

**APPLICATION FOR**

		2. DATE SUBMITTED 07/09/2009	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 Troy		Organizational Unit Police Department		
Address (city, state, and zip code) One Monument Square Troy, New York 12180-0824		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application William Roehr (518) 270-4676		
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 14-6002472		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 Byrne JAG 2009		
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT City of Troy				
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S) OF		
Start Date: 09/01/2009	Ending Date: 08/31/2013	a. Applicant NY21	b. Project NY21	
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?		
a. Federal	\$46,049	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	\$46,049	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 Harry Tutunjian		b. Title Mayor	c. Telephone number (518) 270-4401	
d. Signature of Authorized Representative			e. Date Signed	

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## **Program Narrative**

### Community Context

The City of Troy, a community of 50,000 people nestled along the bank of the Hudson River in upstate New York, is part of the Capital Region -- a metropolitan area with a population of nearly one million persons. The City, though it is rich in its heritage and historic buildings, is still recovering from the same chronic disinvestment that has afflicted nearly all of the older industrial communities in upstate New York. Compared to the entirety of the metropolitan area, Troy is less affluent. Its relative proximity to New York City -- less than three hours by car -- makes it a tempting marketplace for drug dealers from New York City.

### Troy Police Department

The Troy Police Department is a professionally accredited police department that routinely participates in Operation Impact, Weed and Seed, Project Safe Neighborhoods and other multi-jurisdictional task forces. Nonetheless, the Department's ability to undertake more intensive and directed operations is compromised by the reality of the City's fiscal situation. Although significant progress is being made, the City of Troy is still under the aegis of a State Financial Control Board.

### Description of Problem

Periodically, certain neighborhoods in Troy will experience a surge in criminal activity. Often, the activity is related to an influx of individuals from the NYS metropolitan area that are seeking a new and more lucrative drug market. Some surges are attributable to a combination of factors such as the traditional clustering of offenders in these neighborhoods, exacerbated neighborhood tensions and prolonged heat waves. These dynamics frequently manifest themselves in a higher incidence of drug activity, aggravated assaults, robberies and a host of other violent crimes. The City's north central neighborhood has traditionally been most susceptible to surges in criminal activity, but the entirety of the Route 4 corridor -- the Fourth Street/River Street axis that runs north-south through the length of the City -- also experiences periodic sharp upswings in reported incidents.

### Solution Proposed for JAG Funding

Experience has demonstrated that early and aggressive suppression activities are critical to bringing emergent neighborhood-focused criminal activity under control before it escalates to far more serious levels. Moreover, residents of affected neighborhoods have previously noted the remarkable positive impact of these actions and expressed their appreciation for the efforts. This application requests JAG funding to enhance and supplement (not replace) the activities of the Troy Police Department when unusual/high

incident crime situations arise. The JAG funding will underwrite the costs of necessary overtime to conduct intensive patrols, assist in “sweep” operations and undertake “maintenance” operations to ensure that the impact of the directed enforcement activity is sustainable.

The timing and nature of additional resources deployed through the JAG funds will correspond directly to the characteristics of emergent criminal activity in specific neighborhoods and the means to best remedy those problems. As such, additional deployment through JAG funding is likely to include:

- Additional zone-focused patrols
- Additional participation in coordinated multi-jurisdictional enforcement actions
- Additional Community Policing activities
- Additional neighborhood-based special operations
- Additional Traffic Safety (check point) operations

Research and the Troy Police Department’s own experience has ably demonstrated that the utilization of License Plate Readers (LPR’s) in as effective means of identifying vehicles (and occupants) with motor vehicle infractions and more serious outstanding criminal matters and, as such, is a valuable adjunct to the tactics previously described. Accordingly, the Troy Police Department seeks to acquire, through JAG funding, a second LPR to be deployed in support of other crime suppression activities. The use of an LPR is an especially effective means of dissuading drug traffickers and buyers and in our high crime neighborhoods.

## **Review Narrative**

The overall strategy and constituent activities embodied in this application are the result of considerable discussion with neighborhood residents/representatives, the Troy Police Department's law enforcement partners and the Troy City Council Public Safety Committee during the May 2009 meeting.

The application will be posted to the City of Troy website and an opportunity for citizen comment will be provided.

An MOU, reflecting our status as a disparate jurisdiction, is attached.

## **Abstract (Attachment 4)**

*Applicant Name:* City of Troy, New York

*Project Title:* Byrne JAG City of Troy, New York

*Project Goals:*

- To deploy adequate resources to successfully confront emergent criminal activity at specific locales within the City of Troy
- To utilize technological resources as effective adjuncts to personnel resources.

*Strategies:*

- Conduct intensive patrols, assist in “sweep” operations and undertake “maintenance” operations in the City of Troy to ensure that the impact of the directed enforcement activity is sustainable. Specific tactics will include:
  - Additional zone-focused patrols
  - Additional participation in coordinated multi-jurisdictional enforcement actions
  - Additional Community Policing activities
  - Additional neighborhood-based special operations
  - Additional Traffic Safety (check point) operations
- Deploy a License Plate Reader (LPR) in support of the referenced operations.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

**PURSUANT TO THE 2009 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FORMULA PROGRAM**

**WHEREAS**, The City of Troy and Rensselaer County find that entering into this Memorandum of Understanding is in the best interests of all parties and that the division of costs fairly compensates each of the parties herein for the services or functions pursuant to this Memorandum of Understanding; and

**WHEREAS**, The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions and serves to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes and procedures; and

**WHEREAS**, the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding agree that the distribution of funds under the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program is consistent with the JAG Allocation List as published by the U.S. Department of Justice; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Troy shall serve as fiscal agent;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the parties to this Memorandum of Understanding agree to the distribution of monies from the 2009 Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program as follows:

Section 1 – Distribution of Monies

City of Troy	\$46,049
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Section 2.

Each party to this Memorandum of Understanding will be responsible for its own actions in providing services under this agreement and shall not be liable for any civil liability that may rise from the furnishing of the services by another party.

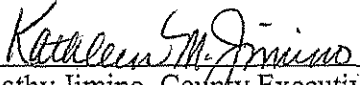
Section 3.

The parties to this agreement do not intend for any third party to obtain a right by virtue of this Memorandum of Understanding.

Section 4.

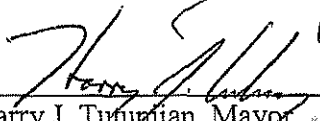
By entering into this Memorandum of Understanding, the parties do not intend to create any obligations, express or implied, other than those set forth herein; further, this Memorandum of Understanding shall not create any rights in any party not signatory hereto.

COUNTY OF RENSSELAER, NEW YORK

  
Kathy Jimino, County Executive

7/9/09  
Date

CITY OF TROY, NEW YORK


  
Harry J. Tutunjian, Mayor

7/8/09  
Date

Approved as to form

  
STEPHEN A. PECHENIK  
Rensselaer County Attorney

Approved by the  
Rensselaer County Bureau of Budget

  
Stacey A. Farrar  
Director of Budget