

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION  
Date: May 16, 2013**

**SUBJECT:** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2013 Local Solicitation

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

**PREPARED BY:** Laura Valenzuela, Command Staff Assistant, on behalf of Interim Chief Edelstein

**AGENDA LOCATION:** Comments/Communications , Consent , Work/Study ,  
New Business , Public Hearing , Second Reading

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**ATTACHMENTS:** a) Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2013 Local Solicitation

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**SUMMARY/BACKGROUND:** The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is currently seeking applications for funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY 2013 Local Program. The Byrne/JAG Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multi-jurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment and justice information sharing initiatives. 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, processes and procedures.

Applicants for the Byrne JAG Local Program are limited to units of local government appearing on the FY2013 JAG Allocations List. The procedure for allocating JAG funds is a formula based on population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure each state and territory receives an appropriate share. Funds are then distributed 60/40 between state and local recipients.

Through this program, the Town of Prescott Valley was allocated and is eligible to apply for \$1.00 in JAG funds. These funds may be used for local initiatives, technical assistance, strategic planning, research and evaluation, data collection, training, personnel, equipment, forensic laboratories, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems that will improve or enhance such areas as law enforcement programs; prosecution and court programs; prevention and education programs; corrections and community corrections programs; drug treatment and enforcement programs; planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs; and crime victim and witness programs.

The Prescott Valley Police Department is interested in submitting a proposal to utilize the allocated funds for enhancement of the Department's: Criminal Investigations Section (CIS), Crisis Hostage Negotiations Team (CHNT) and Mobile Data Computer (MDC) security access. Unlike the rest of our sworn personnel, CIS currently has no mobile computing ability. We would purchase several I pads that would enable our Detectives to capture evidence, transcribe and conduct mobile data access at crime scenes and other locations. Our CHNT responds to between six and twenty critical incidents each year and thankfully resolves most of those incidents without additional use of force by our personnel. The team responds to these scenes and utilizes an equipment truck in its communications with SWAT, Command and the subject(s) of negotiations. Currently the team needs a new generator, chairs and a white board to maintain and improve operations. Our mobile data computers that access local, state and federal

databases require a secure access system to authenticate each user as they sign onto the system. This funding is required to purchase new Pulse Token Authentication Systems for each personnel who require access to these computers.

As part of the application requirements, the department is seeking support from the Council for the submittal of a proposal based on the focus area listed above for a total project amount and allocated funding award of \$1.00.

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**OPTIONS ANALYSIS:** Council may either approve the submittal of an application to the U.S. Department of Justice under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY2013 Local Program or decline to approve the submittal of a grant application.

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**ACTION OPTION:** Motion to approve the submittal of an application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY2013 Local Program **OR** motion to decline the submittal of a grant application. **VOTE.**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends approving the submittal of a grant application.

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS:** There is no fiscal impact to the Town. This grant is fully reimbursable through the Department of Justice if awarded for the outlined purpose areas.

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**REVIEWED BY:**

Management Services Director \_\_\_\_\_

Town Clerk \_\_\_\_\_

Town Attorney \_\_\_\_\_

Town Manager \_\_\_\_\_

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**COUNCIL ACTION:**

Approved  Denied  Tabled/Deferred  Assigned to \_\_\_\_\_