

For Immediate Release:

FY 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation
Joint Application for \$557,497

To comply with requirements set forth by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, the application must be made available for public comment. To make any comments pertaining to the application, contact Corenne Labbé in the Prince George's County Department of Corrections at 301-952-7082 by November 22, 2011. After the thirty (30) days the application will receive full consideration by the U.S. Department of Justice.

Prince George's County, MD was granted \$557,497 in funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation, U.S. Department of Justice. These funds will be used to pay for overtime, equipment, and technology needed by the public safety agencies within the County. The public safety agencies that will use acquired funds are the Police Department, the Department of Corrections, the Fire/EMS Department, the Sheriff's Department and the State's Attorney Office. The goal of this initiative is to assist these agencies to provide vital public safety services to the citizens and residents of Prince George's County and its visitors, as follows:

- The Police Department (PD)

The Police Department will use the funds to pay overtime salaries of officers deployed for targeted enforcement and high visibility patrols and civilian staff to support the police function. These patrol tactics have proven effective in discouraging in the targeted areas. A large percentage of the overtime would be used during the holiday season, when street robberies and vehicle-related thefts are typically on the rise. Under this grant, the Police Department is receiving \$225,841.07 in funding.

- The Department of Corrections (DOC)

The DOC will use the funds for technological upgrades and other security measures. DOC plans to upgrade its fingerprinting system, implement video visitation and purchase protective gear for its transport officers. Under this grant, DOC is receiving \$152,959.16.

- The Office of the Sheriff for Prince George's County (OS)

The Office of the Sheriff will use these funds for overtime for its Warrant Service Unit to reduce the existing backlog of warrants. The OS will also to purchase protective gear for its Deputies. OS is receiving \$79,971.77.

- The Fire/EMS Department (FD)

The Fire/EMS will use the grant funds to purchase equipment for its Bomb Squad and Arson unit. The monies will be used to purchase mobile data computers and in-car cameras, electronic property (evidence) tracking system, portable thermal imager, and hand-held x-ray system. FD is receiving \$65,000.

- The State's Attorney Office (SAO)

The State's Attorney Office will use the grant funding to purchase equipment and protective gear for its Criminal Investigations Unit. SAO will purchase laptop computers and digital cameras to be used by the investigators while in the field. SAO will also purchase ballistic vests for its investigators. SAO is receiving \$33,725.

A full copy of the Application is available for review at Prince George's County Department of Corrections, Attn: Corenne Labbé, 13400 Dille Drive, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772.