

APPLICATION FOR

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION Application Non-Construction		2. DATE SUBMITTED 05/10/2012	APPLICATION IDENTIFIER
		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER
		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	FEDERAL IDENTIFIER
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name City of North Charleston		Organizational Unit Mayors Office	
Address (city, state, and zip code) Post Office Box 190016 North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9016		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application Shannon Praete (843) 740-2588	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 57-0545285		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT Municipal	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION New		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY Bureau of Justice Assistance	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE Number: 16,738 CFDA Title: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT Justice Assistance Grant to benefit law enforcement and criminal prosecutors within the City of North Charleston and the County of Charleston. Will provide assistance with providing necessary law enforcement equipment, as well as personnel in the pro	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT City of North Charleston and County of Charleston			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S) OF	
Start Date: 10/01/2012	Ending Date: 09/30/2015	a. Applicant SC06	b. Project SC06,SC01
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. Federal	\$129,780	This preapplication/application was made available to the state executive order 12372 process for review on 05/10/2012	
b. Applicant	\$0		
c. State	\$0		
d. Local	\$0		
e. Other	\$0		
f. Program Income	\$0	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?	
g. Total	\$129,780	N	
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS REQUIRED.			
a. Typed Name of Authorized Representative R. Keith Summey		b. Title Mayor	c. Telephone number (843) 740-2501
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed	

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North Charleston, South Carolina has been notified that it is a disparate jurisdiction with Charleston County. This has been the same since the 2008 JAG solicitation. The negotiations between the two entities have resulted in the following decisions: all parties have agreed to keep their respective funds and use for the purpose that they identify in the narrative; the City of North Charleston will act as the lead agency and will be responsible for the application and all other aspects of the grant.

The JAG Formula Program grant will be under the administrative control of the City of North Charleston's Grants Administrator who is responsible for the administrative oversight of all grants within the City. The financial aspect will be jointly monitored by the Grants Administrator and the Finance Department's Deputy Director. These two individuals each have over 10 years of experience in the administration of grants. The City uses financial management software that monitors balances on accounts, develops purchase orders and requisitions. It does not permit items over the budgeted amount without an override from the Finance Department. If awarded, this grant would be given its own "fund number" through the financial management software and all expenditures would be charged to that fund. The limits of the funds are set at those identified in the grant award documents. All grants are managed and monitored the same way throughout the City.

North Charleston, SC Narrative:

North Charleston, like the rest of the United States, has also been adversely affected by the recession over the past couple of years. The State of South Carolina has had one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation throughout the recession. South Carolina reported a 10.9% unemployment rate in July 2011. This is over 1.5% more than the national average. Throughout the recession, South Carolina had had one of the highest unemployment rates in the nation. Even prior to the current recession, over 50% of the census tracts in North Charleston were low-to-moderate income. 2010 census shows that 24% of all people in North Charleston live in poverty, compared to the state average of 15.8%. The median household income in North Charleston is estimated at \$34,955, compared to the state of \$43,572. The City of North Charleston has a budget of over \$88 million with over 31% of its budget going towards Police (\$27,737,637).

North Charleston poverty rate significantly exceeds the federal and state averages. According to the US Census Bureau's Quick Facts, between 2005 and 2009, 24% of all people live in poverty in North Charleston, compared to 15.8% for the state and the national average of 13.5% of all individuals. The per capita income (2009) in North Charleston is estimated to be \$18,130, compared to the state average of \$23,196 and the national average of \$27,041.

The recession has forced the City and its Police Department to provide continued service to its service area with decreased funding. Since the FY2009 budget, North Charleston's overall budget has decreased. The City's Police Department for FY2012 will have a budget of 2.5% less than that for FY2009.

North Charleston's resources are stretched by its status as one of America's most dangerous cities. Through various efforts, North Charleston has experienced a downward trend in violent crime over the last four years. The North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) has made great inroads in its efforts to improve police/community relations to address crime. Improved patrol strategies, along with efforts to forge greater cooperation among the police, community leaders, and residents, have paid off with dramatic decreases in violent crime over the past couple of years, including a 26% reduction of the violent crime index in 2009. These citywide efforts have focused on building trust between the community and the police, and creating a shared responsibility for crime and crime-reduction efforts.

With its JAG funds, North Charleston proposes to provide support to the local solicitor's office for staffing. It will also use its funds to purchase a multi-functional trailer that can be used as both an automatic license plate reader and a speed awareness trailer. Funds would further be used to purchase a laptop to access the trailer and the data that is collected by its. Funds would be used to purchase training weapons and accessories to assist with building clearing training and "shoot don't shoot" scenarios.

Charleston County, SC Narrative:

The Charleston County Sheriff's Office has identified a critical need that will not be able to be met with the reduction in funding they are facing. The allocation for the Sheriff's Office for 2011 will be used for the following purposes. The Department will repair broken tasers and replace inoperable ones that are unable to be repaired for a total cost of \$32,688. The Sheriff's Office will also provide \$17,601 to the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office for the personnel costs associated with a general prosecutor.

Budget Worksheet

A. Personnel	<u>\$0</u>
B. Fringe Benefits	<u>\$0</u>
C. Travel	<u>\$0</u>
D. Equipment	<u>\$83,188</u>

Item	Computation	Cost
Tasers (Repair/Purchase)	x \$32,688	\$32,688
Road Warrior ALPR System	1 x \$44,000	\$44,000
Mobile Data Computer	1 x \$6,500	\$6,500

E. Supplies	<u>\$5,991</u>
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Item	Computation	Cost
Air Soft Weapons and Accessories	1 x \$3,991	\$3,991
iPads	2 x \$1,000	\$2,000

F. Construction	<u>\$0</u>
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G. Consultants/Contracts	<u>\$37,601</u>
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Item	Computation	Cost
Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office (General Prosecutor – North Charleston)	\$20,000 x 1	\$20,000
Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office (General Prosecutor)	\$17,601 x 1	\$17,601

H. Other	<u>\$3,000</u>
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Item	Computation	Cost
Grant Training	3 x \$1,000	\$3,000

Total Direct Costs	<u>\$129,780</u>
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I. Indirect Costs	<u>\$0</u>
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Budget Summary -

<i>Budget Category</i>	<i>Total Budget</i>
A. Personnel/Fringe	\$0
B. Travel	\$0
B. Equipment	\$83,188
C. Supplies	\$5,991
D. Construction	\$0
E. Consultants/Contracts	\$37,601
F. Other	\$3,000
TOTAL DIRECT COSTS:	\$129,780
G. Indirect Costs	0
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS:	\$129,780
TOTAL FEDERAL REQUEST:	\$129,780

BUDGET NARRATIVE

City of North Charleston, SC - \$79,491 (JAG Allocation)

Equipment (\$50,500)

1. Road Warrior ALPR System – The Mobile ALPR Road Warrior trailer is a multi-functional unit that is used as a License Plate Reader and a Speed awareness trailer. This unit can easily be moved from one location to another. (\$44,000.00)
2. Mobile Data Computer – Getac B300 Laptop, CAD License, Portable Mount and Power Inverter. This computer would be used to monitor the Road Warrior ALPR System. (\$6,500.00)
3. Tasers – Funds to repair or replace approximately 40 tasers. (\$32,688)

Supplies (\$5,991)

1. Air Soft Weapons and Accessories – These training weapons and accessories would be used for “shoot don’t shoot” scenarios and “building clearing” training (Practical Tactical). (\$3,991.00)
2. iPads – Funds to assist with purchasing 2 iPads for communications and data gathering.

Contracts (\$20,000)

1. Contract with Ninth Circuit Solicitor’s Office for \$20,000 to assist with paying for a General Prosecutor who handles the North Charleston cases.

Other (\$3,000)

1. Funds to allow City personnel to include grant manager and finance representative to attend Department of Justice grant related classes. Estimated 3 training opportunities at \$1,000.

Charleston County, SC - \$50,289 (JAG Allocation):

Equipment (\$32,688):

1. Repair or purchase of Tasers – Repair of current tasers, purchase of additional tasers or replacement of tasers that cannot be repaired, approximately 40 (@ \$817.20/each).

Contracts (\$17,601)

1. Contract with Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office for \$17,601 to assist with paying for the General Prosecutor.

1. The FY2012 JAG application was made available for governing body review on April 10, 2012. It was then presented at the April 19, 2012 North Charleston City Council Finance Committee meeting and April 26, 2012 North Charleston City Council meeting.
2. The application was made available to the public and a public notice was posted at the City's website from April 10, 2012 – May 10, 2012. It was placed on the website in the same location as all public notices. As stated prior, the application was further reviewed at North Charleston's Finance Committee and Council in April 2012. During these meetings, the public is provided the opportunity to comment. There were no comments received.
3. Attached is a copy of the executed MOU.

THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

INTERGOVERNMENTAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON AND COUNTY OF CHARLESTON

Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program

This Agreement is made and entered into this 10 day of May, 2012, by and between the CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON AND THE COUNTY OF CHARLESTON, acting by and through their governing bodies, all of Charleston County, State of South Carolina, witnesseth:

WHEREAS, this Agreement is made pursuant to the grant of Article 8 Section 13 of the South Carolina Constitution; and

WHEREAS, each governing body, in performing governmental functions or in paying for the performance of governmental functions hereunder, shall make that performance or those payments from current revenues legally available to that party; and

WHEREAS, each governing body finds that the performance of this Agreement is in the best interests of both parties, that the undertaking will benefit the public, and that the division of costs fairly compensates the performing party for the services or functions under this agreement; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON and COUNTY OF CHARLESTON all agree that each will keep their allocation from the 2012 JAG Program; and

WHEREAS, the CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON has been allocated \$79,491 and CHARLESTON COUNTY has been allocated \$50,289 by the United States Department of Justice; and

WHEREAS, all parties believe it to be in their best interests to use their respective funds for their own programs.

NOW THEREFORE, the COUNTY and CITY agree as follows:

Section 1.

Each party to this agreement agrees that all parties will receive their allocation as identified by the United States Department of Justice.

Section 2.

Each party to this agreement agrees that the City of North Charleston will be the fiscal agent for the funds.

Section 3.

Each party to this agreement will be responsible for its own actions in providing services under this agreement and shall not be liable for any civil liability that may arise from the furnishing of the services by the other party.

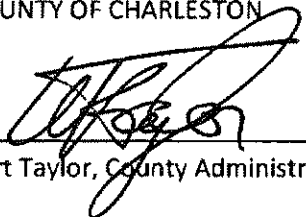
Section 4.

The parties to this Agreement do not intend for any third party to obtain a right by virtue of this Agreement.

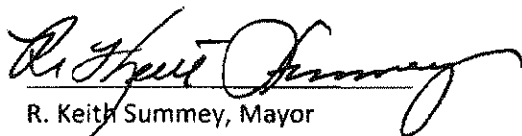
Section 5.

By entering into this Agreement, the parties do not intend to create any obligations express or implied other than those set out herein; further, this Agreement shall not create any rights in any party not a signatory hereto.

COUNTY OF CHARLESTON


Kurt Taylor, County Administrator

CITY OF NORTH CHARLESTON


R. Keith Summey, Mayor

Applicant's Name: City of North Charleston

Project Title: City of North Charleston/Charleston County Justice Assistance Grant

Project Identifiers: Adjudication, Less Than Lethal, Conferences/Trainings, License Plate Readers, Traffic Enforcement, Vehicle Tag Monitoring, Computer Hardware

Goals of the project: The goal of the project is to provide both local and county law enforcement officers with equipment necessary to more efficiently and effectively enforce the laws of the community. It also provides the Ninth Circuit Solicitor's Office with assistance paying for the salaries and fringe benefits of a General Prosecutor. This will have the effect of decreasing the current case backlog in the local courts.

Description of the strategies to be used: The current economy is forcing law enforcement to make difficult choices on the cutting of expenses. These funds will allow law enforcement at both the city and county level to procure items to meet a number of critical needs that would otherwise not be met with the reduction in funding they are currently facing. The items that are being purchased were decided upon by law enforcement leaders from each jurisdiction with the input of the community and elected officials.