

Joint Application for Washoe County Law Enforcement Agencies
JAG 2022 Formula Program - Opportunity# O-BJA-2022-171368

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Applicants: City of Reno Police Department, City of Sparks Police Department and Washoe County Sheriff

Grant Title: Joint Application of Washoe County Law Enforcement Agencies for the 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation CDFA #16.738

FY 2022 Eligible Joint Allocation: \$ 201,762

Funds allocation per Interlocal Agreement:

Reno Police -	\$ 80,704.80
Sparks Police -	\$ 40,352.40
Washoe County Sheriff -	\$ 80,704.80

Funding Category: Category 2

Fiscal Agent: Reno Police Department

Grant Term: October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2025

DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUE

Law enforcement personnel, training, equipment and supplies are expensive and often exceed available resources of local agencies. The participating agencies will use the formula JAG funding to enhance their agencies operations and build regional capacity through targeted purchases not able to be supported through the annual agency budgets. The subgrant award process is documented via an interlocal agreement between the agencies and all grant funds will be expended only within the authorized grant funding period.

PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

Reno Police Department, Sparks Police Department and Washoe County Sheriff's Department cooperate regionally to provide a high level of policing services. This cooperation includes participation in regional enforcement efforts, including a Regional Gang Unit (RGU), Regional Narcotics Unit (RGU), Northern Nevada Regional Intelligence Center (NNRIC), and the Human Trafficking and Exploitation Unit (HEAT).

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This funding will be used by the stake holding agencies to support operations, training, equipment and other needs not supported by general funds, and gaps left by other grant funds. All three granting agencies will be bringing the submitted application and the interlocal agreement to their governing bodies for review, with the opportunity for public comment.

Reno Police Department Project Objectives:

Training:

RPD is requesting \$19,759.80 in training and travel funds to provide credible, advanced and specialized training and travel opportunities for Reno Police Department personnel to enable them to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to serve the public with competence, empathy and safety. These training funds are vital to ensure RPD keeps current with best practices in law enforcement, and to train both civilian and sworn staff entering new positions.

Supplies/Operating Costs:

RPD is requesting \$22,500 to purchase 45 preliminary breath tests (PBT), comparable to the Drager Alcotest 5820. These units will represent both a significant technological upgrade to RPD's current testing devices, and an expansion of the number of units available in the field.

RPD is requesting \$30,375 to purchase 75 plate carriers with rifle-rated plates to protect the lives of its officers. RPD will purchase plates with discrete carriers that will provide ballistic protection from rifle rounds, while maintaining a traditional, non-military police appearance. The plates will be NIJ 010.06 Level III PE Rifle plates. This is the next phase of a multi-year project to provide this level of protection to sworn personnel. The first phase of this project, the purchase of 105 plate carriers, was completed with JAG 2020 direct funds.

Administrative costs:

RPD is requesting \$8,070 to support project administration. This is consistent with a 10% *de minimus* indirect cost calculation.

Sparks Police Department Project Objectives:

Training:

The Sparks Police Department is requesting \$9,950 Sparks PD to support the partial cost of sending one executive to the Senior Management Institute for Police (SMIP),

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offered by the Police Executive Research Form (PERF). SMIP provides senior police executives with intensive training in the latest management concepts and practices used in business and government. It also features discussions of the most challenging issues facing law enforcement executives today.

Supplies /Operating:

Sparks PD is requesting to use \$30,402.40 to support the cost of a data sharing and crime analytics platform comparable to COPLINK X. These funds will support a software solution for centralizing data from many disparate sources, providing tactical, strategic and command-level access to vast quantities of data. This technology will allow SPD to provide analytics and visualization tools enable patrol, analysts, investigators, and command staff to glean actionable insights in real-time that help to deploy resources effectively and reduce crime.

Washoe County Sheriff's Office Project Objectives:

Travel and Training:

WCSO is requesting \$45,704.80 to support training and travel opportunities for WCSO personnel and volunteers. These funds will be used to support travel by the honor guard, training for peer support team and on mental health resources for law enforcement. In addition, these funds will also be used support training for WCSO volunteers and personnel to enable them to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to better serve the public with competence, empathy and safety.

Supplies/Operating Costs:

Washoe County is also requesting \$35,000 to assist with the supply and operating costs for special teams and initiatives in the Sheriff's Office. These teams include the Honor Guard, Peer Support Volunteer Unit, Diversity/Inclusion Unit, Women in Law Enforcement, Law Enforcement Volunteers, and the Community Engagement Office for Public Awareness and Community Outreach Initiatives.

CAPABILITIES AND COMPETENCIES

The Reno Police Department will be the fiscal agent for this grant and has been for many previous JAG grants. The staff in charge of this responsibility take great care in grant management by ensuring each grant is assigned a unique and trackable project code within the New World Financial system so none of the expenses or funds are co-mingled in any way.

PLAN FOR COLLECTING REQUIRED DATA

All three partner organizations are committed to the implementation of this project,

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including the provision necessary performance reports. The Reno Police Department will coordinate collection and submission of all Performance Management Tool (PMT) reports in a timely manner, and their biannual posting through JustGrants.