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**U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs' (OJP)
Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)**

Funding Application Announcement

**Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program
FY 2021 Local Solicitation**

PROGRAM NARRATIVE

Part 1 – Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) – Augmented Equipment Enhancement:

Each year members of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) along with command staff meet to review the agency goals, objectives, and strategic plan. During this meeting, the priorities and funding strategies are also discussed.

The Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) vision is for Charlotte County remain one of the safest and most enjoyable places to live and visit in the State of Florida and in the nation, and for the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office to be a leader in public safety. The Sheriff's Office achieves this through innovation, technology, and community partnerships. The agency strives to integrate the concepts of community policing with our community and achieve our vision through collaborative problem solving.

The Sheriff's Office is going to purchase 3 automated external defibrillators (AED) units to placed into the helicopter and in the Tactical Surveillance Team (TST)'s bucket truck. Due to both units responding to incidents of dealing with high voltage situations.

One of the Charlotte County Sheriff's Office (CCSO) goals is to make the roadways of Charlotte County safe for those who use them. One of the largest issues within the county for traffic safety is speed. Traffic enforcement has a direct, proportional relationship to highway safety. In addition, traffic enforcement is the number one cited concern from the community to the Sheriff s Office. Traffic enforcement allows citizens to feel safe knowing that drivers are abiding by the traffic laws. The handheld and car mounted radars will be used to measure speed and promote safety within the county.

The computer forensic software will be able to collect, store and analyze telephonic and internet-based communications. The software will take complex files that would take hours if not days to analyze by normalizing the data in easy-to-read reports, graphs and maps. This data includes hundreds of diverse data sources, including cell phones, social media, email, web browsing, app usage, location pings, tower dumps, vehicle trackers, and mobile forensics. CCSO will also be able to identify commonalities, frequencies, and patterns of behavior alongside mapping data with location information. The software also has a media gallery that we can use to examine images and videos in a single display. All of our communication data from all divisions in the county will now be aggregated and stored in one fully integrated system for more streamlined analysis, so we can quickly find connections between cases. By storing all of our communication data in one relational database we will be able to query across one case, multiple cases, or all cases as well as analyze all of our case data from a single, unified view helping us identify criminal networks in the County.

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Quotes and the procurement process will begin between October and December of 2021. Then during the 1st quarter of 2021, the items will be order and payment processed. Then by April the items should be received and put into use. Charlotte County Sheriff's Office will cover any additional costs incurred out of the general fund.

Part 2 – Punta Gorda Police Department (PGPD) – Rifle Implementation Program:

It is impossible for law enforcement officers to predict when and where violent criminals are going to strike and what they will be up against when they respond. The officers that responded to the San Bernardino attack were faced with two suspects with long guns. The Sandy Hook Elementary School shooter was armed with a semi-automatic rifle. And the Marjory Stoneman Douglas shooter was armed with an AR-15 style semi-automatic rifle. These are the types of attacks that police officers must be prepared to face. In order to be prepared, officers need to be equipped with and trained on certain firearms. If officers are outgunned by these violent criminals, it is impossible for them to stop the threat. These types of attacks are just some of the reasons that each police officer should have immediate access to a modern patrol rifle. More and more violent criminals are utilizing long guns for mass attacks and it is imperative that police officers are properly equipped to face these offenders.

The Punta Gorda Police Department is requesting to use grant funds to purchase patrol riffles for all officers. Currently the Punta Gorda Police Department has rifles on loan from the Defense Logistics Agency 1033 program. These rifles are very old and bulky. The Punta Gorda Police Department also has a Patrol Rifle Purchase program where officers can purchase and utilize their personal rifle on duty. The Punta Gorda Police Department would like to suspend these programs and implement a department owned rifle program. This is to ensure that each officer has a reliable modern rifle and that there is uniformity between the firearms that each officer is trained on and using.