


To: City Manager Wayne Van Matre
From: Capt. Michael Boyd 
CC: file
Date: April 9, 2009
Re: Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Opportunity



REQUESTED ACTION:

We request permission to apply for and enter into an MOU with Crook County to received Byrne JAG monies. The application must be approved by City Council and the MOU must be signed by the CEOs of both Crook County and the City of Prineville.

BACKGROUND:

For several years, the City of Prineville has received Byrne Grant monies. These monies can be spent to further law enforcement purposes. Typically, these monies have been in small amounts (around \$10,000) and we have used the monies to complete small projects, like Information Technology upgrades or for the purchase of equipment. Additionally, we have entered into cooperative agreements with Crook County Sheriffs Office in at least the three last grant cycles on how to best spend the money. As we have in years past, we are not opposed to working cooperatively with CCSO on projects that further the mission of law enforcement in this area.

This year, we are slated to receive \$80,260 and Crook County is to receive a little over \$25,000. The increase is due to Stimulus package increases and may very well be a one-time increase. There is no match and the monies can be spent over the next four years.

As staff we met to discuss how to spend the monies. We agreed that we should first look to pressing technology needs, then to officer safety equipment, then equipment or items that reduce liability and improve our ability to investigate. Some of these areas will benefit all area law enforcement and case prosecution. The prices listed for the items are estimates and we hope to leverage our buying power through bulk purchases.

Item	Description / Use	Who benefits	Cost
Radio Repeater Pods	Site transmitters / receivers to fill in multiple dead spots within city	City and County Officers using hand held radios	Approx \$11K (3 pods and upgrades to our main repeater site)
Kevlar Helmets	Bullet resistant helmets for sworn officers	City Officers (although we hope to supply CCSO deputies as well)	\$6-9K (30 helmets)
TASERS	Less than lethal force option (decreases officer and suspect injuries)	City Officers, County Officers when we assist, jail staff	\$12K (12 units - one for each officer)
Computer Upgrades (data storage)	Server and hardware upgrades that will allow us to make digital interview recordings, store ever increasing digital data and to preserve data in a manner that is admissible in court	City Police Department , County Officers, other regional law enforcement and related organizations and the District Attorneys Office (through improved prosecution)	\$20-\$40K (back-up servers, interview room upgrades and software. Some of these funds may be used to partner with the Sheriffs Office on increased data storage systems and possibly linking our data systems)
Personal Lights	Improved flashlights to replace our failing flashlights	City Officers, agencies we assist	\$5K (2 lights for each officer and lights to be placed in vehicles)
Load Bearing Vests	Outer vests that allow officers to carry needed equipment during critical incidents	City Officers and agencies we assist	\$2K
Weapon Light Upgrades	Light/Laser units for our handguns	City Officers and agencies we assist	\$4K
New Department Manual	Lexipol Manual. Accredited up-to-date operations manual for entire Police Department	Police Department, District Attorneys Office (through clearer policies which support our enforcement actions)	\$10K

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no negative fiscal impact. This grant will allow us to meet several needs that have been pending for years.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff requests this request be approved.