

RESOLUTION

The City of Morgantown met on November 19, 2013, with a quorum present and passed the following resolution:

Be It Resolved that the City of Morgantown hereby authorizes its City Manager, Jeff Mikorski, to act on its behalf to enter a contractual agreement with the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, to receive and administer grant funds from the 2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for Equipment and Technology Upgrades for the City of Morgantown.

MAYOR

CITY CLERK



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Program Narrative – Revised (Attachment 1)

The City of Morgantown, West Virginia is applying for the 2013 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. According to the 2013 West Virginia JAG Allocations, the individual allocation award for Morgantown City is \$22,378.00. The police department plans to use these funds for equipment purchases that will enhance citizens' and officers' safety and upgrade building security. These equipment and technology enhancements and upgrades are the purpose areas for this grant. The first and largest portion of these funds will be used for the safety equipment. That will help the police department with its overall mission of providing quality law enforcement services and equipment needed to accomplish this goal. The equipment will provide more officers with tools to protect society and themselves, which is a pillar that American Law Enforcement is built upon. The second part will be the purchase and installation of building security upgrades and related technology. The upgrades and technology will provide a more secure working environment for the police department and the citizens that travel there for service. This occurs at a time when the decline in the economy has made it difficult for police departments to purchase needed equipment and technology to perform their ever demanding duties and provide the type of services that the public has come to expect.

The City plans to use its grant funds to purchase 15 less lethal, defensive weapons. These weapons are electro-muscular disruption devices (EMDs), commonly referred to by the brand name, Taser. In conjunction with that purchase, 31 EMD cartridges and 18 EMD batteries need to be bought in order to have an adequate amount of reserve gear to employ the new EMDs. EMDs

enhance citizens' and officers' safety because apprehending hostile and violent individuals often results in physical altercations that lead to officers and suspects being injured. EMDs have proven effective in efficiently stopping hostile and violent individuals, reducing the threat to citizens as well as preventing injury to both officers and suspects. Plans for building security upgrades and technology include purchasing and installing magnetic locks for the main entrance door, a key pad / card swipe entry for employees, an audible signal button for the public that will be answered via intercom, an exterior camera linked to a DVR and a lap top computer containing software to manage the system, and fire alarm disengagement wiring. This system will be used after close of the City's normal business hours and will be operated from within the communications center. It will help control access to the police department during the times that are frequently the busiest with arrests and subsequent bond releases. Antagonistic people and crowds often gather currently, which create an unnecessary risk to citizens present for legitimate reasons and police officers. All of these purchases from this grant will enhance the safety of the public and police officers, along with improving the Morgantown Police Department's ability to perform day to day duties at the high level its community has come to expect.

The City of Morgantown will act as the fiscal agent for this Grant. The City uses accepted financial practices of tracking all draw downs and purchases by the use of a purchase order system, receiving reports, and the payment and tracking of all invoices. The City will place the grant funds into an account by itself and it will be handled separately from other grants or federal funding. The City of Morgantown will use the grant funds in the purpose area designated to improve or enhance its equipment and technology. The City will work toward completing all of the goals and objectives of the grant during the assigned grant period. It will file the appropriate financial, progress, and / or other required grant reports according to the grant guidelines.