

**TOWN OF PRESCOTT VALLEY  
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

**Date: May 27, 2010**

**SUBJECT:** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2010 Local Solicitation

**SUBMITTING DEPARTMENT:** Police Department

**PREPARED BY:** Candace Manibusan, Administrative Supervisor, on behalf of Chief Jim Maxson

**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 FY2010 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 2010 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 FY2010 JAG Allocations List. The JAG Program allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. The procedure for allocating JAG funds is a formula based on population and 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 \$23,363 in JAG funds. These funds may be used for local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice and criminal justice related research and evaluation activities that will improve or enhance law enforcement programs. The Prescott Valley Police Department is interested in submitting a proposal to receive approximately five (5) eCitation units for use by patrol officers. The department currently has four (4) units in operation which have proven to significantly increase the efficiency of issuing traffic citations.

Awards are made in the first fiscal year of the appropriation and may be expended during the following three years, for a total of four years. While match is not required with the JAG Program, match is an effective strategy for units of local government to expand justice funds and build buy-in for local criminal justice initiatives.

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 no greater than the allocated funding award of \$23,363.

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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) FY2010 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) FY2010 Local Program. **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.

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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 \_\_\_\_\_