



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

City of Greenville, South Carolina

Agenda Item No.

16a

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
FROM: John F. McDonough, City Manager

Ordinance/First Reading
 Ordinance/Second & Final Reading
 Resolution/First & Final Reading
 Information Only

AGENDA DATE REQUESTED: August 8, 2022

ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION CAPTION:

RESOLUTION TO DOCUMENT THE REQUIRED GOVERNING BODY REVIEW OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE'S SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

SUMMARY BACKGROUND:

This Resolution authorizes the City Manager to apply for a FY2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Local Solicitation) program award from the Department of Justice (DOJ) to purchase a new traffic reconstruction collision data recorder (CDR) for the Greenville Police Department's Traffic Unit.

IMPACT IF DENIED:

The City will not apply for the formula allocation grant award in the amount of \$34,357.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None.

REQUIRED SIGNATURES

Department Director

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OMB Director

City Manager

A RESOLUTION

TO DOCUMENT THE REQUIRED GOVERNING BODY REVIEW OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE’S SUBMISSION OF A GRANT APPLICATION TO THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Justice Assistance is accepting applications in response to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 Local Solicitation; and

WHEREAS, the city of Greenville (the “City”) is requesting, by way of the application packet attached hereto as Exhibit A, the FY2022 Byrne JAG formula allocation in the amount of \$34,357 be used to purchase a new traffic reconstruction collision data recorder (CDR) for the Police Department’s Traffic Unit; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Bureau of Justice Assistance solicitation would assist the Traffic Unit with efficiently investigating vehicles collisions; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Department of Justice requires certification from the City Manager of compliance with 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a)(5) for acceptance of said grant on the form attached hereto as Exhibit B; and

WHEREAS, submitting an application in response to the aforementioned solicitation requires review and support from the City’s governing body; and

WHEREAS, the grant program narrative is posted on the City of Greenville Police Department webpage;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GREENVILLE, SOUTH CAROLINA, that City Council has completed the required Governing Body Review of the City of Greenville’s application and supports the proposed project; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Manager is authorized to execute the FY2022 Certification of Compliance with 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a)(5) form in conjunction therewith.

RESOLVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

MAYOR

Attest:

CITY CLERK

EXHIBIT A

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**FY 2022 Local Solicitation****Program Narrative for Category 2 - Eligible Allocation Amounts of \$25,000 or More****A) Description of the Issue**

The City of Greenville, South Carolina is a city of roughly twenty-nine square miles with a population of approximately 70,720. The city is located within the county of Greenville, which comprises 795 square miles and has a population of approximately 520,000. It is the most populous county in the state of South Carolina. The Greenville Police Department (GPD) has been nationally accredited by the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) since March of 1995 and provides a variety of public safety services, including mobile patrol, crime prevention, crime investigations, warrant details, and traffic enforcement for the City of Greenville.

In 2021, the Greenville Police Department investigated 5,601 vehicle collisions within the city. Of this total, GPD's Traffic Reconstruction Unit investigated ten fatal collisions and 27 non-fatal collisions that resulted in serious injuries. To date in 2022, the Greenville Police Department has investigated 2,838 collisions (four of which were fatal and 11 of which were non-fatal collisions yielding serious injuries). This data strongly suggests 2022 is on pace to meet or exceed the number of vehicle collisions investigated in 2021.

The Traffic Reconstruction Unit uses a collision data recorder (CDR) system to investigate vehicle collisions. This critical device records data such as vehicle speeds, seatbelt usage, brake application, throttle application, engine RPM (revolutions per minute), steering input, and more to provide a quick and accurate snapshot of the collision's circumstances. Unfortunately, the CDR system the Traffic Reconstruction Unit currently uses was purchased several years ago

and is rapidly approaching its end-of-service life. To help alleviate the outdated system's challenges, the Traffic Reconstruction Unit occasionally must use the updated CDR system and cables of other jurisdictions which can lead to investigation delays. To eliminate these investigation delays and mitigate the CDR system's imminent end-of-service life status, GPD is proposing to use its FY22 local allocation to purchase a new CDR system. GPD is prepared to invest additional funds from its operating budget to maintain and update the system throughout the four-year project period and beyond. Additionally, GPD will ensure all members of the Traffic Reconstruction Unit are properly trained on using the new system.

B) Project Design and Implementation

The proposed project will allow GPD to acquire a new CDR system. The new CDR system will replace GPD's current CDR system which is not compatible with many new vehicle models. The new system will enhance the Traffic Reconstruction Unit's ability to obtain critical and accurate information about vehicle collisions without the need to rely on assistance from other agencies thereby eliminating investigation delays. The new CDR system also will position GPD as a valuable resource for other area jurisdictions investigating fatal collisions and collisions involving serious injuries.

GPD anticipates accomplishing the following goals with the acquisition of the new CDR system:

- Enhance organizational efficiency and effectiveness
- Improve collision investigations and capabilities
- Enhance organizational capability to obtain critical and accurate information in a timely manner

The goals will be achieved using the following objectives:

- Conduct research to determine features needed in a new CDR system

- Work with the City's Purchasing Division to procure a CDR system
 - The Purchasing Division ensures cost effectiveness, timeliness, efficiency and compliance with all applicable laws, regulations, and City policies is achieved during the procurement process.
- Review training needs for the new system
- Conduct training as needed and deploy the CDR system
- Track usage of the new system using existing reporting mechanisms

The project's implementation will begin with the acquisition and deployment of the new CDR system. GPD expects the deployment will occur within six to nine months of the grant award. As noted earlier, JAG funds will be supplemented with funds from GPD's operating budget to maintain the CDR system throughout the four-year project period. Additionally, GPD will provide all necessary training to assure proper use of the new CDR system.

C) Capabilities and Competencies

Though the implementation and execution of this project is insular to GPD's jurisdiction, GPD does regularly coordinate efforts with other law enforcement agencies in the state, including the Greenville County Sheriff's Office, the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division, South Carolina Highway Patrol, Travelers Rest Police Department, Greer Police Department, Mauldin Police Department, Simpsonville Police Department, and Fountain Inn Police Department. If approved, GPD will use this project to enhance those agencies' capabilities and competencies upon request for assistance.

D) Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures

GPD is National Incident-Based Response System (NIBRS) compliant. Specific performance data that demonstrates the results of the work carried out under the award will be facilitated through GPD's Administrative Division. Similarly, this same system will be used to

evaluate and track the extent to which the CDR is used (including when it is used to assist other agencies) and to help gauge improvements in collision investigations and capabilities.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program**FY 2022 Local Solicitation****Budget Summary**

<u>Budget Category</u>	<u>Federal Request</u>
A. Personnel	<u>\$0.00</u>
B. Fringe Benefits	<u>\$0.00</u>
C. Travel	<u>\$0.00</u>
D. Equipment	<u>\$34,357.00</u>
E. Supplies	<u>\$0.00</u>
F. Construction	<u>\$0.00</u>
G. Contracts/Consultants	<u>\$0.00</u>
H. Other Costs	<u>\$0.00</u>
I. Indirect Costs	<u>\$0.00</u>
Total Program Costs:	<u>\$34,357.00</u>

Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative**A. Personnel \$0.00**

Name and Position	Computation	Cost

No funds requested.

B. Fringe Benefits \$0.00

Name and Position	Computation	Cost

No funds requested.

C. Travel \$0.00

Item	Computation	Cost

No funds requested.

D. Equipment \$34,357.00

Item	Computation	Cost
Collison Data Recorder (CDR)	1 @ \$34,357	\$34,357

A new CDR will be used by the Greenville Police Department (GPD) to investigate vehicle collisions. The CDR will replace a unit that is approaching its end-of-service life and is not compatible with many newer vehicle models. The new CDR will enhance GPD's organizational efficiency and effectiveness as well bolster GPD's capabilities to assist other jurisdictions with collision investigations.

E. Supplies **\$0.00**

Item	Computation	Cost
Total		

No funds requested.

F. Construction **\$0.00**

Name of Contract/Consultant	Services Provided	Computation	Cost
Total			

No funds requested.

G. Contracts/Consultants **\$0.00**

Name of Contract/Consultant	Services Provided	Computation	Cost
Total			

No funds requested.

H. Other Costs **\$0.00**

Item	Computation	Cost
Total		

No funds requested.

I. Indirect Costs \$0.00

Item	Computation	Cost
Total		

No funds requested.

EXHIBIT B

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2022 Local Solicitation

Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government

On behalf of the applicant unit of local government named below, in support of that locality’s application for an award under the FY 2022 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (“JAG”) Program, and further to 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a), I certify to the Office of Justice Programs (“OJP”), U.S. Department of Justice (“USDOJ”), that all of the following are true and correct:

1. I am the chief executive of the applicant unit of local government named below, and I have the authority to make the following representations on my own behalf as chief executive and on behalf of the applicant unit of local government. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any OJP decision to make an award, under the application described above, to the applicant unit of local government.
2. I certify that no federal funds made available by the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above will be used to supplant local funds, but will be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for law enforcement activities.
3. I assure that the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was submitted for review to the governing body of the unit of local government (e.g., city council or county commission), or to an organization designated by that governing body, not less than 30 days before the date of this certification.
4. I assure that, before the date of this certification— (a) the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was made public; and (b) an opportunity to comment on that application (or amendment) was provided to citizens and to neighborhood or community-based organizations, to the extent applicable law or established procedure made such an opportunity available.
5. I assure that, for each fiscal year of the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above, the applicant unit of local government will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial), as OJP may reasonably require.
6. I have carefully reviewed 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a)(5), and, with respect to the programs to be funded by the award (if any), I hereby make the certification required by section 10153(a)(5), as to each of the items specified therein.

Signature of Chief Executive of the Applicant Unit of Local Government

Date of Certification

Printed Name of Chief Executive

Title of Chief Executive

Name of Applicant Unit of Local Government