

**Edward Byrne Memorial  
Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program  
2014-H2842-AZ-DJ  
FY 2014 Application**



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Tactical and Patrol Equipment Grant Application  
Support Document A  
Standard Form 424

**Attachment 1:                      Abstract**

Name:                                      Cochise County Sheriff's Office (CCSO)

Project Title: Tactical, Patrol and Detention Equipment Purchase

Goals:                                      Equip 5 CCSO SWAT operatives with level 3 ballistic vests, gas masks and Kevlar helmets which will replace expiring equipment; Equip 3 CCSO deputies with Patrol Bicycles equipped with lights and sirens and for use in conducting patrols in high crime areas with no vehicle access. Equip CCSO Detention with a Guard Tour "Pipe" System which will assist in maintaining a scheduled and accurate account of security patrols within and around the perimeter of CCSO Detention which will replace broken outdated system. Equip CCSO with a Milo Range training laser gun system which will assist in training CCSO Deputies in the use of firearms without the cost of using live ammunition. Equip CCSO Investigations with a Digital Data Storage system which will assist with retrieving information from cellular devices for investigative purposes.

**Strategy:**

During high risk tactical missions, CCSO SWAT Unit operatives are exposed to volatile environments and violent criminal offenders from which lethal encounters are apparent. The above identified equipment will replace older expiring SWAT body armor, helmets and gas masks which SWAT operative use for protection during these high risk tactical missions and better capability towards ending these types of incidents with the least amount of risk of potential injury to the operatives, criminal offenders, and the immediate public. Investigative duties and responsibilities of CCSO Deputies require the need for storing digital images, messages and data which proves cases of criminal activity from cellular devices used by criminals in their daily activities. A digital data storage system will be another resource for Deputies which will assist in producing a higher percentage of prosecutable cases which result in higher conviction rates, thus promoting Public safety. CCSO Detention Officers routinely conduct security checks within the Detention Facility for safety and to promote a secure environment for the inmates and detention staff. A new "Pipe" system will replace an existing broken system. CCSO uses a Bike Patrol unit to patrol areas where they can move quickly and undetected by criminals and where vehicles are unable to travel. GT Karakoram Mountain bikes equipped with lights and sirens will replace older patrol bicycles used by the Bike Patrol units.

This program associates and identifies with the formulas used in the Justice Assistance Grant by the following:

1. Officer Safety
2. Equipment-Tactical
3. Violent Crimes
4. Violent Crime Offenders
5. Equipment-Video/Audio Data Recording
6. Equipment-Patrol Duty Bicycles

**Attachment 2:                      Program Narrative**

The proposed activities for the 4 year grant period will consist of purchasing personal protective equipment and tactical equipment for SWAT operations and digital data storage devices for investigations purposes. Patrol bicycles for criminal activity patrols and security monitoring systems for Detention.

Cochise County is located in the Southeastern corner of Arizona and encompasses 6,215 square miles of mountains and diverse desert terrain. Within Cochise County there are ranches and farming industries, as well as, 7 incorporated cities and numerous unincorporated townships. The incorporated areas include Sierra Vista, Huachuca City, Benson, Bisbee, Tombstone, Douglas, and Willcox. Fort Huachuca, a U.S. Army Base, is located within Cochise County as well. Additionally, Cochise County shares a 75 mile border with New Mexico and an 82.5 mile border with Sonora, Mexico. These contribute to a culturally diverse population whom live within Cochise County. The county has a population of 146,037, and a growth rate of .6% (United States Census 2010).

Cochise County is unique to most rural areas within the United States due to its warm and pleasant climate which draws a large population of homeless and transient people from neighboring states along with visitors and migrant workers from Mexico. Further, Cochise County has been identified as a major corridor for channeling illegal narcotics and aliens into the United States, as well as, a nexus for transportation of stolen vehicles, currency, and weapons into Mexico illegally. "Street Gangs", "Outlaw Motorcycle Gangs", and other organized criminal activities are also present within Cochise County. The Cochise County Sheriff's Office is tasked with protecting the unincorporated rural areas of Cochise County while also providing support to the local law enforcement agencies within the incorporated cities. Deputies encounter many violent criminals associated with the above criminal elements while having limited resources available. Law enforcement agencies have increasingly been confronted with acts of extraordinary violence. In dealing with incidents of such nature and the advent of terrorist acts carried out on U.S. soil, the preservation of human life and mitigation of high risk situations must be of primary consideration. The presence of a skilled, well trained and properly equipped law enforcement tactical unit substantially reduces the risk of injury or loss of life to citizens, law enforcement officers, and suspects. Recognizing the dynamics of the law enforcement business, the Cochise County Sheriff's Office maintains a skilled, well trained and properly equipped SWAT unit, as a resource for the Sheriff's Office and other law enforcement agencies needing assistance with critical incidents

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The Cochise County Sheriff's Office has an ongoing commitment to provide better resources for its staff which increases deputy safety both individually and collectively as a Department. The purchase of personal protective and tactical equipment for SWAT operations and digital data storage devices, patrol bicycles for patrol Deputies will enhance the safety of Deputies while providing additional resources for serving and protecting the citizens within Cochise County.

The purchase of the SWAT equipment will replace 5 SWAT operator level 3 ballistic vests, gas masks and Kevlar helmets that are reaching their recommended replacement dates; The purchase of the digital data storage device will assist CCSO deputies with digital storage of images and messages used in the day to day operations of criminals intent on promoting their criminal activity and to insure a higher probability of prosecutable cases.

The purchase of 3 Patrol Mountain bikes will replace older bicycles to effectively patrol area not easily accessible to motor vehicles for hidden criminal activity. The purchase of the "Pipe" security system will replace an older broken system with a more rugged and user friendly system to accurately monitor security checks within the Detention facility.

This program is a necessity and enhances the efforts put forth to keeping the peace and creating safer environments within our communities while working within the parameters of the mission and philosophies established by the Cochise County Sheriff's Office. This Program would not be possible without the appointments of funds from the Justice Assistance Grant Award.

**Attachment 3:                      Budget and Budget Narrative**

Support Document B  
Budget Worksheet from suggested website.

The equipment desired to be purchased through the Justice Assistance Grant is necessary for the success of this project so as to enhance:

1. Officer Safety
2. Public Safety
3. Criminal Prosecutions
4. Criminal Records

JAG funds will be used to purchase equipment as described in Attachment 2.

**Attachment 4:                      Review Narrative**

The Justice Assistance Grant is due for submission on June 10, 2014, and will be reviewed by the Cochise County Board of Supervisors on or before July 08, 2014. At that time, the Justice Assistance Grant will be made available to the Public and for review by the governing board, and an opportunity to comment will be provided to the citizens, neighborhoods, and community organizations. At the completion of the review and with the governing board's approval, a supplemental report will be forwarded.

**Attachment 5:                      Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications**

The Cochise County Sheriff's Office does not have pending applications submitted within the last 12 months for federally funded assistance that include requests for funding to support the same project being proposed under this solicitation and will cover the identical cost items outlined in the budget narrative and worksheet in the application under this solicitation.