

**APPLICATION FOR**

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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 Vineland		Organizational Unit Vineland Police Department	
Address (city, state, and zip code) 640 E. Wood Street P.O. Box 1508 Vineland, New Jersey 08362-1508		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application Denise Monaco (856) 794-4000	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN) 21-6001671		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 09 Justice Assistance Grant - Support of programs to prevenet and control crime in affected area	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT Cities of Vineland, Millville and Bridgeton in Cumberland C			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S) OF	
Start Date: 10/01/2008	Ending Date: 09/30/2012	a. Applicant NJ02	b. Project NJ02
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. Federal	\$178,343	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?	
g. Total	\$178,343	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 Robert Romano		b. Title Mayor	c. Telephone number (856) 794-4000
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed	

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**FY 09 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDS**

**ABSTRACT**

**Applicant's Name:** City of Vineland (on behalf of Cities of Vineland, Millville and Bridgeton and the County of Cumberland)

**Project Title:** FY 09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

**Project Goals:** To support the needs of the local law enforcement agencies in the areas of training, personnel, equipment, supplies and information systems to assist in the prevention and control of crime and improve the criminal justice system.

To assist in the stabilization of local government budgets in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive local tax increases.

**Strategies To Be Used:** All purchases shall be made in accordance with Local Public Contracts Law

**Major Deliverables:** Items specified within budget worksheets.

**Coordination Plans:** The City of Vineland will act as the lead agency and coordinate implementation of projects and compliance with reporting requirements by all parties.

**FY 2009 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT  
REVIEW NARRATIVE**

The City Council of the City of Vineland adopted a resolution at their June 23, 2009 meeting approving the joint application proposal for FY 2009 Justice Assistance Grant funding, with the City of Vineland serving as the lead agency. The governing bodies of all participating agencies have approved the joint application proposal and executed the Memorandum of Understanding between the parties.

A notice of intent to submit this application was published in the Atlantic City Press on June 3, 2009. The notice informed the public that copies of the application were available for review in the Clerk's Office of each of the participating governmental agencies and invited comments to be submitted to the lead agency (City of Vineland) no later than June 30, 2009. No comments were received by the City of Vineland regarding the application as of the date of submission of this application.

**F.Y. 2009 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT  
PROGRAM NARRATIVE**

The City of Vineland is submitting this joint application on behalf of the Cities of Vineland, Millville and Bridgeton and the County of Cumberland to support local law enforcement programs within the County.

**Statement of the Problem:**

Cumberland County is located in the southwestern part of New Jersey with a population of approximately 155,000 covering a 677-square mile area. The three major municipalities are Bridgeton, Millville, and Vineland.

Cumberland County is one of the most distressed counties in New Jersey. 2000 Census statistics show that, among New Jersey's 21 counties, the County of Cumberland ranks lowest in median household income (1999), per capita personal income, and percentage of persons that graduated high school or above; and the County is third highest in percentage of households and families in poverty. The County's unemployment rate is the highest in the State (May 2009 rate for Cumberland County is 11.6%). Gang and gun crimes are a continuous problem, and the County has one of the highest violent crime per capita rates in the State of New Jersey. County law enforcement officers and residents have identified over 30 active gangs in Cumberland County.

It is widely recognized that crime flourishes in areas where poverty and unemployment prevail. The Uniform Crime Report states that domestic violence offenses increased by 2%, to 3,353 cases between 2005 and 2006.

Cumberland County leads the State of New Jersey in the number of substantiated cases of child abuse and neglect per capita. Approximately 24.1 % of the County population are children under the age of eighteen years old.

The local government agencies all share common problems and frequently work together on prevention and enforcement efforts to combat these problems within the County. Local enforcement agencies are participating with the Federal and State authorities in taking preventive measures, especially in the areas of education and awareness, in response to the growing number of street gangs within the area.

### **City of Vineland**

The City of Vineland will utilize its share of funding from the F.Y. 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program for the purchase of equipment, technology and other material directly related to basic law enforcement functions.

The Vineland Police Department's current authorized staffing is 158 sworn positions. The department's jurisdiction is 69 square miles and serves a population of approximately 60,000. The department structure consists of a Patrol Division, Criminal Division and Services Division with the following specialty units falling under the auspice of these divisions. Detective Unit, Narcotic Unit, ID / Crime Scene Unit, Crime Prevention, Juvenile Unit, Police Athletic League (PAL) Officer, Traffic Unit, Street Crime Unit, K9 Unit, Community Policing / Bike Unit, Training Unit, Internal Affairs, Communications, Computer Operations and Records.

The JAG funding will enable the department to continue to provide police services to the community at its current level while decreasing the cost to the taxpayers of the City.

### **City of Millville**

The Millville Police Department will utilize its share of the funding for the procurement of equipment and materials directly related to basic law enforcement functions. Additionally, the funds may be applied to overtime payments necessary for specific operations targeting quality of life crimes and issues within the community.

### **City of Bridgeton**

The objectives for the City of Bridgeton are to supplement the Police Department's Operating Expense Budget to protect the police force from any future budgetary cuts that would translate into loss of police officer positions or civilian support positions.

The City of Bridgeton has been a member of New Jersey's "Distressed Cities Program" for a couple of years. During the time it has participated in this program, the City's police force, which traditionally had 70 to 72 officers, was cut to 67 officers. Recently the City has found it financially impossible to return to 67 officers, and the current number stands at 65.

During fiscal year 2009, the operating expense budget was estimated and planned to be \$325,000.00. This budget has not yet been passed and State Financial Aid may suffer further cuts in the future. Current budget projects from City Administration seem to indicate a reduction to \$250,000 or less in operating expenses for fiscal year 2010.

The Bridgeton Police Department has been unable to keep its equipment inventory current and has been forced to cope with these financial difficulties while still expecting future police officer/civilian support staff cuts.

The City intends to utilize these Byrne grant funds to stave off any potential losses in police manpower from the current manpower level of 65, by using these funds to make upgrades in equipment.

The expenditures should for the most part be made within six months of receiving the funds. Performance measures would simply be acquiring the program listed equipment objectives.

### **County of Cumberland**

With the assistance of the JAG grant funding, the County Prosecutor's Office, through its Megan's Law Unit, will continue its fight against child sexual abuse, child exploitation and child domestic violence at the local, county and state levels. Specifically, FY 09 funds will be used in the areas of training, software, equipment and maintenance of its newly installed ArcEngine system.

Cumberland County has approximately 527 registered sex offenders. The number of sex offenders in Cumberland County fluctuates weekly because the population tends to be transient.

The Megan's Law Unit of the Cumberland County Prosecutor's Office consists of three employees: one Assistant Prosecutor, one detective and one full-time secretary. The substantial number of registered sex offenders within the County creates a heavy work load for the County's small Megan's Law Unit. These dedicated employees have other responsibilities, in addition to Megan's Law, within the office.

The Prosecutor's Office maintains the highest level of accuracy and efficiency with the registrations of sex offenders in Cumberland County pursuant to Attorney General Guidelines for Law Enforcement for the implementation of Sex Offender Registration and Community Notification Laws. The County will continue to work closely with local law enforcement and community agencies to insure "shared information" is accurate. The County will provide specialized training to its assistant prosecutors, Victim Witness counselors and detectives of the Special Victims Unit. Law enforcement needs to improve interviewing techniques to provide justice for victims and their families. The interrogation skills of these individuals can result in a favorable outcome by the judicial system.

The Justice Assistance grant resources have allowed the County to update its systems, purchase necessary equipment, and provide specialized training, immediately. Additional funding will allow the Prosecutor's Office to continue this approach which may not have been otherwise available due to current budget cuts.

The Megan's Law Unit has seen vast improvements to its Registrant Management System during the past two years. The ArcEngine allows the County to increase productivity with improved quality, mapping, performance and usability.

**F.Y. 2009 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT  
BUDGET**

**City of Vineland**

License Plate Recognition for one traffic unit	\$25,000.00	
Miscellaneous equipment including:		
Radar units		
In-car video		
Emergency equipment for vehicles, police radios, lights, sirens, etc.		
Computers, licenses and software		
Firearms		
Surveillance equipment	<u>53,471.00</u>	
 Total – City of Vineland		 \$78,471.00

**City of Millville**

Communication and surveillance equipment, crime scene processing equipment, non-motorized transportation equipment		
 Funds may also be applied to overtime payments necessary for specific operations targeting quality of life crimes and issues within the community		
 Total – City of Millville		 \$33,885.00

**City of Bridgeton**

A. Equipment	\$47,109.00	
Includes:		
Rhino bumpers		
Specialty uniform shirts		
Red Training Guns		
Simmunition Rounds		
Leg Irons		



Portable Radio Batteries  
Rubber Gloves  
Flare Containers  
Vehicle Lighting Equipment  
Misc. Equipment/Supplies/Training  
Video Cameras  
Computer Station Upgrades/Hardware  
IMPACT (records management software/support, etc.)

B. Supplies 2,827.00

Includes:  
Evidence Bags and Pouches  
Knife Boxes  
Handgun Boxes  
Long Gun Boxes  
Arson Evidence Cans  
Evidence Tamper Proof Tape  
Barrier Tape Caddy  
Standard Print Kits

Total Budget – City of Bridgeton \$49,936.00

**County of Cumberland**

Information Sharing Software, training and equipment \$ 16,051.00

**Budget Summary**

City of Vineland	78,471.00
City of Millville	33,885.00
City of Bridgeton	49,936.00
County of Cumberland	<u>16,051.00</u>
Total Grant	\$178,343.00

## BUDGET NARRATIVES

The jurisdictions have signed a Memorandum of Understanding approving the distribution of the total allocation of \$178,343.00 as follows:

City of Vineland	78,471.00
City of Millville	33,885.00
City of Bridgeton	49,936.00
County of Cumberland	16,051.00

These funds will be utilized by each agency in support of existing programs designed to prevent and control crime within the County.

### **City of Vineland**

The Vineland Police Department will utilize its share of funding for the procurement of equipment, technology and materials directly related to basic law enforcement functions.

### **City of Millville**

The Millville Police Department will utilize its share of the funding for the procurement of equipment and materials directly related to basic law enforcement functions. Additionally, the funds may be applied to overtime payments necessary for specific operations targeting quality of life crimes and issues within the community.

### **City of Bridgeton**

The Bridgeton Police Department intends to spend allotted Byrne Grant funds in the following subject areas: Equipment and Supplies.

The reason for expending funds in this manner is the City's continued difficulty in planning budgetary concerns as a municipality that depends a great deal on State financial aid, and not being able to accurately gauge what levels of funding will be available by State government.

RESOLUTION NO. 2009- 312

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH THE U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE, BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE, FOR F. Y. 2009 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING.

WHEREAS, the U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has announced the availability of grant funds to state and local units of government through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); and

WHEREAS, this program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system; and

WHEREAS, the funding distribution is based on population and crime statistics as well as law enforcement expenditure data; and

WHEREAS, an allocation of funding in the amount of \$178,343.00 has been made available to the County of Cumberland, City of Vineland, City of Millville, and City of Bridgeton, for which a joint application must be submitted by said units of local government; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of said parties that the City of Vineland serve as the lead entity for the purposes of submitting the application with the Bureau of Justice Assistance for funding under the F.Y. 2009 JAG Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Vineland:

1. THAT the City of Vineland is hereby authorized to file an application with the U. S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, for funding under the F.Y. 2009 Justice Assistance Grant Program on behalf of the Cities of Vineland, Millville, and Bridgeton, and the County of Cumberland.
2. THAT the Mayor and City Clerk of the City of Vineland are hereby authorized and directed to execute said Application and other related documents on behalf of the City of Vineland, including a Memorandum of Understanding by and among the parties.

Adopted: June 9, 2009

  
President of Council pfc III


ATTEST:

  
City Clerk kp

CERTIFICATION

I, Keith Petrosky, RMC, Municipal Clerk of the City of Vineland, Cumberland County, New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is a true and correct copy of a Resolution adopted by the Council of the City of Vineland, at a meeting conducted on June 9, 2009 at City Hall, Vineland, New Jersey.

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Keith Petrosky, RMC  
Municipal Clerk

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

THIS AGREEMENT is made July 10, 2009 by and among the CITY OF VINELAND, the CITY OF MILLVILLE, the CITY OF BRIDGETON, and the COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND, governmental corporations of the State of New Jersey.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, an allocation of funding in the amount of \$178,343.00 has been made available through the F.Y. 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) to the County of Cumberland, City of Vineland, City of Millville, and City of Bridgeton, for which a joint application must be submitted by said units of local government; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of said parties that the City of Vineland serve as the lead entity for the purposes of submitting the application with the Bureau of Justice Assistance for funding under the F.Y. 2009 JAG Program;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties to this agreement agree as follows:

1. The City of Vineland shall act as the lead entity on behalf of the Cities of Vineland, Millville, and Bridgeton, and the County of Cumberland for the purposes of participation in the FY 2009 JAG Program.
2. As lead entity for the parties, the City of Vineland shall be responsible for submission of the application, receipt of funding, and management of the award, including the submission of such financial and progress reports as required by the program.
3. The distribution of the total allocation of \$178,343.00 shall be as follows:

City of Vineland	78,471.00
City of Millville	33,885.00
City of Bridgeton	49,936.00
County of Cumberland	16,051.00

- 1. The parties agree that they will utilize their portion of the funding for eligible purposes under the JAG Program no later than September 30, 2012.


CITY OF VINELAND

By:   
 Mayor Robert Romano

CITY OF BRIDGETON

By:   
 Mayor James Begley

CITY OF MILLVILLE

By:   
 Mayor James T. Shannon

COUNTY OF CUMBERLAND

By:   
 Marcella Shepard, CFO