

APPLICATION FOR

2. DATE SUBMITTED 07/07/2009		APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	
1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION Application Non-Construction		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	
		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	
		STATE APPLICATION IDENTIFIER	
		FEDERAL IDENTIFIER	
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name Town of Framingham		Organizational Unit Framingham Police Department	
Address (city, state, and zip code) 1 William Welch Way Framingham, Massachusetts 01702-8238		Name and telephone number of the person to be contacted on matters involving this application Steven Carl (508) 532-5926	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (BIN) 04-6001151		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 2009 Byrne Traffic Safety and Web Based Information Sharing Initiative	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT Town of Framingham, Massachusetts			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT(S) OF	
Start Date: 07/30/2009	Ending Date: 06/30/2011	a. Applicant MA07	b. Project MA07
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. Federal	\$19,732	This preapplication/application was made available to the state executive order 12372 process for review on 06/02/2009	
b. Applicant	\$414		
c. State	\$0		
d. Local	\$0		
e. Other	\$0		
f. Program Income	\$0	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT?	
g. Total	\$20,146	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 Steven Carl		b. Title Chief of Police	c. Telephone number (508) 532-5926
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed	

ABSTRACT

Applicant: Framingham Police Department – Framingham, Massachusetts

Title of Project: 2009 Byrne Traffic Safety and Web Based Information Sharing Initiative

Goals and Deliverables of Project:

The major goals and deliverables of this initiative are to improve the department's capacity to deal with traffic related safety, address the problem of stolen motor vehicles and increase the level of information exchange with the community. Planned activities include the purchase and deployment of a mobile license plate recognition system. The second planned activity includes the purchase and activation of web based computer software that will enable two-way exchanges of information with the community via emails and text messages.

REVIEW NARRATIVE

In order to comply with the public notification requirements of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, the Town Manager was notified of our intent to apply for this grant on May 29, 2009. The Town of Framingham utilizes a strong town manager form of government. As such, the Town Manager has the authority to represent and act on behalf of the recognized governing Board of Selectmen.

The text of this notification is as follows:

"As you may know, every year that funding has been available since 1994, the Police Department has applied for and received funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG Formula Program). On April 2, 2009 you were notified of the department's intent to apply for funding within this grant program as funded through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. Subsequent to this application being submitted, the department received notification of the availability of additional funding through the standard annual Byrne Grant solicitation. As with the earlier grant, the amount of funds available to a local police department is determined through a computation involving Unified Reported Crimes and population. This year the Police Department is entitled to apply for up to \$19,732. As in the past, the funding must be used to supplement and not supplant the department's budget. Expenditure of grant funds must be used to further basic Law Enforcement functions. The grant application process mandates that at least 30 days prior to submission of the grant; the application must be made available for review to the local governing body. Additionally, the grant application must be made public. This correspondence regarding the grant is to serve as my official notification to the town's governing body of the department's application. As I have done in previous years, I will formally present the application during a regularly scheduled public Selectmen's Meeting so as to make the grant application process public. I request I be placed on the BOS agenda for the June 2, 2009 session."

As requested in the above notification, the intent to apply was detailed at the June 2, 2009 Board of Selectman meeting. During this meeting, the public had the opportunity to comment on and question the application. Upon conclusion of this presentation, the Selectmen voted unanimously to support the application for this grant. The minutes from this meeting and accompanying grant application are available through the Selectmen's office for additional public viewing and/or comment. On June 30, 2009 the grant application was also presented for review and comment to members of a local Anti-Gang Grant Steering Committee (Massachusetts State Shannon Gang Grant). This was done during their monthly meeting. This steering committee has members representing numerous community organizations including the YMCA, Boys and Girls Club, Department of Youth Services, and local religious organizations.

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

The Framingham Police Department submits this application for funding of the Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant.

The Town of Framingham is a true “Community Policing” venue. Over the past decade we have developed a community problem solving network that includes close working relationships with the Framingham Housing Authority, public and private housing agencies, public and private schools, local colleges, various social service agencies, emergency service agencies, and numerous community coalitions. Framingham Police also routinely partners with many other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies to address crime and disorder issues. Additionally, Framingham Police coordinate and manage such traditional community policing activities as National Night Out, Neighborhood Watches, the PAL program, and children fingerprinting initiatives.

Funds from this grant would be utilized to purchase a mobile license plate recognition system. This system can be programmed to detect motor vehicles that are stolen, unregistered, uninsured, or wanted in regards to a crime or amber alert. In 2008, Framingham had 171 motor vehicles and an additional 67 motor vehicle registration plates reported stolen. During the same period, Framingham police officers issued 433 citations to individuals operating unregistered motor vehicles and 94 citations to operators of uninsured motor vehicles. The addition of this technology will greatly enhance the department’s ability to address issues involving motor vehicle thefts and traffic safety and enforcement.

In addition to the purchase of a license plate recognition system, Byrne funds would also be used to purchase computer software needed to activate and operate a web based community information sharing system. This system would give individual citizens or private groups the ability to setup accounts through which they will automatically receive notifications and alerts via email and/or text as soon as they are posted on the department’s website. This system would also allow for citizens to anonymously text crime related tips to the police department. While the department currently has a phone based anonymous tips hotline, it is rarely used and on average receives only one tip a month. With the ever increasing popularity of text messaging, it is believed that this system will significantly increase the number of crime tips received by the police department.

Since the cost of the mobile license plate recognition system and the web based community information sharing system is more than available under the grant, the Framingham Police Department will match any costs over the awarded funds.

BUDGET NARRATIVE

The Framingham Police Department is required to adhere to state guidelines when purchasing equipment and/or contracting services. As such, all grant expenditures will be consistent with protocols contained within Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 7.

Equipment Purchases (\$5,000 or more)

- One ELSAG North America Law Enforcement Systems, LLC Mobile License Plate Reader (Model# MPH-900X2AD3 Split Trans): Cost \$17,500.00

Supplies (Less than \$5,000)

- One ELSAG North America Law Enforcement Systems, LLC Operation Center License for use with LLC Mobile License Plate Reader (Model# MPH-900X2AD3 Split Trans): Cost \$825.00
- Additional needed supplies for the LLC Mobile License Plate Reader (Model# MPH-900X2AD3 Split Trans):
 - o Power cord: Cost \$125.00
 - o Ethernet cable: Cost \$100.00
 - o GPS: Cost \$96.00
- One CitizenObserver Web Based Alerting Toolset: Cost \$1,500.00

Equipment Expenditures	\$17,500.00
Supply Expenditures	\$2,646.00
Total Amount	\$20,146.00
Federal / Byrne Grant Amount	\$19,732.00
In-Kind Match	\$414.00

Note: All other expenses, including administrative costs, associated with the grant program will be assumed by the Framingham Police Department. As such there are no other applicable costs to be reflected in the above budget.