

Public Notice Justice Assistance Grant

Public Notice of Eligibility and Acceptance of a Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant by the Thomasville Police Department.

The Department is applying for a total of \$11,504.00 made available from the United States Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance. Justice Assistance Grant funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice and law enforcement programs.

The public, neighborhood organizations, and community organizations are provided an opportunity to comment on the acceptance of these funds. Public comment, telephone calls, and email may be sent to the Thomasville Police Department to the attention of Lieutenant Brad Saintsing, brad.saintsing@thomasville-nc.gov, or by calling 336-475-4263.

It is the intent of the Thomasville Police Department to purchase six body worn cameras with the available funds. A copy of the description of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY 2016 Local Solicitation handout will be delivered to the governing body of the City of Thomasville, the City Council of Thomasville, North Carolina. The governing body will make time available for public comment concerning the acceptance of JAG funds at the regularly scheduled August 2016 council meeting.

The public will be made aware of the JAG application by means of a "PUBLIC NOTICE/CITY WEBPAGE" to be published during the month of July 2016. The public will be invited to make comments concerning the JAG application.

Publishing Instructions:

Publish: June 25, 2016 in the Thomasville Times

Please send Invoice to:

**Lieutenant Brad Saintsing
Thomasville Police Department
7 W. Guilford Street
Thomasville, NC 27360**

Send Affidavit of Publication to:

**Wendy Martin, City Clerk
City Hall
10 Salem Street
Thomasville, NC 27360**

Please reference P.O. #F91180 on your invoice.

APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL ASSISTANCE		2. DATE SUBMITTED	Applicant Identifier
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION Application Non-Construction	3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE		State Application Identifier
	4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY		Federal Identifier
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name City of Thomasville		Organizational Unit Thomasville Police Department	
Address 7 W. Guilford Street Thomasville, North Carolina 27360-3932		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application Saintsing, Brad (336) 475-4263	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 56-6001352		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT Municipal	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION New		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY Bureau of Justice Assistance	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 16.738 CFDA Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant TITLE: Program		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT FY 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT The affected areas are the entire city and populace of Thomasville. The new equipment will contribute to the overall safety and well-being of the officers and to the public.			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT Start Date: October 01, 2015 End Date: September 30, 2016		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF a. Applicant b. Project NC08 NC02 NC12	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
Federal	\$11,504		
Applicant	\$0		
State	\$0		

Local	\$0	Program is not covered by E.O. 12372
Other	\$0	
Program Income	\$0	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?
TOTAL	\$11,504	N
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.		

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Project Abstract
City of Thomasville Police Department
Body-Worn Camera Project
FY16 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program

The City of Thomasville Police Department is seeking \$11,504 from the FY16 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to fund costs associated with the implementation of a body worn camera (BWC) program in Thomasville, North Carolina. JAG funds will be used to purchase body-worn camera equipment and related technology.

Established in 1852, the City of Thomasville currently serves an area approximately 11.1 square miles and a population 26,757 at the 2010 census. Out of 552 incorporated municipalities in North Carolina, Thomasville is the 35th largest. From January 1, 2015 to December 31, 2015, the Thomasville Police Department handled 33,737 calls. Law Enforcement encounters with the public are impossible to avoid. Relationships between the Thomasville Police Department and members of the community can be volatile and tense. Both police and community members have expressed desires to improve relationships and work together to improve community safety. Research has shown that law enforcement agencies adopting BWC policy/practices experienced a noticeable drop in complaints against officers. To this end, the City will explore the use of BWC's as a means for improving relationships, increasing safety and transparency, and assisting in evidence collection.

The Thomasville Police Department is currently working with criminal justice, government, and community stakeholders to develop an official BWC policy. Prior to rolling-out a full BWC program, officers will receive comprehensive training on Department BWC policy which will include a reiteration of use-of-force policies as well as camera use and information storage training.

Project Identifiers: Body-Worn Cameras, Equipment – Video/Audio, Evidence Based

Project Narrative

City of Thomasville Police Department

Body-Worn Camera Project

FY16 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program

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The City of Thomasville is located within Davidson County, a rural area that lies in the heart of North Carolina's manufacturing region. Textiles, tobacco, and furniture were at one time the engines that drove the local economy. As of the census of 2010, Thomasville had a population of 26,757. The racial composition of the city was: 68.3% White, 19.6% Black or African American, 14.4% Hispanic or Latino American, 1.1% Asian American, 0.01% Native American, 0% Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, 8.1% some other race, and 2.1% two or more races.

Across the United States, reports of strained relationships between police and citizens continue to grow. Frequently citizens and officers experience differing views of these encounters, some volatile or dangerous, setting the stage for less than desirable outcomes. Both community members and police have reported a need and desire to improve public/police relationships and work together toward making Thomasville a safer place to live. To this end, the City is exploring the use of body-worn cameras (BWCs) as a means for improving relationships and citizen and officer safety. Like a growing number of communities across the state and the nation, the City of Thomasville believes that the objective view provided by BWCs will be an invaluable tool in providing accurate records of law enforcement interactions and promoting positive and appropriate responses from all those involved. Research has shown that law enforcement agencies adopting BWC policy/practices experienced a noticeable drop in complaints against officers.

The Thomasville Police Department currently employs a total of 69 sworn officers, 51 of these officers conduct patrol activities and/or have daily citizen interactions. Ultimately, the City expects that all officers with daily citizen interactions will be equipped with body-worn cameras.

The Thomasville Police Department is in the process of developing a BWC policy which will be informed by contributions from criminal justice, government, and community stakeholders. The Department will carefully consider implications for privacy, storage, retention, community relations, and other long-term legal, financial, and civil rights sensitivities as it develops and implements BWC policy. Policies will be guided by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Model Policy and the Police Executive Research Forum's (PERF) *Implementing a Body-Worn Camera Program* report. Prior to rolling-out a full BWC program, officers will receive comprehensive training on Department BWC policy which will include a reiteration of use-of-force policies and camera use and information storage.

The City has already received price quotes from vendors to provide BWC equipment and services. Cost estimates for one BWC is \$1,590. This includes the camera, smart switch, chest mount, and device license. There is also a cost of \$1,500 for a software upgrade on our existing system with future maintenance. The City of Thomasville is committed to ensuring that sufficient local funds are budgeted to maintain the BWC program once federal and/or state funds are exhausted.

The Thomasville Police Department is committed to providing performance measurement data and information to the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Department will assign a staff member to oversee the data collection and analysis process and will evaluate program impact using BJA's accountability measures. Ongoing feedback from criminal justice, government, and community stakeholders will inform policy adjustments as needed. Accountability metrics reports will be submitted quarterly.

Time did not permit the applicant to fulfill the 30 day governing body review requirement AND therefore the applicant acknowledges that a withholding of funds special condition will be applied to the award restricting draw-down until the 30 day governing body review requirement has been satisfied.

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Jeffrey R. Insley
Chief of Police

City of Thomasville

North Carolina

Police Department



TOTAL BUDGET
City of Thomasville Police Department
2016 JAG Grant

BUDGET CATEGORY	AMOUNT
Personnel	\$0.00
Fringe Benefits	\$0.00
Travel	\$0.00
Equipment	\$11,504.00
Supplies	\$0.00
Construction	\$0.00
Other	\$0.00
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$11,504.00
Indirect Costs	\$0.00
TOTAL INDIRECT COSTS:	\$0.00
FEDERAL REQUEST:	\$11,504.00