

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 Gulfport			Organizational Unit Gulfport Police Department		
Address (city, state, and zip code) P.O. Box S Gulfport, Mississippi 39502-0560			Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application Sarah Lizana (228) 868-5981		
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 64-6000413			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 FY 2007 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)		
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT City of Biloxi (MS)					
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S) OF			
Start Date: 10/31/2007	Ending Date: 09/30/2010	a. Applicant MS04	b. Project MS04		
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING			16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?		
a. Federal	\$129,708	This preapplication/application was made available to the state executive order 12372 process for review on 07/30/2007			
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	\$129,708	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 George Schloegel		b. Title Mayor		c. Telephone number (228) 868-5700	
d. Signature of Authorized Representative				e. Date Signed	

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Review Narrative:

Gulfport Police Department's Grant Coordinator and representatives from the City of Biloxi and Harrison County prepared the joint application including a memorandum of understanding. The City of Gulfport will serve as the applicant agency/fiscal agent and Gulfport Police Department's Grant Coordinator will be assigned administrative duties and serve as the JAG contact person. The representatives will make the application and memorandum of understanding available to their respective governing bodies and the general public thirty (30) days prior to expenditure of any awarded funds. The permission to submit the application and approval of the MOU was received from agency heads and permission to accept the award will be placed on the agendas of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors and Biloxi and Gulfport City Councils.

The application will be made available to the public on three occasions - at each of the governing body meetings. Each of the governing bodies meet at regularly scheduled times and places and all provide for public input on any item on the published agenda. Both the Gulfport City Council's and Harrison County Board of Supervisor's meetings are aired on a local cable television channel.

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The Cities of Biloxi, Gulfport, and Harrison County Mississippi are JAG dispartes as certified by the BJA Director, based in part on input from the state's Attorney General. Therefore, this is a joint application and the program narrative will address problems from three distinctly different jurisdictions.

CITY OF BILOXI:

According to the 2000 Census, the City of Biloxi has a population of 50,644 and a land area of 53.6 square miles. The city has a culturally diverse population. Approximately 6,500 students are enrolled in the city's public schools. In an effort to improve the residents' quality of life and reduce crime in the long term, Biloxi Police Chief Bruce Dunagan plans to use 2007 JAG funds to purchase a crime analysis/mapping system.

The crime analysis and crime mapping capability will allow police officers to visualize the location of specific types of crime and to determine if any patterns exist. Hot spot analysis (areas of high crime density) will be a valuable tool which will allow police officers not only to identify areas of high crime but also explore variables that are affecting crime patterns. Some examples are (1) mapping drug arrests would indicate every area of high drug related crime and help officers to identify variables that are contributing to the problem; (2) mapping property crimes such as shoplifting may identify patterns such as time of day, date or season, etc.; (3) mapping DUI arrests and alcohol related accidents may indicate a pattern in location of violations such as if certain streets are used more often by drivers trying to avoid detection. Biloxi Police Officers will use this information to more efficiently schedule patrol shifts – both time and patrol areas.

The enhanced crime analysis capabilities will also be used for tactical crime analysis promoting a quicker response to serious criminal offenses. The software will provide information to assist operational personnel in the identification of specific crime trends and in the arrest of criminal offenders. The software will also be used for strategic analysis. It will be used with operational strategies to seek solutions to on-going problems and provide information for resource allocation. The purpose of strategic analysis is to identify unusual crime activities, over-time at different seasonal times and locations.

The mapping capability will also allow the department to accurately track crime in a timely manner and effectively assign its limited manpower and other resources. This is extremely important now that the "face" of the City of Biloxi was changed by Hurricane Katrina. The demographics of neighborhoods have changed. Some neighborhoods were almost completely destroyed and are just now slowly rebuilding. The City has a more transient population now with many residents still living in FEMA trailers. This change in neighborhood dynamics makes it even more important that the police department identify and respond to crime trends quickly.

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CITY OF GULFPORT:

The City of Gulfport, Mississippi is the second largest city in the State of Mississippi. The City has experienced dramatic growth in the past ten years. The population is 72,464 according to the July 1, 2005 U.S. Census Bureau estimate. An accurate population estimate that reflects the change in population due to Hurricane Katrina's destruction (August 29, 2005) and the displacement of citizens out of the area and others moving into the area to work on Gulfport's recovery is not available.

Gulfport Police Department has been actively involved in Community Oriented Policing since 1989. The department partners with the jurisdiction's school districts, Police Athletic League Board, Explorer Parent Advisory Board, and interested business leaders and parents to provide comprehensive youth development programs. School Resource Officers are assigned to each school and teach G.R.E.A.T. (Gang Resistance Education and Training), D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance. Education), and other prevention and safety curriculums. The School Resource Officers also plan and implement youth summer and after-school programs. Currently the department has four summer program sites – three full day programs and one half day that is held in a neighborhood church. One-week long sports camps are held at different elementary schools through-out the summer. Hook-a-Kid on Golf is a popular summer project. These programs are offered at no cost to parents and are funded by the police department, donations from the community, and federal and state grants. All this is done in an effort to prevent drug and gang involvement by the City's youth, and help them become productive citizens.

The Chief of Police and Command Staff along with Patrol Officers assigned to the area visit a neighborhood every Thursday in the mobile command center. The project is called Partners with Police. Over sixty (60) neighborhoods have been visited since the project was implemented by Chief Alan Weatherford after accepting his position in February 2006. These visits give citizens the opportunity to voice concerns and network with police officers to solve problems.

The department's administrative staff including the police chief, deputy chief, commanders, and captains ride along with patrol officers one evening each month. This allows them to understand from the patrol officers' perspective which resources are most needed, staffing needs, and to see how officers relate to the public. The time spent one on one with the officers allow the more experienced officers to serve as mentors and make suggestions as to how the patrol officer can work toward solving specific problems.

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In addition to these community oriented measures, the police department has two Community Oriented Policing Assistants who schedule and attend Community Watch meetings along with patrol officers and supervisors assigned to the area.

The department's administrative staff is working diligently to better serve the community by improving technological resources. Crime mapping and intelligence software have recently been installed, citizens can now file some reports on-line, and the City is developing a wireless communications system that will include mobile data terminals in all first responder vehicles.

One of the areas of concern identified through, officer observations, CAD (computer aided dispatch) RMS (records management system) and networking with citizens is a significant problem with shots fired in specific neighborhoods. In order to address this problem that threatens the safety and security of citizens and their homes, Gulfport Police Department proposes to purchase an intelligent camera with gunshot recognition system.

The system features:

- Acoustical sound recognition module with internal microphone array
- Hi-density PTZ color camera with remote control capabilities
- Sound recognition criteria and system updates via remote upload
- Internal video backup recorder with remote download
- Wired or wireless communication transmission capabilities
- Wireless transceiver units with optional wired capabilities
- Weather resistant, light-weight housing: bullet resistant enclosure optional
- Automatic GPS location and event mapping system
- Internal sensor and detection diagnostics, remote monitoring capability
- Activation alert light with remote On/Off control
- Emergency back-up power sufficient to complete power-down sequence
- Easy installation, flexible deployment with relocation options

The system's sensor grids and networks can be customized for precincts, districts or neighborhoods. They can also be modified for high incident areas.

Data can be maintained and used to help identify trends and develop crime-fighting strategies. They are also expected to speed up police response times, while improving the ability to locate where shots are fired.

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HARRISON COUNTY

Harrison County Sheriff's Department has both law enforcement and corrections responsibilities. Harrison County Sheriff George H. Payne, Jr. is responsible for both the adult and juvenile detention facilities used by all law enforcement agencies within Harrison County as well as some state and federal agencies. The sheriff's department also provides law enforcement services for approximately 36,365 residents and 449 square miles of unincorporated area. HCSO also provides School Resource Officers who work with approximately 12,761 students enrolled in Harrison County School District.

This department along with other agencies along the Mississippi Gulf Coast is experiencing a severe staffing shortage and intends to use JAG funds to provide its officers with an invaluable tool which will expedite the identification of stolen vehicles and persons linked to serious crimes.

The Mobile License Plate Reader is an invaluable tool in locating vehicle tag numbers that associated with crime. This system runs continuously automatically capturing images of license plates in all lighting conditions. The system automatically alerts the officer of a suspicious plate. This could quickly identify a suspicious vehicle linked to a kidnapping, burglary, stolen vehicle or any suspicious activity and alert the officers. This would lead to safer streets for the citizens of Harrison County.

This would lead to increased security and safety of the general driving population, quicker response and identification on Amber alerts and robbery suspects. Officer safety is increased as the system would alert the officer before a stop. Revenue is generated by identifying plates with outstanding traffic tickets.

The department will also purchase eight (8) GPS street finders which give excellent precise directions. This system also provides directions for short cuts to locations greatly reducing response time. Because of the blue tooth capability the officers have hands free access to the system enhancing officer safety as well as the citizens on the road.

Following Hurricane Katrina, many of the street signs in Harrison County were blown away as well as landmarks. With the GPS street finder officers will not only know their exact location but will be able to better assist the citizens and ensure their safety.

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Budget Narrative

City of Biloxi

In order to prevent crime and provide a safer environment for the citizens of Biloxi and the tourists who vacation here, the Biloxi Police Department will expend \$41,507 of the \$55,147 allocated to the City to purchase crime analysis and mapping software. Of the allocated amount, \$13,640 will be shared with Harrison County Sheriff's Department.

The software will be used to address the City's drug problem by mapping the location of drug arrests and directing additional resources to those areas. These resources may include directed patrols of the area, implementation of undercover street level drug operations, etc.

The software will be used for strategic analysis to find solutions to on-going problems and provide more effective resource association. The purpose of the strategic analysis is to identify unusual crime activities over time.

Crime analysis/mapping software **\$41,507**

City of Gulfport

The Gulfport Police Department networks with residents through its Community Watch, Partners with Police, regular patrols, and other opportunities to develop innovative solutions to problems. The department recently installed a crime mapping/intelligence software system that has been useful in identifying a pattern of petty crimes emanating from a specific housing facility. The department worked with FEMA, property owners, and city leaders to successfully resolve this problem. This is just an example of the effectiveness of the crime mapping software.

With approval of the Office of Justice Programs, 2007 Justice Assistance Grant funds \$58,367 will be used to purchase an intelligent camera with gunshot recognition system. Gulfport will share \$2,882 of the \$60,020 allocated to the City with Harrison County Sheriff's Department. The use of this system will improve the department's effectiveness in addressing the problem of gunshots fired in two neighborhoods. Additional funding needed for the project will be provided by the department.

Intelligent Camera with Gunshot Recognition System **\$58,367**

Harrison County

Harrison County Sheriff's Department will use the \$14,541 JAG allocation plus the \$15,293 in shared funds to purchase a mobile license plate reader with processor. The license plate reader will allow the department to quickly identify suspicious vehicles linked to crime such as auto theft, etc. and eight portable GPS Systems.

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Budget Narrative

(1) Mobile License Plate Reader w/processor, a enclosure with (2) cameras and two (2) infrared illuminators 2 image and character recognition processors and related software.

Complete two camera unit permanently mounted to vehicle \$25,238

(1) Charge for installation of Mobile License Plate Reader \$ 1,056

(8) Portable GPS Systems with built in map and street finder for North America with 4" or greater display, Blue Tooth technology and traffic alerts. (\$4,792 total cost will be supplemented with drug forfeitures) \$ 3,540

Total \$29,834

TOTAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS REQUESTED \$129,708

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**THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF HARRISON**

KNOW BY ALL THESE PRESENT

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN THE CITIES OF BILOXI, GULFPORT, MS AND COUNTY OF
HARRISON, MS**

2007 BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AWARD

This Agreement is made and entered into this first day of June, 2007 by and between The COUNTY of Harrison, acting by and through its governing body, the Board of Supervisors, hereinafter referred to as COUNTY, the CITY of Biloxi, acting by and through its governing body, the City Council, hereinafter referred to as CITY, and the CITY of Gulfport, acting by and through its governing body, the City Council, hereinafter referred to as the FISCAL AGENT, all of Harrison County, State of Mississippi, witnesseth:

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 all 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, COUNTY and FISCAL AGENT believe it to be in their best interests to reallocate the JAG funds.

NOW THEREFORE, the COUNTY, CITY and FISCAL AGENT agree as follows:

Section I

The CITY OF BILOXI agrees to share a total of \$13,640 in JAG funds with COUNTY.
The CITY OF GULFPORT agrees to share a total of \$2,882 in JAG funds with COUNTY.
The CITY OF GULFPORT agrees to perform duties of FISCAL AGENT.

Section II

COUNTY agrees to use \$ 29,834 from the JAG award for the Law Enforcement Program until September 30, 2010 or such date as determined by Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, issued Grant Adjustment Notice.

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**Section II
(Continued)**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Memorandum of Understanding by their duly authorized representatives with full rights, power and authority and on the date as set out above.

CITY (City of Biloxi) agrees to use \$ 41,507 for miscellaneous Law Enforcement Programs until September 30, 2010 or such date as determined by Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, issued Grant Adjustment Notice.

FISCAL AGENT (City of Gulfport) agrees to use \$ 58,367 for Law Enforcement Programs until September 30, 2010 or such date as determined by Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, issued Grant Adjustment Notice. In addition agrees to serve as FISCAL AGENT as it applies to the JAG grant.

Section III

Nothing in the performance of this Agreement shall impose any liability of claims against COUNTY.

Section IV

Nothing in the performance of this Agreement shall impose any liability of claims against CITY.

Section V

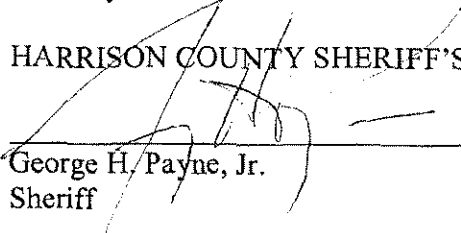
Nothing in the performance of this Agreement shall impose any liability of claims against FISCAL AGENT.

Section VI

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.

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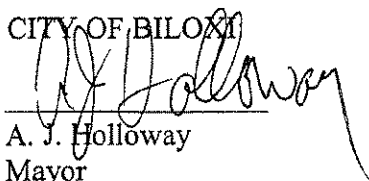
HARRISON COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT

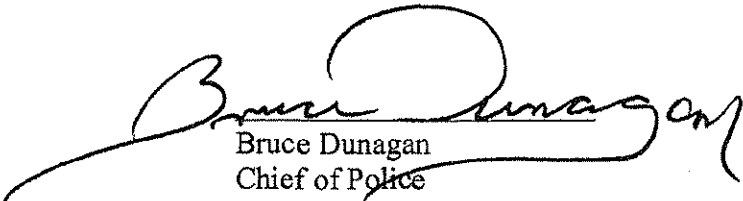

George H. Payne, Jr.
Sheriff

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CITY OF BILOXI


A. J. Holloway
Mayor


Bruce Dunagan
Chief of Police

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GULFPORT POLICE DEPARTMENT:



Alan Weatherford
Chief of Police