



Legislation Text

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Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2008 Local Solicitation (NB)

This item involves receiving \$31,281 in grant funds from the U.S. Department of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance, Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, for funding of the Gainesville Police Department's Police Beat Television Show for fiscal year 2009.

..Explanation:

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance, has announced available grant funds to local units of government through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG). The City of Gainesville is eligible to receive \$31,281 in funding through this grant. The JAG program allows local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime. The funding distribution is based on population and crime statistics, as well as law enforcement expenditure data. The JAG Program blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed the most. The Gainesville Police Department proposes to utilize the funds received under this grant to continue the production of the Gainesville Police Department television show "Police Beat." The television show is dedicated to educating the Gainesville Community about crime trends as well as crime prevention, with the goal of lowering victimization within our community.

The \$31,281 in grant funds provided by the U.S. Department of Justice through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant is distributed up front instead of on a reimbursement basis. There are no required local matching funds for this grant award. The Gainesville Police department will be seeking City Commission approval to use up to \$17,500 in state forfeiture funds, which along with the JAG grant funds will provide total cost for the production of twelve new episodes of Police Beat.

The City Commission declines the available Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Funds in the amount of \$31,281 and advise staff not to apply for and accept these funds.