

Program Narrative

The Okanogan County Sheriff's Office will use Local JAG funds to equip six (6) new patrol cars with emergency lighting equipment, protective shields and radios. The cars have been ordered and are anticipated to be delivered prior to July 1, 2009.

The Sheriff's Office would have been forced to take funding from another budget category to have enough funding to completely outfit the cars to prepare them for patrol functions; or, would have to reduce the fleet size by removing light bars and shields from older patrol cars rendering them useless for road duty. However, with the Local JAG funding the Sheriff's Office is able to have the additional funding needed to complete the project without taking from a different budget category and can increase the fleet size to accommodate the need for the cars.

How funds will be used with other justice funding

The Sheriff's Office will use Local JAG funds in coordination with other requested Department of Justice funding (if awarded). These funds include COPS Program funding to hire four (4) new deputies, and Rural Law Enforcement funds to improve the computer-aided dispatch (CAD) functions. The COPS funding will allow the Sheriff's Office to hire four new deputies which necessitates the increase in the fleet size. The CAD modules help support the deputies as they provide law enforcement services by providing tools such as Response Planning and PIN Mapping that will be used to track crime trends, provide additional information about known criminal activity in certain areas of the county, provide directions for remote areas, and will help the coordination of information sharing between agencies.

The Sheriff's Office will purchase and install light bars, protective shields and radios in six new patrol cars. The measurable outcomes include:

- Increased fleet size
- Improved fleet operations
- Reduction in maintenance costs associated with older patrol cars

Likelihood of achieving outcomes

The likelihood of achieving outcomes is high because the patrol cars have already been ordered, and the installation of emergency lighting equipment, protective shields and radios is mandatory for the patrol cars to become operational. This project is a priority for the Sheriff's Office, and is necessary to support the four new potential hires. If funding is not awarded from the COPS Program the Sheriff's Office still needs to increase and improve the fleet ensuring this project is implemented and completed expeditiously.

Organizational capabilities and competencies

The Okanogan County Sheriff's Office has the capacity to manage these projects including the coordination and oversight of the project activities. Undersheriff Joe Somday will provide lead on the

acquisition of the emergency lighting equipment and protective shields, and Emergency Management Coordinator, Scott Miller, will oversee purchase and installation of the radios.

The Sheriff's Office also contracts with a third-party grants manager, Barbara Engstrom, to help ensure the grant-funded activities are conducted in accordance with federal regulations and all reporting is completed accurately and on time. Ms. Engstrom will also work with the County Treasurer that maintains the Sheriff's Office accounts to ensure the funds are kept separate from other funding, including other non-Recovery Act funding, to enable the Sheriff's Office to accurately track expenditures and revenues from this source.

The Sheriff's Office will establish a trust fund for the JAG funds as required by the application guidance.

Activities started and completed expeditiously

The project can be started and completed expeditiously as it is a priority for the Sheriff's Office. The Sheriff's Office will coordinate the purchase of the equipment and the installation to coincide with the anticipated date of receipt of grant funds so there is little delay in getting these cars into operation.

Timeline

| <u>Goal</u> | <u>Activity</u> | <u>Dates</u> | <u>Resp. Party</u> |
|---------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Acquisition/Install | Order lighting and shields | August 1, 2009 | Undersheriff Somday |
| | Order radios | August 1, 2009 | Scott Miller, OCSO |
| | Install Equipment | September 15, 2009 | Undersheriff Somday |
| Improve Fleet | Put cars into operation | October 1, 2009 | Undersheriff Somday |

Performance measures

The performance measures to be used for this project include:

- Tracking of purchases
- Progress on installation
- Reduction in fleet maintenance costs

The Sheriff's Office will track the purchases to ensure they are cost-efficient and the ordering and delivery of equipment is within the desired timeframe. The Sheriff's Office will also track the installation process of the equipment to ensure it is well-coordinated and meets the timeframe. The Sheriff's Office will also track the fleet maintenance costs annually to compare the expenditures prior to adding the new cars and after they are in operation.

Attachment 4 – Project Abstract

Name: Okanogan County Sheriff's Office

Title: Local JAG – Equipping Patrol Cars

The Okanogan County Sheriff's Office will use Local JAG funds to purchase and install emergency lighting equipment, protective shields and radios for six (6) new patrol cars. The Sheriff's Office would be unable to complete this project without Local JAG funds.

The strategies to be used to complete this project include coordination of delivery of cars with delivery of equipment and installation. The deliverables include purchasing and installing equipment on the new patrol cars and having them operational in the fleet within three months of receiving JAG funds. The Sheriff's Office will coordinate with the Emergency Management Coordinator to purchase and install the radios, schedule installation with the locally contracted vendor, and the Undersheriff will coordinate the purchase and installation of the emergency lighting and protective shields.