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**U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs' (OJP)  
Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)**

**Funding Application Announcement**

**Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program  
FY 2024 Local Solicitation**

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**PROGRAM NARRATIVE**

**Part 1 – Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) – Intersection Camera:**

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) vision is for Charlotte County to remain one of the safest and most enjoyable places to live and visit in the State of Florida and in the nation. In addition, the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office strives to provide safe roadways for the residents and visitors of Charlotte County. Law enforcement equipment, which would expand response options and benefit the members of the County of Charlotte, is a robust security infrastructure.

An intersection camera system would aid Law Enforcement in solving crimes, strengthening the current security infrastructure, and addressing traffic safety concerns within the community. Furthermore, prior to Hurricane Ian CCSO identified that the agency couldn't view our evacuation routes to ensure that roadways were clear and safe for the residents and visitors of Charlotte County to evacuate the area. We currently have several license plate reader (LPR) systems deployed out in the community that are strategically placed throughout the county's ingress and egress points that assist with traffic flow assessment during a natural disaster, but they are not the best option for this measure. The intersection cameras in conjunction with the LPR systems would be an optimal technological solution. The LPR locations have the dedicated power and resources needed to deploy the intersection cameras, saving time on installation, and keeping costs low.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program has allocated funds to the County of Charlotte. The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office will receive \$12,959 of those funds. The funds will be used to purchase intersection cameras for law enforcement. Each camera would cost approximately \$3,240. The goal is to purchase 4 intersection cameras amounting to a total of \$12,959. If the cost of the equipment exceeds the allocated amount, CCSO would cover the excess from the general fund.

The procurement process would be initiated in January 2025 by first issuing the purchase order for the equipment. The equipment would be received and installed between the months of February through June 2025. The intended date for using the equipment in the field would likely be in the months of July through September 2025, after which the grant closeout would be completed.

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office has been a recipient of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for several years. Prior experience will allow CCSO to achieve this goal and meet all reporting requirements. The Fiscal Grant Management Analyst is responsible for the management of this grant and will therefore coordinate with the Charlotte County Fiscal Services Division to complete financial and performance reporting as required. The Finance Director will be responsible for the financial management of the grant in our financial system. The management of this grant will be possible with this proposed plan.

**Part 2 – Punta Gorda Police Department (PGPD) – Emergency Trauma Medical Kits:**

The Punta Gorda Police Department will employ JAG funds to purchase emergency trauma medical kit for each of our officers. Events over the past few years have proven law enforcement officers need to be prepared to act in a medical capacity either as primary medics or assisting more traditional EMS units with additional resources and manpower.

The focus on active assailant incidents has shown the need for law enforcement officers to be prepared to treat life threatening wounds in a hot zone that traditional EMS members are not

permitted to enter. Some agencies do not even allow medics to enter warm zones so most training is geared toward a law enforcement rescue response due to these restrictions. The current best practices, taught in the F.B.I Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response trains officers, which the Punta Gorda Police Department has been trained in, instructs officers to stop the dying by neutralizing the suspect then immediately transition to stop the dying by triaging and treating the victims.

Most law enforcement officers will not be carrying large aid bags into an active scene or one that unexpectedly turns into a traumatic event. This would necessitate officers returning to their vehicles which may be quite some distance away or require them to move through unsecured areas to retrieve basic life-saving equipment.

The requested equipment allows officers to carry lifesaving equipment on their person at all times. This request would equip every officer, plus a few extra for replacement or training, with 1 Celox Blood Clotting Applicator for puncture wounds, 1 Israeli Bandage for deep lacerations, and 2 Chest Seals primarily for gunshot wounds but can be used for any puncture wounds involving the lungs, as well as a blue Molle pouch to carry it in. The equipment would allow for each officer to treat up to 5 potentially life-threatening injuries on scene, saving precious time and possibly lives. Individual First Aid Kits have been proven effective on the battlefields of Iraq and Afghanistan, as well as on the streets of America.