

# **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant**

## 2009 Local Solicitation

On March 6, 2009 solicitation was issued for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

The Governor of Wyoming has oversight of this grant funding and has requested applications be forwarded to his office for review and approval prior to submission. The grant also requires the expenditures be reviewed by the local governing body (County Commissioners) no less than thirty (30) days prior to final submission. The Governor's submission deadline is May 6, 2009. The submission deadline for the application to the Department of Justice is May 18, 2009.

The Campbell County Sheriff's Office is eligible to receive \$65,213.00 through this program. No matching funds are required for this grant award. The award amount is based on Uniform Crime Report (UCR) statistics for the agency. The following equipment needs have been identified as appropriate expenditures of these funds. These equipment purchases will increase the effectiveness and efficiency of Sheriff's Office operations and mission of providing effective law enforcement and public safety services.

### *Program Narrative:*

The Sheriff's Office intends to use \$32,295 to purchase a Mattracks system for enhancing response vehicle capabilities. The Mattracks is a set of vehicle tracks that are placed on an existing response vehicle, and allow the vehicle to respond through heavy snow, mud, and other unstable surface conditions. This equipment will greatly enhance the agency's ability to respond to criminal emergencies, rescue operations, and medical emergencies during severe weather or over remote terrain that is otherwise inaccessible.

The Sheriff's Office intends to use \$19,494 to purchase twenty-seven (27) sets of Stinger road spikes. These road spikes will be used to more safely and effectively terminate vehicle pursuits. The additional 27 units will allow the agency to deploy a set of road spikes to all marked vehicles, increasing public safety by multiplying the likelihood that a set of road spikes is in proper position to be rapidly deployed to stop a pursuit at the earliest opportunity. The current limitation of having just a few sets of road spikes in either a central location, or deployed to only a few active units, places the liability of extended pursuits in the hands of good fortune, rather than proper planning.

The Sheriff's Office intends to use \$11,537.00 to equip a Special Operation Response Team for the agency Detention Center. The agency does not currently have a SORT in place, and does not have proper equipment to conduct SORT operations. The addition of this equipment will allow for enhanced safety of the facility for both officers and inmates, and will allow for more coordinated responses to crisis situations in the jail where an inmate(s) need to be removed or controlled with force, and other high-risk security operations.

The Sheriff's Office intends to use the remaining \$1887.00 to purchase an additional Automatic

External Defibrillator (AED) for emergency response personnel. This AED will be consistent with the units currently in use by this agency, and will be deployed by uniform patrol deputies. We currently have AEDs available for use on shift, however when shifts are fully staffed there are times when there are not enough units for each officer. This addition will help alleviate that problem. The AED is a vital piece of equipment in cardiac emergencies, and provides life-saving opportunities when available to first responding officers.

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