

APPLICATION FOR

APPLICATION FOR		2. DATE SUBMITTED 06/02/2009		APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION Application Non-Construction		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE		STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	
		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY		FEDERAL IDENTIFIER	
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Legal Name City of Decatur			Organizational Unit Police		
Address (city, state, and zip code) 420 W Trinity Pl Decatur, Georgia 30030-3048			Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application David Hipple (678) 553-6609		
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 58-6000560			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: 16.804 CFDA Title: 16.804 - Recovery Act - Justice Assistance Grants - Localities			11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT Reducing crime through the recovery of stolen vehicles and tracking of known offenders' travel.		
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT Decatur, Ga					
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S) OF			
Start Date: 05/01/2009	Ending Date: 02/28/2013	a. Applicant GA04		b. Project GA04,GA05	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING			16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?		
a. Federal	\$38,359		Program is not covered by E.O. 12372		
b. Applicant	\$2,187				
c. State	\$0				
d. Local	\$0				
e. Other	\$0				
f. Program Income	\$0		17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?		
g. Total	\$40,546		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 Peggy Merriss		b. Title City Manager		c. Telephone number (404) 370-4102	
d. Signature of Authorized Representative				e. Date Signed	

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Standard Form 424 (Rev 4-88)
Prescribed by OMB Circular A-102

Budget

Equipment

ELSAG MPH-900X3 Mobile License Plate Reader	23,725	
Dell 2900 Server	8,500	
Panasonic Toughbook Laptop Computer	3,200	
ELSAG MPH-900 Operations License	975	
Installation	750	
2 years Support/Maintenance	<u>3,396</u>	
	40,546	Total
	38,359	Federal Funds
	2,187	Non- Federal Funds*

* To be paid from City of Decatur Asset Forfeiture Fund

Program Narrative

Vehicle theft is an enormous problem confronting the nation. According to the 2007 Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) Uniform Crime Reports, a motor vehicle is stolen in the United States every 28.8 seconds. In 2006, the odds of a vehicle being stolen were 1 in 210 (latest data available based on registrations from the Federal Highway Administration, thefts from the FBI and calculated by the Insurance Information Institute) and the odds are highest in urban areas. The importance of attacking vehicle theft is made clear by the 2007 Uniform Crime Report, which noted that motor vehicle theft accounted for the highest dollar loss among property crimes; totaling 7.4 billion dollars. The national average recovery rate fluctuates from year to year between 60 and 75 percent, and most are returned damaged. While the purchase of a car can be the largest or second largest (next to purchase of a home) financial investment that is commonly made by most people, the theft of a vehicle is much more than a theft of property; it is the theft of the victim's time and emotion. In reality, vehicles are so much a part of the average U.S. resident's life that the loss of a vehicle to a thief represents an invasion of personal privacy equivalent to a home burglary.

Often, stolen motor vehicles are used in the commission of other crimes, such as: burglary, robbery, larceny and home invasions; however, police have difficulty during an investigation, as the criminal who is driving the stolen vehicle is not the actual owner to whom the vehicle is registered. A number of crimes are associated with vehicles and the suspects escape easily with their cars. Though the present patrolling system can communicate the suspected car information, the task of finding the criminal is tough for the police. In an hour, the police cannot read more than a few dozens of plates.

Technology now enables officers to check thousands of license plates per shift to determine if vehicles are stolen or if there are restraints on registered owners' driver's licenses. The automatic license plate recognition (ALPR) system is an integrated camera-database technology. The system takes a picture of the car license plate and then processes the numbers and letters using optical character recognition software against a known database. Suspected "hits" on a stolen vehicle are relayed to users either visually or verbally via an in-car computer. The system stores all gathered license plates data, including JPEG color images, of all vehicles and stamps it with the time, date and GPS location. In addition to locating stolen vehicles, the ALPR can instantly check license plate number against lists of "vehicles of interest" associated with felony warrants, BOLOs, parking violations, or any other license plate-oriented database, such as Amber Alerts, missing persons, CAD/RMS data extracts, gang members, sex offenders, known offenders, etc. that police may wish to use. Hopefully, by tackling the very heart of the criminals' ability to travel, a whole range of criminality can be prevented.

As an investigative tool, ALPR has unlimited potential. If a crime occurs in a particular area, investigators can search the system to identify any vehicles that may have been in the area and provide them with possible witnesses and/or suspects.

Research has shown that patrol officers equipped with ALPR are more effective, in terms of performance, than officers working without it. There is no comparison between the number of plates an officer on patrol entering license plate information manually into an in-car computer and the number that ALPR technology can handle. One can assume, officers utilizing ALPR will make more traffic stops, thus enhancing the level of police visibility within their communities, which in turn can increase public confidence in the police. A study from the United Kingdom found that officers using ALPR had arrest rates 10 times greater than non-ALPR officers.

The City of Decatur, Georgia is located in the central portion of the Atlanta Region, 6 miles from Atlanta's central business district. Decatur has a population of approximately 19,000 and encompasses 4.16 square miles. It is the county seat of DeKalb County (pop 720,000) and the densest municipality in the county. Decatur has an active commercial and entertainment district, high density residential areas, and heavy rail public transit facilities. Decatur is geographically small and the population constitutes a correspondingly small fraction of the population of the metropolitan area in which it is situated; however, the "policing population" is considerable greater than the resident population as large numbers of people travel to and pass through the city. Consequently, Decatur experiences many of the same crime problems as its larger neighboring jurisdictions.

The City of Decatur would like to request the award in a single drawdown from The 2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, to purchase an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) and laptop computer to be deployed on a single patrol vehicle. System requirements will also require the purchase of a server to archive and retrieve captured data/images. Based on this technology, a patrol car so equipped, can rapidly and automatically identify vehicles of interest while on regular patrol without distracting the officer from other duties. Hopefully, this will deliver reductions in crime, enhanced community safety and safer roads.

If approved, the time for implementation will be 10 days from installation; positive results are expected immediately. Productivity reports will be generated quarterly for officers utilizing ALPR and will be compared against non-ALPR officers. Positive results are expected.

Due to the schedule of the Decatur City Commission, this application cannot be presented for approval by Commission until May 18, 2009. This time will also be used to solicit public comment.

2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
Decatur, Ga.

This application review was placed on the agenda of the Decatur City Commission Meeting to be held on May 18, 2009. Notice was published on the City's web-site and posted at the Decatur City Hall. Said meeting is open to the public.

On May 18, 2009 the application was submitted to the Decatur City Commission for review and approval. The application was subsequently approved by the Commission.

The public was invited to comment on the agenda item.

(See Attachments)

2009 American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant

Applicant Name:

City of Decatur, GA

Title of Project:

Reducing crime through the recovery of stolen vehicles and tracking of known offenders' travel.

Goals:

- Increase number of recovered stolen vehicles
- Reduce crime and criminal activity.
- Increase identification of individuals involved in criminal activity
- Increase number of arrests (wanted persons)
- Improve intelligence gathering capabilities

Project Description

The City of Decatur seeks to utilize grant funding to purchase an Automated License Plate Reader (ALPR) to be installed in a patrol vehicle. When deployed, the ALPR scans and instantly check license plate numbers against lists of "vehicles of interest" such as stolen vehicles, vehicles associated with felony warrants, BOLOs, or any other license plate-oriented database, such as Amber Alerts, missing persons, gang members, sex offenders, known offenders, etc. Since vehicles, particularly stolen vehicles, are used in the commission of other crimes, it is hoped by removing criminals' ability to travel, a whole range of criminality can be prevented

Deliverables:

Automatic License Plate Reader (ALPR), computer server, laptop computer

Coordination

This project will be coordinated by the City of Decatur Police Department, under the direction of the Chief of Police.

Commission Meeting Room
Commission Meeting Room, City Hall
Regular Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2009
7:30 P.M.

I. Call to Order by Mayor.

Present: Mayor Floyd; Mayor pro tem Baskett; Commissioners Boykin, Cunningham and Kemp.

1. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of May 4, 2009.

On a motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Kemp, and all voting "aye", the minutes were approved.

II. Agenda Action Items.

2. Adoption of Tentative 2009 Millage Rates.

Ordinance O-09-03 tentatively establishes the General Fund tax rate at 11.215; Ordinance O-09-04 tentatively establishes the Bond Fund tax rate at 1.44; and, Ordinance O-09-05 tentatively establishes the Downtown Development Authority Fund tax rate at .38.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Baskett, second by Commissioner Boykin, and all voting "aye", Ordinance O-09-03 was tentatively adopted.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Baskett, second by Commissioner Boykin, and all voting "aye", Ordinance O-09-04 was tentatively adopted.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Baskett, second by Commissioner Boykin, and all voting "aye", Ordinance O-09-05 was tentatively adopted.

3. Change Orders for Fire Station Number 2 and West Hill Street Streetscapes Improvements.

On a motion by Commissioner Kemp, second by Commissioner Boykin, and all voting "aye", the Change order for Fire Station #2 was approved.

On a motion by Commissioner Kemp, second by Commissioner Boykin, and all voting "aye", the Change order for West Hill Street Streetscapes Improvements was approved.

4. Contract with Georgia Department of Natural Resources.
Recommend authorizing the City Manager to execute a contract with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Historic Preservation Division for preparation of a National Register nomination for part of downtown Decatur.

On a motion by Commissioner Kemp, second by Commissioner Cunningham, and all voting "aye", the contract was authorized.

5. Temporary Operation of Valet Parking Service.
Recommend authorizing the Decatur Downtown Development Authority to enter into an agreement for services with Eagle Parking for a six-month trial of a valet parking service.

On a motion by Commissioner Boykin, second by Mayor pro tem Baskett, and all voting "aye", the agreement was authorized.

III. Reports and Other Business.

- A. Planning Commission Agenda.
- B. Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

On a motion by Mayor pro tem Baskett, second by Commissioner Cunningham, and all voting "aye", the grant application was approved.

- C. Other.

On a motion by Commissioner Cunningham, second by Commissioner Kemp, and all voting "aye" an alcoholic beverage license for the retail sale for consumption on premises of beer, wine and spirituous liquors was issued to Scarlett Ann May for Ruby Tuesday #4076, 158 West Ponce de Leon Avenue.

Consistent with requirements of O.C.G.A. §50-14-1.(e)(1) a draft agenda was posted on Tuesday, May 5, 2009. A final agenda was posted by 5:00pm on Friday, May 15, 2009.

Consistent with requirements of O.C.G.A. §50-14-1.(e)(1), this summary was posted by 5:00pm on Tuesday, May 19, 2009.

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Recovery Act – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

Certification as to Recovery Act Reporting Requirements

On behalf of the applicant entity named below, I certify the following to the Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice:

I have personally read and reviewed the section entitled "Accountability and Transparency under the Recovery Act" in the program announcement for the Recovery Act grant program identified above. I have also read and reviewed section 1512(c) of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public Law 111-5), concerning reporting requirements for grants. I agree that the applicant will comply with the reporting requirements set forth therein with respect to any grant the applicant may receive under the Recovery Act grant program identified above.

I acknowledge that a false statement in this certification may be subject to criminal prosecution, including under 18 U.S.C. § 1001. I also acknowledge that Office of Justice Program grants, including certifications provided in connection with such grants, are subject to review by the Office of Justice Programs, and/or by the Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General.

I have authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant entity (that is, the entity applying directly to the Office of Justice Programs).



Signature of Certifying Official

PEGGY MERRISS

Printed Name of Certifying Official

CITY MANAGER

Title of Certifying Official

CITY OF DECATUR, GA

Full Name of Applicant Entity

6/1/2009

Date

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

Recovery Act – Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

General Certification as to Requirements for Receipt of Funds
for Infrastructure Investments

On behalf of the applicant State or unit of local government (including tribal government) named below, I certify the following to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice:

I have personally read and reviewed the section entitled "Eligibility" in the program announcement for the Recovery Act grant program named above. I also have personally read and reviewed section 1511 of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Recovery Act"), which requires a specific certification prior to receipt of Recovery Act funds for infrastructure investments.

Initial the statement that applies:

☒ The applicant identified below **does not intend to use** any portion of any funds received under this Recovery Act grant program for any infrastructure investment. Should this intention change, the applicant will promptly notify OJP, and (except to the extent, if any, that OJP has given prior written approval to expend funds to conduct the review and vetting required by law) will not draw down, obligate, or expend any funds received under this Recovery Act program for any infrastructure investment project until section 1511 of the Recovery Act has been satisfied, and an adequate project-specific certification has been executed, posted, and submitted to OJP.

☐ The applicant identified below **does intend to use** some or all of any funds received under this Recovery Act grant program for one or more infrastructure investment projects. Except to the extent, if any, that OJP has given prior written approval to expend funds to conduct the review and vetting required by law, I agree that the applicant entity will execute, post, and submit to OJP, prior to obligating, expending, or drawing down funds for such project, a project-specific certification that satisfies all of the requirements of section 1511 (including execution by the Governor, mayor, or other chief executive, as appropriate) for each such infrastructure investment project.

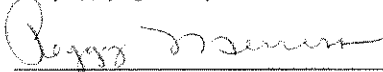
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Signature of Certifying Official

PEGGY MERRISS

Printed Name of Certifying Official

CITY MANAGER

Title of Certifying Official

CITY OF DELAWARE GA

Full Name of Applicant Government Entity

6/1/2009

Date