



Harris County Commissioners Court

Request for Court Action

Department: Sheriff

Department Head/Elected Official: Ed Gonzalez

Regular or Supplemental RCA:

☒ Regular RCA

☐ Supplemental RCA

Type of Request: Grant

Project ID (if applicable):

Vendor/Entity Legal Name (if applicable): City of Houston

MWDBE Participation (if applicable):

Request Summary (Agenda Caption):

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Request by the Sheriff to accept the attached Certification and Assurances form for the FY 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

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Background and Discussion:

HCSO submitted a joint application with the City of Houston to the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). It is required that the Certification and Assurances form be submitted after review by the local governing body.

Expected Impact:

Grant funds will be used by the Sheriff's Office to purchase necessary equipment and to fund overtime costs for specialized units. The Constables will receive 25% of the grant amount for laptops, computers, tasers, and portable AFIS devices

Alternative Options:

Alignment with Goal(s):

☒ Justice and Safety

☐ Economic Opportunity

☐ Housing

☐ Public Health

☐ Transportation

☐ Flooding

☐ Environment

☐ Governance and Customer Service

Prior Court Action (if any):

The grant application was approved by the Court on August 10, 2021.


Location:

Address (if applicable list below):

☒ Countywide☐ Precinct 1☐ Precinct 2☐ Precinct 3☐ Precinct 4**Fiscal and Personnel Summary**

Fiscal and Personnel Summary				
Service Name	Sheriff's Office	FY 21-22	Estimates	
			FY 22	Next 3 FYs
Incremental Expenditures				
	Labor Expenditures	-	-	-
	Non-Labor Expenditures	-	-	-
	Total Incremental Expenditures	-	-	-
Funding Sources (General Fund, PIC Fund, Debt or CP, Grants, or Other – Please Specify)				
Existing Budget	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	Total Current Budget	-	-	-
Additional Budget Requested	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-
	Total Additional Budget Requested	-	-	-
	Total Funding Sources	-	-	-
Personnel (Fill out section only if requesting new PCNs)				
	Current Position Count for Service	-	-	-
	Additional Positions Requested	-	-	-
	Total Personnel	-	-	-


Anticipated Implementation Date: October 1, 2021**Emergency/Disaster Recovery Note:**☒ Not an emergency, disaster recovery, or COVID-19 related item☐ Emergency Item☐ COVID-19 related Item☐ Disaster Recovery related Item**Contact(s) name, title, department:** LaStacia Spencer, Grant Analyst, Sheriff's Office**Attachments (if applicable):** JAG Certification and Assurance Form

TO: Ed Gonzalez, Sheriff 
THRU: Edison Toquica, Chief Deputy Edison Toquica
Edison Toquica (Sep 1, 2021 23:40 CDT)
THRU: Michael Lanham, Director of Finance Michael Lanham
Michael Lanham (Sep 1, 2021 18:03 CDT)
THRU: Brian Schmitz, Grants Manager Brian Schmitz
Brian Schmitz (Sep 1, 2021 08:00 CDT)
FROM: LaStacia Spencer, Grant Analyst
DATE: August 31, 2021
SUBJ: Certification and Assurances for FY 2021 Justice Assistance Grant Application

The Grants Management Office requests authorization to submit to Commissioners Court the attached Certification and Assurances form in connection with the application for the FY 2021 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). The FY 2021 JAG application was approved by Commissioners Court on 8/10/2021.

Your consideration in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Regards,


LaStacia Spencer, Grant Analyst

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS**

Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2021 Local Solicitation

Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government

On behalf of the applicant unit of local government named below, in support of that locality's application for an award under the FY 2021 Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") Program, and further to 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a), I certify to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), that all of the following are true and correct:

1. I am the chief executive of the applicant unit of local government named below, and I have the authority to make the following representations on my own behalf as chief executive and on behalf of the applicant unit of local government. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any OJP decision to make an award, under the application described above, to the applicant unit of local government.
2. I certify that no federal funds made available by the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above will be used to supplant local funds, but will be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for law enforcement activities.
3. I assure that the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was submitted for review to the governing body of the unit of local government (e.g., city council or county commission), or to an organization designated by that governing body, not less than 30 days before the date of this certification.
4. I assure that, before the date of this certification— (a) the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was made public; and (b) an opportunity to comment on that application (or amendment) was provided to citizens and to neighborhood or community-based organizations, to the extent applicable law or established procedure made such an opportunity available.
5. I assure that, for each fiscal year of the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above, the applicant unit of local government will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial), as OJP may reasonably require.
6. I have carefully reviewed 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a)(5), and, with respect to the programs to be funded by the award (if any), I hereby make the certification required by section 10153(a)(5), as to each of the items specified therein.

Signature of Chief Executive of the Applicant Unit of
Local Government

Lina Hidalgo

Printed Name of Chief Executive

Harris County

Name of Applicant Unit of Local Government

Date of Certification

County Judge

Title of Chief Executive