

Alameda County Sheriff's Office

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August 1, 2019

Jeff Tudor, Chief
San Leandro Police Department
901 East 14th Street
San Leandro, California 94577

Dear Chief Tudor:

The Sheriff's Office intends to apply for the **FY2019 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Local** program on behalf of the eligible Alameda County cities and the county in order to recover this revenue for our respective agencies for the fifteenth (15th) consecutive year. The United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) consolidated the Byrne Memorial Grants and Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) in 2004 to create the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

The federal JAG program is divided into two allocations, a *state allocation* and a *local allocation*. The state may distribute its allocation as they see fit, but the local allocation is distributed to eligible units of local government in predetermined, suggested amounts. Our county qualifies for a total allocation of **\$654,114** in FY2019 Byrne JAG Local funds, which may only be used by agencies to fund any one or more of the following areas: local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice, as well as research and evaluation activities that will improve or enhance law enforcement programs related to criminal justice.

Favorable features of our JAG Local awards include: a four-year funding span for awards over \$25,000; no agency matching funds required; and a maximum 10% administrative fee using the reimbursement fiscal accounting method. However, the USDOJ timeline to apply for our FY2019 JAG Local grant is extremely tight. **Our application must be submitted to the federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) by August 23, 2019 so I will need your information and signed documents by Friday August 16th.** If we fail to submit a completed application by the deadline, funding will not be awarded.

BJA has developed joint application groups with regard to their application process that consolidate certain cities and counties. Alameda County's geographical boundary is the criteria for our particular Byrne JAG Local joint application group, pairing the eligible cities of Alameda, Berkeley, Emeryville, Fremont, Hayward, Livermore, Oakland, San Leandro, and Union City with the County of Alameda. BJA has determined the other five cities in our county (Albany, Dublin, Newark, Piedmont, and Pleasanton) are ineligible for the FY2019 JAG Local Grant because they did not fall within the federal government's predetermined population and crime rate criteria. BJA has mandated only one application can be submitted from our group and the application must represent all eligible members. For this reason, we must once again apply for this year's JAG Local Grant as a consortium.

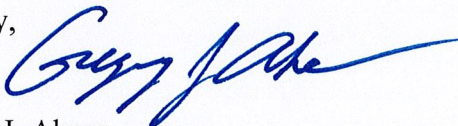
My staff has developed a proposal to move forward with a grant application that allows all eligible members to receive their allocated share of the award. An attached equity sharing proposal has been outlined, whereby all listed members will receive their federally-predetermined allotment of available funds, less a 10% fee to fund the Sheriff's Office efforts associated with grant administration, application filing, and financial and auditing services. I am requesting your support for this proposal so that as many of our agencies as possible can continue to benefit from the Byrne JAG Local funding.

Our proposal includes the development of a necessary addendum to our annually renewed Memorandum of Understanding. All eligible members must have their City Manager/City Administrator agree to and sign the addendum declaring their acceptance of the joint application and the terms therein. To expedite the application process, the addendum to the MOU is attached and will be formally presented for your review and acceptance at the next Alameda County Chiefs of Police and Sheriff's Association (ACCOPSA) meeting. Our common goal is to ascertain an agreement on the addendum to our MOU promptly and have the MOU expeditiously signed by your City Manager/City Administrator, as required by BJA. Your city's signed MOU must be received, if at all possible, by my Grant Coordinator no later than **Friday August 16, 2019** (color-scanned, blue-ink signatures are preferred).

I am also asking your agency to email my Grant Coordinator, Harry Bruno, (HBruno@acgov.org), with a paragraph-sized description of what you intend to do with your FY2019 JAG Local funds and your budget worksheet within the next two+ weeks. The final page attachment to this letter is a copy of your actual FY2018 JAG Local request and budget worksheet format. These descriptions form the basis of our total request for funds. Your attention to this detail will allow my staff the time necessary to complete all the required application documentation and meet the impending deadline for submission.

Finally, I want to specifically draw your attention to well-publicized federal requirements to certain USDOJ grants that now require one certification by each member's "Chief Executive Officer" **and** assent by the agencies when receiving the grant award of compliance with 8 U.S.C. Section 1373 et al, prohibiting certain actions by local government entities regarding information on citizenship and immigration status. These signed Certifications were also required to receive the FY2017 and FY2018 Byrne JAG Local awards, however, lawsuits and settled injunctions prevented USDOJ from implementing those requirements. Please note I have attached the federal Certification of Compliance form which must be signed by your "Chief Executive Officer" before award monies will be allocated to your agency. As a Consortium we do not have to sign and submit the Certifications with our application until we want to receive the award money so we are not requiring your Certifications at this time. We plan to follow the same course of action as the past two Byrne JAG Local awards to submit the application without the Certification and let the legal process sort this all out before considering whether or not to accept the award. Thank you!

Sincerely,



Gregory J. Ahern
Sheriff – Coroner

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Attachments: FY2019 Byrne JAG Local Allocation for Alameda County

FY2019 Addendum to Memorandum of Understanding
 FY2019 Certification of Compliance with 8 U.S.C. Section 1373
 FY2018 Narrative Request and Budget Worksheet

FY2019 Byrne JAG Local Grant Allocation			
AGENCY	Grant Allocation	Less: 10% Admin Fee	Total Received
City of Alameda Alameda Police Department	\$12,930.00	\$1,293.00	\$11,637.00
City of Berkeley Berkeley Police Department	\$42,115.00	\$4,211.50	\$37,903.50
City of Emeryville Emeryville Police Department	\$10,212.00	\$1,021.20	\$9,190.80
City of Fremont Fremont Police Department	\$27,827.00	\$2,782.70	\$25,044.30
City of Hayward Hayward Police Department	\$40,990.00	\$4,099.00	\$36,891.00
City of Livermore Livermore Police Department	\$13,421.00	\$1,342.10	\$12,078.90
City of Oakland Oakland Police Department	\$412,973.00	\$41,297.30	\$371,675.70
City of San Leandro San Leandro Police Department	\$33,331.00	\$3,333.10	\$29,997.90
City of Union City Union City Police Department	\$18,762.00	\$1,876.20	\$16,885.80
Sub Total	\$612,561.00	\$61,256.10	\$551,304.90
County Of Alameda Alameda County Sheriff's Office	\$41,553.00	.	
Total Grant	\$654,114.00		