						

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List and describe items that will be paid with grants funds (e.g. rent, reproduction, telephone, janitorial, or security services, and investigative or confidential funds).	Show the basis for computation						
	Quantity	Basis	Cost	Length of Time	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
					\$0		\$0
<i>Total(s)</i>					\$0	\$0	\$0
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J. Indirect Costs						
Description <i>Describe what the approved rate is and how it is applied.</i>		Computation <i>Compute the indirect costs for those portions of the program which allow such costs.</i>				
		<i>Base</i>	<i>Indirect Cost Rate</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Non-Federal Contribution</i>	<i>Federal Request</i>
				\$0		\$0
<i>Total(s)</i>				\$0	\$0	\$0
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