

**PUBLIC NOTICE FISCAL YEAR 2024 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states and units of local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas. JAG funds may be used for local initiatives such as additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance and information systems for criminal justice, including any one or more of the following:

- Law enforcement programs.
- Prosecution and court programs
- Prevention and education programs.
- Corrections and community corrections programs.
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).
- Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs.

The Department of Justice requires that the applicant agency accepts certain Certifications and Assurances. These Certifications and Assurances include, but are not limited to the following three items which are summarized as follows: 1) JAG funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds but must be used to increase the amounts of such funds, that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for law enforcement activities; 2) The application must be made available for review by the governing body; and, 3) The application must be made public and an opportunity to comment on the application provided to citizens. In addition, the City is required to certify that it complies with prohibitions on certain actions regarding information regarding citizenship and immigration status and complies with 8 U.S.C. §§ 1373 & 1644.

As such, the purpose of this public notice is to make information regarding the City of Miami Beach's Fiscal Year 2024 JAG application available to the public.

Please submit Comments regarding the use of this grant to:

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With 2024 JAG Program funds, the City of Miami Beach is proposing to purchase a Portable Surveillance Trailer for Public Safety, in the amount of \$64,153. No matching funds are required for this grant. The trailer will be a portable, battery-powered, solar charging, trailer designed for multi-functional public safety needs. This equipment, with its proposed applications, is aligned with authorized usage of JAG award funds and the JAG's violent crime reduction area of emphasis.

The prime user will be the Miami Beach Police Department, which will deploy the trailer to different city locations and install surveillance cameras, lights, or audio/radio systems optimizing the safety of residents and visitors. Adding this trailer is essential as the City hosts a significant number of high impact events requiring specialized surveillance equipment for crowd control, crime prevention, reduction, and criminal apprehension.

The proposed use of these funds for this project is for the following purposes:

- Rapidly deploy to events/locations to monitor public safety concerns.
- Deter criminal behavior through the presence of the surveillance trailer.
- Utilize remote monitoring capabilities, to allow more efficient use of resources. Live and recorded footage can be monitored from a centralized location, allowing sworn officers to be assigned to other duties.
- Obtain high quality video evidence essential for criminal apprehension and prosecution.
- Deploy for extended periods of time, if needed, due to the self-sufficient and regenerative solar charging power system.
- Flexibility to deploy as needed to many different locations, saving significant costs to the city of installing permanently mounted equipment.
- Use of a multi-functional platform. Although the prime usage will be for live monitoring and investigations via use of the cameras, the trailer can also accept accessories such as lighting and public address (PA) audio systems, thus providing customization based on the specific public safety needs of each deployment.

The project will be implemented as follows:

1) Phase 1 – Equipment and Vendor Identification (Month 1 to 12): Research surveillance trailers to develop necessary specifications and complete the procurement process, according to City and federal procurement guidelines, to select a vendor.

2) Phase 2 – Equipment Acquisition and Training (Month 13 to 18): Purchase and receive the trailer and train the different officers who would use the equipment to ensure effective future deployment.

3) Phase 3 – Deployment and Evaluation (Month 19 to 36): Deploy the trailer and evaluate its usage, paying specific attention to the number of times the equipment is used as well as the different situations when the equipment is used.

The ability to purchase and deploy such a trailer will be a game-changer for the Miami Beach Police Department and by extensions, for City of Miami Beach residents and visitors who will be better protected against violent crimes.