

Hallandale Beach Police Department

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Proactive Policing Enhancements through Technology and Equipment

2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (JAG) Grant Program

Southern District of Florida

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GOALS:

To purchase new equipment and technology that will improve our proactive policing efforts, while increasing transparency, promoting professional policing practices, and continuing to exceed national standards for law enforcement accreditation. The goal is to reduce crime and enhance officer safety while improving communication and trust between police and the community.

OBJECTIVES:

The objectives of this program are to enhance our patrol and criminal investigations capabilities through the purchase of new equipment and technology. It is the goal of the Hallandale Beach Police Department to improve our Patrol Divisions capabilities to conduct proactive policing, be an information stakeholder in the community, and assist our citizens during emergency situations.

IDENTIFIERS:

- Officer Safety
- Policing
- Equipment-General
- Equipment-Tactical
- Technology

PROJECT NARRATIVE:

The JAG funds in the amount of \$14,722.14 will be used to purchase and implement safety and communications equipment to enhance our effectiveness and reach while proactively policing crime in the target areas.

The goal of this program is to enhance the department's effectiveness and increase public safety. This equipment is essential to creating a forum for transmitting important emergency information out to the community for day-to-day operations and in times of emergency. Combined with training and organizational changes, the message board will improve proactive policing outcomes to combat crime and traffic in the target area.

STATEMENT OF THE PROBLEM:

Recent events demonstrate the need for continual communitation with the community. From testing sites to vacination locations, real time information is vital to the citizens of Hallandale Beach along with those who travel to the area.

The use of large locations by government entitites for covid testing has shown the need for better communication so drivers properly navigate vaccination sites. The City's industry and large entertainment venues, including Gulfstream Park & Casino and Mardi Gras Casino, create a natural venue to assist communites medical needs. The use of a message board will assist drivers in properly locating areas and minimizing the need for officers to personally direct traffic which minimizes safety issues.

PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION:

The Hallandale Police Department intends to purchase a smart trailer message board. This trailer can be transported throughout the City where it can be utilized to transfer information to the community. Also, built into the trailer is a speed measuring device that will allow for Patrol Operations to capture vehicle speeds within a given area and time.

CAPABILITIES AND COMPETENCIES:

The Hallandale Beach Police Department has received and successfully managed grant funding from multiple sources. The grant funded project will be managed by Captain Aaron Smith who has 18 years experience and will oversee implementation and training. Administrative support will be provided by Jonise Louis. Ms. Louis has 10 years of experience providing administrative support to the Police Department. The City's Grants Office will provide accounting, compliance and audit support to the Police Department.

PLAN FOR COLLECTING DATA:

Data will be collected as follows:

- 1. Speed trailer surveys collected during the life of the grant.
- 2. The Police Department will capture the location and use of the trailer throughout the life of the grant.

DISCLOSURE OF HIGH RISK STATUS:

The City of Hallandale Beach does not have a high risk status with any agency.

DISCLOSURE of LOBBYING:

None.

DISCLOSURE OF PENDING APPLICATIONS:

The City does not have any pending applications for the same funding/project with DOJ.

LOCAL GOVERNING BODY REVIEW:

The City of Hallandale Beach posted our 2021 JAG Local announcement on our city website on July 22, 2021 and requested public input on this application. Attached to this

application is proof of posting and resolution no. 2019-001 approving the application and acceptance of the 2019 JAG award.