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FY2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

The Department of Justice has partnered with Maricopa County and the Cities of Mesa and Phoenix to receive \$1,018,655 through the FY2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant. Partners have agreed to the following distribution of funds: Maricopa County \$301,866; City of Mesa \$129,000; and City of Phoenix \$587,789. Please review the Recommended Projects for details of proposed programs.

Recommended Projects to Receive 2018 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 in as timely a manner as possible.

Maricopa County, \$301,866

Maricopa County intends to utilize a **part-time Grant Administrator (\$101,866)** to oversee and coordinate the reporting requirements for this four-year grant.

Adult Probation, \$40,000 – Thinking For A Change - Thinking for a Change (T4C) is an evidence-based, cognitive-behavioral intervention program for medium-high to high risk offenders that targets the top risk factors for re-offense specifically, antisocial personality, antisocial behavior, antisocial peers and antisocial attitudes. This program teaches offenders cognitive restructuring skills, social skills and problem solving skills. These skills provide probationers new alternatives to criminal behavior and better prepares probationers for employment and other pro-social activities.

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 – Youth Assessment and Accountability Enhancements – The Juvenile Probation Department will enhance its Evidence Based Practices through the incorporation of appropriate screening tools to increase success rates and other outcomes for youth both on Probation and Diverted from formal court processing. Youth screening enhancements targeting Substance Abuse; Domestic/Youth Violence and Abuse; and General Mental Health will be considered for pilot and implementation. The Department will also seek to increase opportunities for youth to complete community service and restitution earning projects.

Office of the Medical Examiner (OME), \$40,000

Forensic Equipment - \$20,000 - The OME mandated by state law to investigate over 9,500 deaths yearly and jurisdiction is accepted in about 5,800 cases. The agency conducts a thorough medicolegal death investigation to determine cause and manner of death, collect evidence, and answer questions about the death in support of the criminal justice system; the public health system; the transportation, occupational, and consumer product safety systems, the health care system, and the public's best interest. OME will be purchasing an X-Ray table.

Forensic Toxicologists Training - \$20,000 – OME will send a team of Forensic Toxicologists for training in order to test for certification and receive required continuing education credits.

Sheriff's Office, \$40,000 – HIDTA Enforcement Action Team (HEAT) – The disruption and dismantling of low, mid and high-level Drug Trafficking Operatives (DTO's). The team will target smugglers and their organizations, local dealers, distributors and their stateside trafficking networks. HEAT is one of the most experienced interdiction teams in the State of AZ. It has developed a network that links numerous local law enforcement agencies throughout the U.S. HEAT has a successful working relationship with federal agencies and collaborates with DEA, DHS, BP, ICE and USPS. HEAT also supports Arizona "High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area" (HIDTA) in multi-agency operations focused in Maricopa County. On a smaller scale, the narcotic officers of HEAT perform buy/bust, reversals and hotel/motel operations. Street level narcotics and arrest of neighborhood/local drug dealers are also accomplished by this team.

City of Mesa, \$129,000

Mesa Police Department, \$129,000 – High Quality and Audio Technology System – Mesa Police Department will purchase and implement a new interview room camera system and storage at Police Headquarters, the Mesa Family Advocacy Center and all four Patrol Districts. The system will be a modern, Internet Protocol based system with centralized server storage. The system will record crucial interviews with redundant, high-quality video and audio technology.

City of Phoenix, \$587,789

Parks and Recreation Department, \$152,993 - Project BRAVE – Project BRAVE (Bringing Reality About Violence Education) 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 6-18 where they are taught life skills and healthy alternatives to violence and other self-destructive behaviors. Project BRAVE augments workshop sessions

with school assemblies that emphasize prevention education themes. Grant money will be used to fund one full time coordinator and two part-time youth counselors. Various project support items will also be funded.

Police Department, \$434,796 - On-Officer Video Camera Project - The Phoenix Police Department requests these funds to enhance existing body-worn camera (BWC), storage, and policy development project. The goal of the project is to have all uniformed law enforcement officers wearing BWC's. There are currently 300 cameras deployed in the community and 2,864 uniformed law enforcement officers. These funds will provide valuable resources towards enhancing their current project.

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