

U S Department of Justice

Edward Byrne Memorial

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Application and Proposal

FY 2012 Local Solicitation

\$35,659

“Tools to Upgrade Capabilities”

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The West Jordan Police Department is in the process of making application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) FY 2012 Program Local Solicitation. If awarded the police department would receive \$35,659 to be used to purchase various items of police equipment. This equipment is mainly for our Patrol Division in order to improve our capabilities, and create more efficiency in documenting chemical related traffic violations (DUI). The firearm equipment will complete our need to outfit the remained of our Patrol Division with the tools needed to confront armed suspects during the commission of violent crimes. This equipment will not only allow us to protect our residents more effectively, but will provide better protection for our police officers as well. Our goal is to improve the level of protection we provide, and enhance our ability to collect information for prosecution in a shorter amount of time.

The grant requires a 30-day period for the governing body and the public to review of the proposed application, which includes the proposed purchases by the police department. A list of the equipment is provided herein.

**FY 2012 BJA Justice Assistance Grant
Abstract**

NAME: West Jordan City, Application # 2012-H2824-UT-DJ

TITLE OF PROJECT: Tools to Upgrade Capabilities

GOALS OF PROJECT: The West Jordan Police Department stresses the importance of using modern technology and equipment to increase the efficiency, effectiveness, and safety of our police officers.

DESCRIPTION OF STRATEGIES: The City of West Jordan Police Department is in need of financial assistance through the 2012 JAG grant for supplies and equipment that will help us improve our capabilities as a law enforcement agency. This equipment is mainly for our Patrol Division in order to improve our capabilities, and create more efficiency in documenting chemical related traffic violations (DUI). The firearm equipment will complete our need to outfit the remainder of our Patrol Division with the tools needed to confront armed suspects during the commission of violent crimes. This equipment will not only allow us to protect our residents more effectively, but will provide better protection for our police officers as well. Our goal is to improve the level of protection we provide, and enhance our ability to collect information for prosecution in a shorter amount of time.

PROJECT IDENTIFIERS: Firearms
Officer Safety
Alcohol
Prosecution
System Improvements

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The West Jordan Police Department stresses the importance of using modern technology and equipment to increase the efficiency, effectiveness, and safety of our police officers. We are in need of funding from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), in order to purchase the following pieces of equipment that we would not otherwise be able to obtain:

1. FATPOT DUI Citation and Reporting Software

In the State of Utah, arrest and prosecution of offenders found under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other chemicals (DUI) is a hotly contested area of criminal law since the cost and penalties to convicted offenders is very high. As a result, arrest procedures and documentation of this misdemeanor offense can take longer for police officers to handle than many felony offenses. Proper documentation of incidents is critical in order to gain a conviction. It has become difficult in recent years to reconcile the need for speedy reporting/processing of offenders with the need for accurate and complete documentation. We have found through demonstration that the FATPOT DUI Citation and Reporting software (which is an addition to our current FATPOT system) is a fast, effective tool to address our needs. This system is a single source for all of our documentation needs that will allow for speedy, complete documentation that may be uploaded to our existing RMS system for storage.

<u>Items to be purchased</u>	<u>Cost for each item</u>	<u>Total</u>
(61) Seat Licenses for FATPOT DUI software - \$120.00 each		\$7,320

2. AR 15 Patrol Rifles with sights and cases.

It has been a long term goal of our police department to equip all of our patrol officers with patrol rifles. Even with our long term efforts in this area, we have only been able to equip 2/3 of our Patrol Division, which leaves a significant hole in coverage. We are in need of completing our issuance of rifles to all Patrol officers.

Rifles have many advantages over the traditional shotguns and handguns. Rifles are more far more accurate and increase the range at which officers can engage a threat up to 550 meters. They are smaller and easier to carry than shotguns, and have high ammunition capacities. Furthermore, our female officers and smaller statured male officers find them much easier to operate and fire than shotguns (which carry a punishing recoil). They have more stopping power than handguns and can defeat most body armor. Rifles have high capacity magazines that carry 20 or 30 rounds, which can allow officers to fire more rounds without reloading.

In order for an officer to be able to carry a rifle he or she must attend 20 hours of instruction and training in the use of the firearm. This course requires the use of training ammunition. When training is complete, police officers must be issued duty ammunition for their regular course of duty.

<u>Items to be purchased</u>	<u>Cost for each item</u>	<u>Total</u>
(20) AR 15 Patrol Rifles with sights and cases - \$1200 each		\$24,000
(1) Duty ammunition for AR15 .223 per case	\$ 333	\$ 333
(4) Training Ammunition for AR 15 .223 per case	\$ 190	\$ 760
Total		\$25,093

3. Field Incident Command Vest Kits

Our police department adheres closely to the NIMS system and uses the national Incident Command System (ICS) on incidents of any significant size. We have also incorporated the ICS system into our major crime scene investigations. We are in need of several sets of Field Incident Command vest kits that can be issued to our field commanders for use during incidents in order to easily identify who is on a scene. We would also like to stage a kit in our mobile command post. These kits will help us improve our command system and create increased effectiveness and safety for all involved.

<u>Items to be purchased</u>	<u>Cost for each item</u>	<u>Total</u>
(9) Field Incident Command Vest Kits – \$380.00 each		\$3,420

Budget Narrative

West Jordan Police Department

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It is the goal of the department to purchase the following equipment as soon as possible after the grant is approved. Most of the purchases will be used to help us increase our capabilities to effectively confront armed suspects who commit violent crimes. Other purchases will help us improve our effectiveness during larger incidents, and technology that will help our officers to handle DUI incidents quicker and more effectively so that they may be enabled to spend more time on the streets of our community.

Total Grant Funding: \$35,659

Proposed Equipment Purchases

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| 1. (61) Software seat licenses for FATPOT DUI Citation and Reporting Software (\$120.00 each) | = \$ 7,320.00 |
| 2. (20) AR 15 Patrol Rifles with sights and Cases (\$1200 each) | = \$24,000.00 |
| 3. (1) Duty ammunition for AR15 .223 (\$333.00 each) | = \$ 333.00 |
| 4. (4) Training Ammunition for AR 15 .223 (\$190 each) | = \$ 760.00 |
| 5. (9) Field Incident Command Vest Kits (\$380.00 each) | = \$ 3,420.00 |

Total Cost: \$ 35,833.00

Project Summary

West Jordan Police Department

Tools to Upgrade Capabilities

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There are two major areas and one minor area we wish to address with this grant:

1. Speedy reporting and documentation of DUI incidents
2. Increased capability to respond to violent crimes and confront violent offenders
3. Equipment for our Incident Command system

REPORTING AND DOCUMENTATION OF DUI INCIDENTS

In the State of Utah, arrest and prosecution of offenders convicted of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol, drugs, or other chemicals (DUI) is a hotly contested area of criminal law since the cost and penalties to convicted offenders is very high. As a result, arrest procedures and documentation of this misdemeanor offense can take longer for police officers to handle than many felony offenses. Proper documentation of incidents is critical in order to gain a conviction. It has become difficult in recent years to reconcile the need for speedy reporting/processing of offenders with the need for accurate and complete documentation. We have found through demonstration that the FATPOT DUI Citation and Reporting software (which is an addition to our current FATPOT system) is a fast, effective tool to address our needs. This system is a single source for all of our documentation needs that will allow for speedy, complete documentation that may be uploaded to our existing RMS system for storage.

INCREASED CAPABILITY TO RESPONSE TO VIOLENT CRIMES

There is a distinct need for police officers to be properly armed and capable of responding to any threat that presents itself. Furthermore, police officers must be able to effectively address these threats in a manner that is more refined in nature and at a safe distance. Patrol rifles offer these capabilities and resources to police officers.

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EQUIPMENT FOR INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM

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Review Narrative

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The West Jordan Police Department is in the process of making our JAG application available for review by our governing body and we requesting a public hearing be held on receiving and expending 2012 JAG funds. A public hearing was not possible prior to this application, but is in process to be completed. We request an opportunity to submit verification of the public hearing, etcetera, to your office in the near future following submission of this application.