

## **PROGRAM NARRATIVE**

### **GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT ENHANCEMENTS FOR GAINESVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**Type of Program:** Law Enforcement Program

**Program Justification (Equipment Enhancements)**

#### **Equipment and Training for Gainesville Police Department**

The Gainesville Police Department located in Gainesville, Florida requests the FY 2016 Justice Assistance Grant funds to be utilized to enhance law enforcement programs with equipment and technology that will benefit the agency and continue improvement of services rendered to the community. These purchases have been identified by a broad representation of agency personnel as a need to the department and the community. The City Commission and general public have been informed of the department's decision to apply for the grant and have been asked comment.

The Gainesville Police Department is requesting that \$63,771.00 be used to purchase equipment that is needed within the agency and is not budgeted in the current or future budget.

AED devices are needed for patrol vehicles. These lifesaving devices can be used by the officer for citizens' in distress with having a heart attack. Total cost for 10 AED would be \$15,000.00.

The Gainesville Police Department's K-9 unit is in need of new bite suit and bite sleeves that have not been budgeted for. The K-9 HDPE Kit is a training tool for the K9s that the handler can use to train the dogs. Also first aid kits and cooling vests are needed for the K9s. As we live in Florida the heat can be unbearable and the cooling vests will benefit the dogs. Also, at the moment we do not have K9 first aid kits for the dogs and would like to make sure that every K9 officer has a kit for their working companion. As the dogs have to sometimes track through underbrush and can get scratches or minor injuries. The K9 unit is an integral part of the department and having the training and equipment needed to serve the public and keep the canines and officers safe is an utmost importance. The total cost for these items would \$4,880.00.

The Public Information office would like a police application that could be downloaded to iPhone and android based cellular phones. The application would push notifications and other alert notifications out to the public. The total cost plus yearly maintenance cost would be \$13,076.00.

The Training Unit has a need for a portable training building to store equipment. The Training Unit has little space to store training items. The total cost would be \$5000.00

For the SWAT unit we would like to a mobile trailer and equipment that has not been budgeted for in the coming fiscal year. The mobile trailer would be used as a command post and the replacement equipment is for equipment that is now obsolete and beyond repair. Also, would purchase SWAT vests for new members. The total cost would be \$13,655.00.

The heat holding cart would be used to keep meals warm for the Reichert House Youth Academy. These youth are fed by the City of Gainesville Police Department. The youth are at-risk youth who are in a program that mentors the youth academically and emotionally. The radios and accessories are needed for communications for staff who are in different parts of the buildings. The equipment is needed for that the State Department of Children and Families requirements. Total cost would be \$6,160.00

The infrared motion sensors for outdoor cameras are needed around the Gainesville Police Department for security of the building. When the building was constructed these items were not budgeted for. Total cost would be \$3,000.00

The Traffic Unit motorcycle unit needs to update equipment. The total cost would be \$2,000.00.

The Explorer Unit has a need for a new updated uniforms and the cost would be \$1,000.00. The Explorers are an integral part of the department and are regularly used at events to assist with special details.

### **Coordination Efforts Involving JAG and Related Justice Funds**

The Gainesville Police Department is eligible for a \$63771.00 direct award from the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to develop a law enforcement program(s) that will address the reduction of crime and violence based on the needs of the City of Gainesville.

The program will address community oriented policing activities over the four year grant period. JAG funds will be utilized to purchase equipment that will enhance the Gainesville Police Department while improving their abilities to communicate, detect, and keep the officers and citizens of Gainesville safe. These activities will also improve the level of service we provided to the City of Gainesville through our continual effort of combating drugs, violence and critical situations by the purchase of needed trauma equipment, and other vital equipment needed to enhance our equipment and skill sets.