

PORT ST. LUCIE CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM REQUEST

COUNCIL ITEM 13F
DATE 10/22/12

Meeting Date: October 22, 2012

Public Hearing ___ Ordinance ___ Resolution ___ Motion X

Item: FY 2013 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Recommended Action:

Motion to accept the FY 2013 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) award (#2013-JAGC-STLU-2-D7-138) from the Florida Dept of Law Enforcement (FDLE) totaling **\$41,758** under the project title: Improving Local Law Enforcement Technology. The purpose of these funds is to purchase equipment for the Port St. Lucie Police Department. **There is no matching requirement for this grant.** It will include the following: (55) Automatic Vehicle Locaters (AVL) units (\$37,748) and administrative costs (\$4,010). The grant period is from 10/1/12 to 9/30/13.

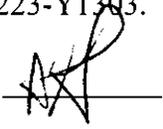
Summary Explanation/Background Information:

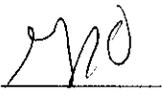
The grant is for \$41,758 (State distribution award amount with **no** local matching funds).

Department requests **expenditure** from the following:

Fund	001	
Cost Center	2130	
Object Code	5644	
Project	Y1303	

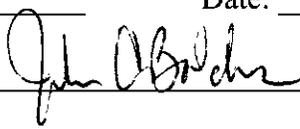
Note, **revenue** account is 001-0003-331223-Y1303.

Director of OMB concurs with award: 

City Manager concurs with award: 

Department requests _____ minutes to make a presentation.

Submitted by: John A. Bolduc Date: 10/11/12

Title: Chief of Police Director 

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City Manager's Office



Port St. Lucie Police Department

memorandum

TO : Gregory J. Oravec
City Manager

FROM : John A. Bolduc *JAB*
Chief of Police

DATE : October 15, 2012

SUBJECT : Approval to accept Justice Assistant Grant (JAG)

Attached please find documentation to accept the FY 2013 Justice Assistant Grant from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement. The funds are for improving local law enforcement technology.

We are looking to purchase 55 Automatic Vehicle Locaters. The AVL units are required to fully utilize the advanced features of the new Computer Aided Dispatch Software, OSSI. With the units, dispatchers, supervisors, and fellow officers will not only be able to see the location of the units, the /locaters would enable the officer to track vehicle speed, siren or light activation, and when the officer exits the vehicle. Additionally, this product would greatly benefit the 911 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to deploy vehicles in closest proximity of the crime.

The grant is for \$41,758 and would be used to purchase 55 Automatic Vehicles Locaters, valued at \$37,748, with administrative costs at \$4,010. Should this meet with your approval, I ask that this request be placed on the Council's agenda for October 22, 2012.

JAB/jk

Attachments

c: Assistant Chief William Vega, memo only
Assistant Chief Richard Del Toro, memo only

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City Manager's Office



Florida Department of
Law Enforcement

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Commissioner

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The Honorable JoAnn Faiella
Mayor
City of Port St. Lucie
121 Southwest Port St Lucie Boulevard
Port St Lucie, FL 34984

Re: Contract No. 2013-JAGC-STLU-2-D7-138

Dear Mayor Faiella:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement is pleased to award an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant to your unit of government in the amount of \$ 41,758.00 for the project entitled, IMPROVING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY. These funds shall be utilized for the purpose of reducing crime and improving public safety.

A copy of the approved subgrant application with the referenced contract number is enclosed for your file. All correspondence with the Department should always refer to the project number and title.

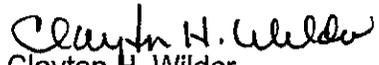
Your attention is directed to the Standard Conditions of the subgrant. Changes were made after your application was received in this office. Therefore, the Standard Conditions should be reviewed carefully by those persons responsible for project administration to avoid delays in project completion and costs reimbursements.

The enclosed Certification of Acceptance should be completed and returned to the Department within 30 calendar days from the date of award. This certificate constitutes official acceptance of the award and must be received by the Department prior to the reimbursement of any project expenditures.

The Honorable JoAnn Faiella
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We look forward to working with you on this project. If we can be of further assistance, please contact Janice Parish at 850/617-1250.

Sincerely,


Clayton H. Wilder
Administrator

CHW/JP/st

Enclosures

**State of Florida
Office of Criminal Justice Grants
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
2331 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308**

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE OF SUBGRANT AWARD

The subgrantee, through its authorized representative, acknowledges receipt and acceptance of subgrant award number 2013-JAGC-STLU-2-D7-138, in the amount of \$ 41,758.00, for a project entitled, IMPROVING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY, for the period of 10/01/2012 through 09/30/2013, to be implemented in accordance with the approved subgrant application, and subject to the Florida Department of Law Enforcement's Standard Conditions and any special conditions governing this subgrant.

(Signature of Subgrantee's Authorized Official)

(Typed Name and Title of Official)

(Name of Subgrantee)

(Date of Acceptance)

**State of Florida
Office of Criminal Justice Grants
Florida Department of Law Enforcement
2331 Phillips Road
Tallahassee, Florida 32308**

SUBGRANT AWARD CERTIFICATE

Subgrantee: City of Port St. Lucie

Date of Award: 10-1-12

Grant Period: From: 10/01/2012 TO: 09/30/2013

Project Title: IMPROVING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY

Grant Number: 2013-JAGC-STLU-2-D7-138

Federal Funds: \$ 41,758.00

State Agency Match:

Local Agency Match: \$ 0.00

Total Project Cost: \$ 41,758.00

CFDA Number: 16.738

Award is hereby made in the amount and for the period shown above of a subgrant under Title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, P.L. 90-351, as amended, and the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, P.L. 100-690, to the above mentioned subgrantee and subject to any attached or special conditions.

This award is subject to all applicable rules, regulations, and conditions as contained in the Financial and Administrative Guide for Grants, Guideline Manual 7100 1D, Office of Justice Programs, Common Rule for State and Local Governments and A-87, or OMB Circulars A-110 or A-102, as applicable, and A-21, in their entirety. It is also subject to such further rules, regulations and policies as may be reasonably prescribed by the State or Federal Government consistent with the purposes and authorization of P.L. 90-351, as amended, and P.L. 100-690.

SUBGRANT AWARD CERTIFICATE (CONTINUED)

This grant shall become effective on the beginning date of the grant period provided that within 30 days from the date of award, a properly executed Certificate of Acceptance of Subgrant Award is returned to the Department.

Clayton H. Wilder

Authorized Official
Clayton H. Wilder
Administrator

10-1-12

Date

() This award is subject to special conditions (attached).

Application for Funding Assistance

Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Justice Assistance Grant - County-wide

Section 1 - Administration

Subgrant Recipient

Organization Name: City of Port St. Lucie

County: St. Lucie

Chief Official

Name: JoAnn Faiella

Title: Mayor

Address: 121 Southwest Port St Lucie Boulevard

City: Port St Lucie

State: FL **Zip:** 34984

Phone: 772-871-5159 **Ext:**

Fax: 772-871-7382

Email: mayor@cityofpsl.com

Chief Financial Officer

Name: Edwin Fry

Title: Finance Director

Address: 121 Southwest Port St. Lucie Boulevard

City: Port St. Lucie

State: FL **Zip:** 34984

Phone: 772-871-5200 **Ext:**

Fax: 772-871-5203

Email: efry@cityofpsl.com

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Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Justice Assistance Grant - County-wide

Section 1: Administration

Implementing Agency

Organization Name: Port St. Lucie Police Department

County: St. Lucie

Chief Official

Name: John Bolduc
Title: Acting Chief of Police
Address: 121 Southwest Port St Lucie
City: Port St Lucie
State: FL **Zip:** 34984
Phone: 772-871-4278 **Ext:**
Fax: 772-871-5251
Email: judith.kenworthy@pslpd.us

Project Director

Name: Michael Byrd
Title: Grant Specialist
Address: 121 South West Port St. Lucie Boulevard
City: Port Saint Lucie
State: FL **Zip:** 34984
Phone: 772-871-7332 **Ext:**
Fax: 772-344-4340
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Application for Funding Assistance

Florida Department of Law Enforcement
Justice Assistance Grant - County-wide

Section 2: Project Overview

General Project Information

Project Title: IMPROVING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TECHNOLOGY
Subgrant Recipient: City of Port St. Lucie
Implementing Agency: Port St. Lucie Police Department
Project Start Date: 10/1/2012 **End Date:** 9/30/2013

Problem Identification

The City of Port St. Lucie serves a population of 166,041 (as of 4/1/11) spread over an area of 115 square miles. The major problem facing the City of Port St. Lucie Police Department is that of budgetary concerns to purchase much needed equipment. The City of Port St. Lucie Police Department and the level of service to the public have been severely impacted by budget cuts over the past three years. Budget reductions have forced the Port St. Lucie Police Department to significantly scale back our efforts, resulting in the loss of personnel and the quality of service we provide to our residents. To minimize the impact of lost resources and try to maintain some level of productivity, we are requesting funds from the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Byrne-JAG grant program to purchase essential technology necessary to better utilize the department's available manpower and ongoing effort to provide the same level of service to the City's residents.

The scope of this proposal is for the City of Port St. Lucie Police Department (PSLPD) to purchase Automatic Vehicle Locators (AVL) for a project that we will be implementing into our patrol cars. This would be a tremendous benefit not only to the PSLPD, but a great benefit to 911 Emergency Operations Center, Saint Lucie County Sheriff's Office and Fort Pierce Police Department in the areas of public and officer safety, as well as agency liability. At present, the only way to track the patrol vehicles from the police department is via radio contact from the officer in the occupied vehicle. With the implementation of AVL, we would now be able to view not only our agencies location but also neighboring agencies as well. This is especially beneficial and essential during day to day operations and in emergencies such as Hurricanes and other natural disasters. Since it is imperative to pool all resources during an emergency situation, AVL would allow us to accomplish this much easier, quicker and more efficiently. It would also give us the vital information needed to share information to ensure proper deployment.

We would have the ability to track vehicle speed, siren or light activation, when the officer exits the vehicle, etc. For example, if we are in a multi-agency pursuit, we would have the capability of deploying vehicles in strategic locations to bring a rapid closure to the pursuit; reducing potential harmful/deadly effect to the general public and improving officer safety. Also because of lawsuits, complaints, accusations, etc. the tracking of each vehicle including but not limited to speed, location, activation of lights or sirens will provide data that could greatly reduce liability. The implementation of AVL in City of Port St. Lucie Police Department patrol cars will provide vital information between local agencies and will be incorporated into existing inter-local agreements regarding pursuit, apprehensions, etc.

An additional benefit, especially to the 911 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) would be the deployment of vehicles within the closest proximity of the crime. Since the 2000 U.S. Census, the City of Port St. Lucie and Saint Lucie County has experienced not only an exponential increase in population but the addition of new roads throughout the City

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Section 2 Project Overview

and County. This causes considerable challenges when trying to respond to a call for service. All Saint Lucie County agencies have struggled to keep pace with these increasing demands for service that this growth has generated. This technology will benefit the EOC by providing the best route based on current AVL location. The equipment to be purchased with the allotted grant funds would provide the City of Port St. Lucie Police Department with needed and essential technology that will allow the Port St. Lucie Police Department to better utilize available manpower and use of available resources.

The City is also requesting that the remaining funds be used to cover approximately eight percent (8%) of support services for monitoring the financial status and compiling data for reporting grant activities in conjunction with quarterly progress reports during the 12-month grant award period. The Police Department's grant coordinator position was moved to the City's Grant Department which is funded through grant funded administrative expenses. No General Funds are used for salaries or benefits.

Project Summary (Scope of Work)

To maintain a basic level of service to our residents, the City of Port St. Lucie has made it a goal to enhance the quality of life in Port St. Lucie by providing optimum police services. The proposed improvements will allow the City of Port St. Lucie Police Department to exchange and interface with all other law enforcement agencies within Saint Lucie County. A collaborative arrangement with surrounding agencies (St. Lucie County Sheriff's Office, Ft. Pierce Police Department and 911 Emergency Operations Center) will provide vital communication resources and information sharing. It will also be especially beneficial to the 911 Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in the day to day operations of deploying public safety vehicles and essential in emergencies such as hurricanes and other natural disasters.

Meeting the objectives will result in a more proficient use of resources through a better utilization of available manpower and subsequently reducing the overall crime rate of the City.

Goal #1: To implement the use of AVL technology to enhance the deployment of assets.

Objective: Provide the Port St. Lucie Police Department and other local agencies involved the ability to simultaneously view the location of all law enforcement agency patrol vehicles to better deploy assets and increase response times.

Goal #2: The proposed technology will provide a better utilization of the Port St. Lucie Police Department's available manpower and conserve budgetary dollars by examining the impact of changes within the City and determining the most appropriate allocation of resources by patterns of community need and analyzing where resources can be located to maximize their effectiveness.

Objective: This technology would be utilized on a daily basis. It would provide a better utilization of the department's available manpower and conserving budgetary dollars which could be devoted to maintaining minimum staffing levels.

Number and Type of Personnel: None

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Rule Reference 11D-9.006 OCJG-005 (rev. April 2005)

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Equipment and Operating Supplies: All of the equipment and essential technology to be purchased with the allotted grant funds would give the Port St. Lucie Police Department the ability to better utilize the department's available manpower and ongoing effort to provide the same level of service to the City's residents. This also will increase officer availability to respond to calls and conduct community policing activities; thereby helping reduce the overall crime rate within the City of Port St. Lucie.

Target Population: The Improving Local Law Enforcement Technology Project will be City-wide. The equipment requested will provide a better utilization of the department's available resources.