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**FY 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**

The Department of Justice has partnered with Maricopa County and the Cities of Mesa and Phoenix to receive \$952,411 through the FY 2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant. Partners have agreed to the following distribution of funds: Maricopa County \$207,411; City of Mesa \$120,000; and City of Phoenix \$625,000. Please review the Recommended Projects for details of proposed programs.

**Recommended Projects to Receive**

**2015 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program:  
Local Solicitation Allocations**

Proposed to streamline justice funding and grant administration, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program allows states, tribes and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. The stated purpose of the JAG program is to underwrite projects that reduce crime and improve public safety.

Please note that the programs below are proposed and are being presented to governing boards for final approval. If any changes or updates are made, they will be reflected on [www.maricopa.gov](http://www.maricopa.gov) in as timely a manner as possible.

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**Maricopa County, \$207,411**

Maricopa County intends to utilize a **part-time Grant Administrator (\$47,411)** to oversee and coordinate the reporting requirements for this four-year grant.

**Adult Probation, \$40,000 – Community Restitution** – A Restorative Justice program that allows the probationer an opportunity to give back and the victims and neighborhoods to recover from the financial and emotional harm caused by crime. Community Restitution projects are performed for non-profit and government agencies throughout Maricopa County. Support positions interview and assess the probationer's skill level and evaluates the probationer's offense for appropriate agency placement while recognizing health and special medical needs. They select a compatible Community Restitution work assignment for the probationer that will enhance self-worth

and provide a sense of accomplishment. These positions maintain probationers' Community Restitution records, enter completed work hours in the statewide probationer database and maintain liaison with community agencies and probation personnel. Stats are tabulated for monthly reports and timesheets are verified. The Department monitors and advises the Court as to the probationer's compliance with court orders and the actual completion of court and statutorily-ordered community restitution hours as well as accurate and timely information for its Managing for Results Community Restoration performance results.

**County Attorney's Office, \$40,000 – Gun Violence Reduction** – Through specialized prosecution efforts in cooperation with law enforcement agencies in Maricopa County, the MCAO Gun Violence Prosecution Program will focus on those violent crimes involving the use of deadly weapons, specifically guns. This program utilizes a specialized prosecutor to review, charge, prosecute and sentence felons committing crimes involving guns.

**Juvenile Probation, \$40,000 – iCIS Enhancements** – Will support contracted computer programming staff in developing enhancements to the Integrated Court Information System (iCIS) database. The Superior Court developed iCIS as the overall court data management system, incorporating specific modules to meet individual department needs. The Juvenile Probation Department requires enhancements to the database to effectively transition service delivery in compliance with recent Code changes related to Evidence Based Practice.

**Sheriff's Office, \$40,000 – MCSO Interdiction Narcotics Enforcement Team (INET)** – The disruption and dismantling of low, mid and high-level Mexican Drug Trafficking Operatives (DTO's) who make their way into Arizona and eventually Maricopa County neighborhoods to stash houses. All types of drug transactions low and mid-level occur daily on street corners and neighborhoods throughout Maricopa County. The INET team will target smugglers and their organizations, local dealers, distributors (including buyers and sellers) and their stateside trafficking networks. INET is a multifaceted unit covering parcel/freight, highway/commercial vehicle, bus and financial interdiction. It is one of the most experienced interdiction teams in the State of Arizona with an outstanding reputation.

**City of Mesa, \$120,000**

**Enhanced Video Surveillance System** – The Mesa PD has relied on outdated and out of support analog video surveillance system to monitor the activities both outside and inside the multiple campuses throughout the City. The systems monitor access to secured areas within the department including CJIS critical infrastructure along with the movement of prisoners, suspects and victims. The enhanced equipment will replace non-functioning and out of support equipment with a robust IP system that will centralize storage and allow multiple access paths to view the data ensuring the safety of our employees, visitors and citizens of Mesa.

**City of Phoenix, \$625,000**

**Police Department Investigations/Crime Suppression** – Contract with the Arizona Humane society to provide on-scene response and investigative support to PPD for cases involving animal cruelty. The PPD responded to approximately 448 calls involving animal cruelty and over 277 were impounded. The Arizona Humane Society will provide staff response to investigations, transportation, boarding and feeding and expert witness testimony in criminal cases as required. This will enhance the PPD's ability to investigate cases of animal cruelty and neglect.

**Parks and Recreation Department Project BRAVE** – Bringing Reality About Violence Education (BRAVE) is a violence prevention education program that was created with the goal of decreasing violence in our community through awareness, leadership training activities and effective partnerships with other local agencies. Project BRAVE provides no cost comprehensive workshops to youth ages 8-18 where that are taught life skills and healthy alternatives to violence and other self-destructive behaviors. The project augments workshop sessions with powerful high visibility stage productions (plays, talent revues, and school assemblies) that emphasize prevention education themes.

**Police Equipment** – Purchase 15 Ballistic Helmets for the Fugitive Apprehension Investigative Squad who conduct a variety of job duties that require the use of a ballistic helmets, including but not limited to search warrant service,

high profile arrest situations and assisting in barricade situations. Purchase one Optim Freedom View Fiberscope for the Maryvale Uniformed Drug Interdiction Squad. This piece of equipment will assist in locating drugs, money and contraband in hidden locations, i.e., hidden compartments, gas tanks, voids, walls and floors.

**Forensic Lab Equipment** – Purchase 2 Livescan Fingerprint machines to take fingerprints of prisoners brought into the facility allowing for quick identification of previous criminal activity if applicable. Will also be used during the application process to complete background checks. Purchase one Gas Chromatograph-Mass Spectrometer for the use in the Toxicology section for the analysis of prescription and illicit drugs of abuse in DUI and Drug cases and identify over 190 different types of drugs. Purchase 6 TruNarc Raman Spectrometers to be deployed to the field (patrol) to be used by the Certified Control Substance officers. This allows testing program to be expanded Department-wide and allow for heroin field-testing.

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