

APPLICATION FOR

		2. DATE SUBMITTED 07/08/2009		APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION Application Non-Construction Preapplication 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 Harrisonburg			Organizational Unit Police Department		
Address (city, state, and zip code) 101 N. Main Street Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802-3838			Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application Donald Harper (540) 437-2600		
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 54-6001343			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 Enhancing Law Enforcement		
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT City of Harrisonburg and County of Rockingham, Virginia					
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S) OF			
Start Date: 10/01/2009	Ending Date: 09/30/2010	a. Applicant VAWD		b. Project VAWD	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING			16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?		
a. Federal	\$23,808	Program has not been selected by state for review			
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? N			
g. Total	\$23,808				
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 Donald Harper		b. Title Chief of Police		c. Telephone number (540) 437-2603	
d. Signature of Authorized Representative				e. Date Signed	

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BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

BUDGET NARRATIVE

CITY OF HARRISONBURG, VIRGINIA

<u>ITEM DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>QUANTITY</u>	<u>COST PER ITEM</u>	<u>TOTAL COST</u>
Sound Ordinance (Decibel) Meter	5	\$1,629.00	\$8,145.00
Automatic License Plate Reader	1	\$15,673.00	\$15,663.00
		GRAND TOTAL	\$23,808.00

ITEM JUSTIFICATION

Sound Ordinance (Decibel Meter) – Recent Court rulings and law changes are now requiring the use of decibel readings in order to enforce and prosecute sound ordinance violations. Because this was a very recent change, the Harrisonburg Police Department does not currently have any such meters, and none were budgeted for in the current budget, due to budget restraints. The Department is in need of these meters in order to enforce the current laws.

Automatic License Plate Reader and Software – Mounted in a patrol car, this state of the art technology, captures images of license plates and instantaneously compares them with stolen vehicle records, and those of wanted persons. In addition the system can be used to capture witness identification, placing suspects at scenes of crimes, terrorist interdiction, and pattern recognition. When a vehicle of interest is detected,, audible and visual alarms alert the Officer/Operator within seconds and documents the location by GPS coordinates. Currently the Harrisonburg Police Department , nor any surrounding Law Enforcement Agencies, have this technology, and can not purchase the system due to budget restraints. The system is one which can be added to in the future when budgets allow. The system would be used to assist other Law Enforcement Agencies.

Needs Assessment

The Harrisonburg Police Department employs eighty-six sworn personnel to provide law enforcement coverage in an area of 17.3 square miles, serving a city population of 40,486 persons, and an area population of 108,211 persons. The area is served by two universities, one college, and a community college. The two universities, James Madison University and Eastern Mennonite University, lie within the boundaries of the City of Harrisonburg, and add an additional 20,000 student population to the general population served. In addition, the city and area population is influenced by an increase of migrant workers during the agricultural harvest seasons from May until November each year.

The City of Harrisonburg lies in the Shenandoah Valley and is equal distance between Washington D. C. and Roanoke, Va. The city is traversed by and is a crossroads for a number of major highways as Interstate 81, State Route 33, bringing traffic from West Virginia, and State Route 42. There is a high volume of transient traffic in the city due to those major highways and the city and area being a center of employment, commerce, business, industry, higher education, and medical care. The City was identified as the fastest growing city in the state of the states fifteen largest cities.

Because the City is the center or hub for a large geographical area, and because of the Universities and Colleges the City is home for a large diverse population. This diversity, the geographical proximity to the nations capital, and the accessibility to labs and chemicals at the Colleges and Universities, places the city at higher risk to deal with individuals who may have interests against the United States as well as other criminal activity.

With the increased growth of the city and area, came an increase in major drug trafficking. For the past two years, Harrisonburg and Rockingham County, have been either the leading area or second leading area in the state for Methamphetamine seizures, which involved multi-pound seizures. The Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) has identified the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County area, and Shenandoah County area as being the hub for methamphetamine distribution for the East Coast. In year 2000, then Attorney General Janet Reno, identified the Harrisonburg/Rockingham County areas of Virginia as one of eight localities in the nation with intense methamphetamine problems.

Due to recent budget cuts and restraints, the requested items can not be purchased at this time without grant assistance.