

Proposal Narrative

The City of Waycross is applying for funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Fiscal Year 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation to fund a law enforcement project titled FY2022 JAG Program. The Waycross Police Department and the Ware County Sheriff's Office have been declared disparate for this grant program and have agreed in a signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to divide the funds equally between the two agencies. The City of Waycross will act as the applicant/fiscal agent for the joint funds. The award amount is \$10,022. The project goal of the FY2022 JAG Program is to improve and enhance local law enforcement efforts by supplementing the ability of the Waycross Police Department and the Ware County Sheriff's Office to purchase equipment, technology, and training. This will benefit the efforts of both agencies to increase public safety and reduce crime in their jurisdictions.

Using allocated funds for the FY2022 JAG Program will enable both agencies to complete the following proposed program activities during the 2-year grant period:

- Waycross Police Department will use grant funds to purchase equipment and technology to include software, hardware, and training needed to implement the use of new metal detectors to increase security measures at the court and in crime fighting, crime reduction and public safety in the City of Waycross.
- Ware County Sheriff's Office will use grant funds to purchase equipment to include ballistic shields to protect deputies when they are serving high-risk search warrants and arrest warrants as part of their efforts in crime fighting, crime reduction, and public safety in Ware County.

The following performance measures will be used to assess whether or not the project goal is being met:

- Amount of JAG funds allocated to purchase equipment, technology, and training. Waycross Police Department will report the amount of funds allocated to purchase equipment, technology, and training during the reporting period for Waycross Police Department and Ware County Sheriff's Office.
- Indicate the type of equipment, technology and training purchased with JAG funds. Waycross Police Department will report the type of equipment, technology and training purchased with JAG funds during the reporting period for Waycross Police Department and Ware County Sheriff's Office
- Describe efficiencies or cost savings achieved as a result of any purchase of equipment, technology, and training. Waycross Police Department will report any efficiencies or cost savings achieved as a result of any equipment, technology, or training

purchases during the reporting period for Waycross Police Department and Ware County Sheriff's Office.

- Describe any accomplishments of the program during the reporting period. Waycross Police Department will report the accomplishments achieved through the program during the reporting period for Waycross Police Department and Ware County Sheriff's Office.

Many law enforcement agencies in Georgia have benefited from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation in the past several years. The Waycross Police Department and the Ware County Sheriff's Office appreciate the opportunity to meet needs for equipment and technology for officers and deputies of the two agencies. There is always a need for updated and additional equipment and technology that is not always available with budgeted local funds. Being just one of several departments in their respective local governments Waycross Police Department and Ware County Sheriff's Office must compete for budgeted funds with other departments that are in need. This often results in not being able to fill all requests for equipment and technology. The FY2022 JAG Program will assist the requesting agencies in meeting their current needs for equipment and technology. The efforts of the Waycross Police Department and the Ware County Sheriff's Office to serve the community with the highest standards of excellence will be enhanced with better equipped employees.