

APPLICATION FOR

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		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER
		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	FEDERAL IDENTIFIER
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name City of Aurora		Organizational Unit Aurora Police Department	
Address (city, state, and zip code) 15001 E. Alameda Pkwy. Aurora, Colorado 80012-1554		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application Doug Rains (303) 739-6292	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 84-6000564		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: 16.580 CFDA Title: Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Discretionary Grants Program.		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT Improve law enforcement operational effectiveness through the addition of specific technology, equipment, and training.	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT City of Aurora and County of Arapahoe.			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S) OF	
Start Date: 08/01/2007	Ending Date: 09/30/2010	a. Applicant CO06	b. Project CO06, CO07
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. Federal	\$325,809	Program is not covered by E.O. 12372	
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	\$325,809	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 Ronald Miller		b. Title City Manager	c. Telephone number (303) 739-7014
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed	

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PROGRAM NARRATIVE

This document will serve to describe the grant program activities that will be undertaken by the Arapahoe County Sheriff Office (ACSO) and the Aurora Police Department (APD), both of Colorado. By agreed upon Memorandum of Understanding, the JAG award amount of \$325,809 will be divided with Arapahoe County receiving \$43,191 and the City of Aurora receiving the remaining \$282,618.

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The ACSO will use the funds from this grant program to fund the two (2) projects described below.

1. Automated License Plate Recognition System - This is a piece of equipment that is permanently mounted on a patrol vehicle. The camera in the system automatically scans license plates on other vehicles, and compares them to wanted license plates entered in existing databases. This system can be of assistance with finding stolen vehicles, associated warrants, etc.

2) Cold Case Investigator - ACSO will continue funding a part-time position within Investigations to work cold case investigations. With new technology advancements in DNA and other areas, it is now possible to reopen some unsolved cases.

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The (APD) intends to undertake four (4) separate projects within the scope of the grant. The intent of all the projects is to improve the operational effectiveness and readiness of the APD. Each project is described below.

1. Metro Gang Task Force (MGTF) - MGTF is a multi-jurisdictional task force comprised of local, state and federal law enforcement agencies focusing on street gang related crime activities with an emphasis on illegal drugs. The task force has been operational for several years and has become an integral part of Denver Metro Area law enforcement efforts to impact organized street gang illicit activities. A portion of operational costs have traditionally been funded through the Edward Byrne Memorial Grant Program - which no longer exists as a stand-alone program. Therefore, a portion of this JAG grant will go towards funding MGTF operations. Because of the significant street gang activity in Aurora and the Denver area, continuation of MGTF is crucial.

2. Operational Technology - Technology can improve many aspects of law enforcement; allowing an agency to work more efficiently and effectively. The APD intends to purchase and implement specific electronic technology to enhance three (3) specific operational areas. The details follow.

a) *In-car Video* - In-car video is intended to enhance both officer safety and accountability to the public by video recording contacts with subjects during vehicle stops. APD has a pilot project with a small number of cameras. This grant will fund an additional five (5) camera units to be installed in field vehicles; thus expanding the scope of the project.

b) *Electronic Surveillance and Tracking Equipment* - Narcotics enforcement and investigation is vital to public safety. As the criminals become more sophisticated in their illegal activities, law enforcement must also become more sophisticated in the equipment used for surveillance and tracking of subjects. The items to be purchased with this grant include surveillance camera technology and global positioning system (GPS) devices. These items are needed to covertly, and remotely, watch identified areas and track the movement of targeted vehicles during narcotics investigations.

c) *Bait Car Program Electronic Equipment* - Aurora uses a specific vehicle as a "bait car" during auto theft intervention operations. Current tracking and other bait car electronic equipment in the vehicle is antiquated and commonly malfunctions, making the vehicle useless. There is no budget funding to replace or repair this equipment. The grant funding would purchase new state-of-the-art electronic equipment to be installed in the current vehicle.

3. Operational Equipment - APD commanders prioritized needed operational equipment that could not be funded through the department's budget; yet are essential for a large scope of police field operations. The top four (4) items have been identified as follows.

a) *Tasers* - These devices provide a very effective, less-lethal option in the use of force arsenal for officers. The Taser has been proven to be effective in reducing injuries to subjects and officers alike in violent and/or dangerous confrontations. APD intends to purchase an additional forty-three (43) Tasers and additional replacement cartridges (approx. 129) to expand the less lethal capability of field officers.

b) *Specialized Equipment Storage Systems* - Patrol supervisor vehicles are required to carry a wide variety of specialized equipment in the event of riots, hazardous material incidents, large scale crime scenes, etc. Currently, there is no

logistically efficient manner to organize and store this equipment in the vehicles. This situation also complicates distributing the equipment in time of need. Specialized equipment storage systems are on the market made precisely for this need and for the vehicles we utilize. The APD intends to purchase nine (9) of these storage systems for the nine designated patrol supervisor vehicles.

c) *Ballistic Helmets* - Ballistic helmets afford officer protection against a wide variety of firearm projectiles. Currently issued riot helmets do not afford this protection. APD will purchase forty-three (43) specialty ballistic helmets to be issued to field personnel. The intent is to eventually furnish each field officer with one of these helmets - if and when funds become available. The grant will enable the start of that movement.

d) *Ballistic Vests* - SWAT officers engage in the most hazardous activities in law enforcement. Those officers are exposed to situations where the highest level of ballistic protection is demanded - well above that of the average field officer. APD intends to purchase ten (10) specialty vests for utilization by SWAT members. These vests are above and beyond the department's budget; yet they are critically needed by SWAT.

4. Specialized Training - Law enforcement officers must have quality training to begin their careers, and they must continually train to maintain their skill and knowledge levels. APD intends to provide "verbal judo" training to each sworn member of the department. This training will better enable officers to de-escalate situations, when possible, in lieu of having to resort to use of force methods. Increasing an officer's communication skills improves his/her ability to serve the community and its citizens.

SUMMARY

Each project identified above will in some way improve agency operational capability, capacity, or first responder readiness. Current budgets are at their limits and cannot provide for the much needed items listed within the projects. Each project detailed will in some way improve the agency's ability to better serve and protect the community, and improve officer safety.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

This document will serve to detail anticipated expenditures within each of the proposed projects for this grant.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY**1. Automated License Plate Recognition System: \$24,000**

This advanced technology allows a moving law enforcement vehicle (installed with the equipment) to scan license plates of vehicles within its area of vision and then automatically compare them to known stolen and/or wanted vehicles. It greatly increases a field officer's efficiency.

2. Cold Case Investigator: \$19,191

This funding will go towards the salary of a part-time investigator to work only on cold cases. Re-investigating unsolved cases (particularly homicides) is a priority of ACSO.

CITY OF AURORA**1. Metro Gang Task Force (MGTF): \$30,000**

This funding, added to local funds, will permit this multi-jurisdictional task force to continue operations in its fight against street gang drug trafficking and associated crimes. The funding will go towards sworn member overtime costs of investigations.

2. Operational Technology: \$115,971

Specialized types of electronic equipment can greatly assist and improve enforcement and investigative operations. The below listed items have that intended purpose.

a) *In-car video camera: \$51,392*

Purchase five (5) additional in-car video cameras to expand the department's in-car video program. The cameras provide visual evidence from traffic stops as well improve officer safety.

b) *Electronic surveillance and tracking equipment: \$54,500*

Purchase specialized surveillance cameras & related system equipment and GPS tracking devices for use in narcotics investigation operations.

c) *Bait car program electronic equipment: \$10,079*

Purchase specialized state-of-the-art "bait car" electronic system equipment to install in a current bait car for use in auto theft enforcement/interdiction operations.

3. Operational Equipment: \$121,647a) *Tasers*: \$37,797

Purchase forty-three (43) Tasers and additional replacement cartridges (approx. 129) to expand the less lethal capability of field officers.

b) *Specialized equipment storage systems*: \$36,000

Purchase nine (9) specialized storage systems to be installed in supervisor patrol vehicles as part of operational readiness improvements. The systems efficiently store specialized equipment (e.g. riot gear, haz-mat items, crime scene items, etc.) ready for rapid deployment when needed.

c) *Ballistic helmets*: \$19,350

Purchase forty-three (43) ballistic helmets to be issued to field officers. Ballistic helmets will replace standard riot helmets that have no ballistic protection.

d) *Ballistic vests*: \$28,500

Purchase ten (10) specialized ballistic vests for use by SWAT members. These vests provide the high level of protection needed by SWAT high risk activities.

4. Specialized Training: \$15,000

Provide specialized "verbal judo" training to all sworn members of the department. This training will better enable officers to de-escalate situations, when possible, in lieu of resorting to use of force methods.

REVIEW NARRATIVE

This document will detail the process each jurisdiction undertook in order to comply with the review requirement of the JAG grant program.

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The Board of Commissioners is Arapahoe County's governing body. Arapahoe County Sheriff's Bureau Chief Williamson met with the Board of County Commissioners on June 19, 2007, to explain the grant. The Board's review and acceptance of the plan was confirmed with the Chairperson's signature on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) drawn up for this grant program.

The public was given an opportunity to review and comment on the plan via a public hearing (see details in City of Aurora section below) held in Aurora. A NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING was published in the Villager Newspaper on June 14, 2007.

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The City of Aurora's governing body is the City Manager/City Council. The Aurora Police Department (APD) delivered a memorandum to the City Manager on June 14, 2007. That memo provided a summary of the JAG grant program itself, as well as the Aurora Police Department's (APD) intent to apply for funding. Areas of proposed spending were identified, along with a request for comments about the spending plan. The plan was accepted as presented with no comments received from city government. It might also be noted that the City has a formal mandatory internal process in which grant applications are reviewed by the department director, city budget officer, city grants development officer, the Deputy City Manager, and the City Manager. Each reviewer must sign the application review form in order for the grant application to be authorized for submission. That process was completed for this JAG application.

The public was provided an opportunity to review and comment on the grant spending plan as well. In addition to the NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING published in The Villager newspaper, a Public Notice was posted in the lobby of the Aurora Municipal Building (City Hall) for eight days prior to the public hearing. The hearing itself was held (jointly with Arapahoe County) on June 21, 2007, at 5:30 pm in the Fletcher Room on the first floor of the Aurora Municipal Building at 15151 East Alameda Parkway. No

members of the public responded to review or comment on the proposal.