

Kathleen Hall

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Sent: Tuesday, July 12, 2016 1:00 PM
To: Kathleen Hall
Cc: Kyle Coleman
Subject: Request for Aug. 17 council agenda item
Attachments: Byrne grant project synopses.doc; Village of Estero Byrne letter of support.doc

Ms. Hall,

The Lee County Sheriff's Office is requesting a letter of support for this year's Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant projects outlined in the attached project overview. This is a Florida Department of Law Enforcement requirement to demonstrate that Lee County has reached consensus regarding the disbursement of Byrne grant funds allocated to Lee County. Similar requests will be made to the other Lee County municipalities.

Please confirm receipt and let me know if there are any questions.

Thank you,
Stan Nelson

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Lee County has been allocated \$187,878 in Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program funding. Representatives of Lee County's municipalities met July 11 to reach consensus on the allocation of those funds. Below are the county's proposals:

Lee County Sheriff's Office

Amount: \$67,475

Funding will be used to maintain a full-time, grant-funded LCSO detective position in the Pharmaceutical Diversion Unit. This will allow investigators to combat overdose deaths and fight unscrupulous licensed physicians, registered nurses, nursing staff and health care service employees who steal pharmaceuticals and divert them to street level dealers and the public for illegal use.

Cape Coral Police Department

Amount: \$45,019

Funding will be used to purchase 13 mobile police radios for agency operations.

Lee County Human Services

Amount: \$27,547

Funding will be used to pay a portion of the per diem rate to house individuals at the Bob Janes Triage Center/Low Demand Shelter who are brought by law enforcement personnel. Historically 60% of the entries to the Triage Center are referred by law enforcement. The Triage Center is a single point of entry that allows law enforcement to divert individuals at risk of being charged with minor ordinance violation or non-violent offenses or to divert defendants from incarceration. It is at the discretion of law enforcement to utilize the facility as a voluntary alternative to arrest, future involvement with criminal justice system or incarceration. Many individuals brought to the Triage Center are homeless and have a substance use disorder or mental illness, often underlying reason for the nuisance type crimes that brought them to the attention of law enforcement.

Lee County 20th Judicial Circuit

Amount: \$24,472

Funding will be used to upgrade the court's video security system.

Fort Myers Police Department

Amount: \$15,472

Funding will be used to purchase 14 Tasers and cartridges for agency operations.

Lee County Port Authority Police

Amount: \$7,893

Funding will be used to purchase two laptop computers and a tablet for agency operations.



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June 22, 2016

Honorable Brian Hamman
Chairman
Lee County Board of Commissioners
Post Office Box 398
Fort Myers, FL 33902

Re: Federal Fiscal Year (FFY) 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program –
JAG Countywide – State Solicitation

Dear Chairman Hamman:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) anticipates an award from the United States Department of Justice for FFY 2016 JAG funds. FDLE will distribute these funds in accordance with the JAG Countywide distribution provisions of Chapter 11D-9, Florida Administrative Code.

FDLE has set aside \$187,878 funds for use by all units of government within Lee County. Enclosed are the following documents to assist your county with the strategic planning and allocation process.

JAG-Countywide Program Announcement & Application Instructions
JAG-Countywide Project Timeline
JAG-Countywide Application Checklist
Certificate of Participation

The enclosed Program Announcement provides an overview of these funds which can be used by local units of government to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. Please note the Program Announcement includes information from the U.S. Department of Justice relating to several areas of national focus and its priorities to help maximize the effectiveness of the Byrne/JAG funding.

As a condition of participation in this program, the units of government in each county must reach consensus concerning expenditure of these funds. This consensus must be documented in writing and include the projects to be implemented, the amounts allocated to each project and the agency responsible for such implementation. This process will require an individual to be designated to exercise leadership and assume a coordinating role in the development of applications for these funds. This coordinator will also serve as liaison between the Department's grants office and subrecipient(s) to ensure all reports, documentation, and timelines are adhered to in accordance with the agreement(s).

FDLE recommends the Board of County Commissioners assume this responsibility. In the event the county declines to serve in this capacity, the Department will request the governing body of each municipality in the county, in descending order of population, to serve as the coordinating unit of government.

August 17, 2016

Ms. Petrina T. Herring
Administrator
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Office of Criminal Justice Grants
2331 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308

Dear Ms. Herring:

In compliance with State of Florida *Rule 11D-9*, F.A.C., the Village of Estero approves the distribution of \$187,878 (total allocation available) of the FFY 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funds for the following projects within Lee County:

<u>SUBGRANT (City or County)</u>	<u>Title of Project</u>	<u>Federal funds</u>
Lee County (Law Enforcement)	Enhancement of Lee County Sheriff's Office Pharmaceutical Diversion Unit	\$67,475
City of Cape Coral (Law Enforcement)	Purchase of mobile radios	\$45,019
Lee County (Human Services)	Lee County Triage Center/Low Demand Shelter Operation	\$27,547
Lee County (Courts)	Enhanced court security system	\$24,472
City of Fort Myers (Law Enforcement)	Purchase of Tasers and cartridges	\$15,472
Lee County Port Authority (Law Enforcement)	Purchase of laptop computers, tablet	\$7,893
	Total:	\$187,878

Sincerely,

Nicholas Batos
Mayor