

Phone Conversation on 7/23/2012

To: Jeanne Smith--Director, Colorado Division of Criminal Justice

From: Elliot

The Colorado Division of Criminal Justice, an agency of the Colorado Department of Public Safety, is charged with coordinating some grants between local government and the federal government regarding law enforcement activities.

I asked Jeanne about grant funding of ALPR (Automatic License Plate Recognition). She said that there are two different grant programs that ALPR might be administered through:

1. "Byrne/JAG"¹ grants. Under this pool of money, no ALPR was ever funded. In 2010, the Cherry Hills Police Department requested funds for ALPR from the "deobligated funds from the 2008 grant cycle." Deobligated funds are the leftover funds that were granted but never used. Cherry Hills requested \$10,000 but was granted \$5,000. Cherry Hills later declined that grant funding.
2. "Project Safe Neighborhood" grants. There was nothing under this pool of money dealing with ALPR.

Jeanne was clear that local governments may have made grant requests directly to the federal government. Her office does not handle direct local-federal requests, as she works for the state. Local-federal requests cannot apply for "PSN" grants directly, but they can apply for "JAG" grants directly. "JAG" grants are distributed in two ways: (a) via formula to state for distribution; or (b) to local governments by population. Local governments can apply directly to federal government through JAG funding pot (b).

¹ JAG stands for Justice Assistance Grants.