

JAG – Abstract

Title: Law Enforcement Enhancement through Overtime, Training and Equipment.

About Broken Arrow. The City of Broken Arrow is located on the banks of the Arkansas River and is the fourth largest city in the State of Oklahoma. Broken Arrow, incorporated in 1903, has two (2) counties within its jurisdiction, Tulsa and Wagoner Counties. Broken Arrow has an estimated population of 107,000 people spread out over 55 square miles. According to the 2010 U.S. Census Bureau, numbers show the City grew by 32% during the years of 2000 thru 2010, making it one of the fastest growing communities in Oklahoma. Managing our City's growth, while at the same time maintaining a high quality of life, is the primary challenge facing the community for the next several years. One of the cornerstones of quality of life for any community is public safety.

The City continues to see improvement in its sales tax revenues and graduated a sixth police academy replacing officers lost due to attrition and retirement. However the department still operates below established national and regional ratios for minimum staffing per capita. These funds will be used to improve community services primarily by improving leadership through personnel training, through technological improvement, and use of overtime for public events and for targeted patrol in problem areas.

Project Identifiers:

Conference & Training

Overtime

Equipment-General

JAG – Program Narrative

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About Broken Arrow Police Department. Currently, the Police Department stands at 127 sworn officers and 56 full-time civilian employees. In an examination of the 2014 Uniform Crime Report Table 71, we reviewed the national and regional averages for sworn officers and compared them to the current Sworn Officer ratios in Broken Arrow. The table gives 2014 national averages for sworn officers per 1,000 population as 2.3. Using the national averages and Broken Arrow's estimated current population of 107,000, we see that Broken Arrow at 1.2* is below the national average of 2.3 per 1,000, as well as, the regional (West South Central) average of 2.2 per 1,000. The City is gradually working to hire enough officers to bring us up to regional standards and has graduated six officer academies within 5 years. Unfortunately, this has mostly filled

*107,000 x 1.2/1000 = 135 officers

open positions. Therefore, it is incumbent upon the department to make the wisest use of personnel and funds. We propose to use JAG funds for law enforcement enhancement through overtime, training and equipment.

It is the intention of the Broken Arrow Police Department to use JAG funds in the following program areas (1) Conference & Training (2) Equipment - General and (3) Overtime. (1) Conference & Training – Training of personnel is important to ensure the highest quality of service to our citizens. Training funds requested for The City of Broken Arrow will be used to train officers and supervisors to be more effective in the field and to enhance our service to our community. (2) Equipment – We propose to use equipment funds to meet needed technology for officers. We need to continue to make minor upgrades in software and hardware as we work to fine tune our mobile data system. We currently are using Toughbook laptops and are transitioning to tablet based computers. We propose to use funds to assist with the software and hardware needed for the tablets. (3) Personnel/ Overtime – Due to budget constraints, we have very limited use of overtime to address problem areas. We propose to use overtime funds for bicycle overtime and community event overtime.

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JAG – Budget Narrative

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Proposed Budget

Travel	\$ 2,500
Equipment	\$ 6,994
Personnel/Overtime	<u>\$ 4,000</u>
Total	<u>\$13,494.00</u>

Effective leadership and efficient use of technology will assist the Broken Arrow Police Department in providing excellent service to our citizens. We intend to use JAG funds in the following program areas:

- (1) Travel – Training of personnel is important to ensure the highest quality of service to our citizens. Training funds requested for the City of Broken Arrow will be used to train employees and supervisors to be more effective in the field and to enhance our service to our community.

Travel	\$2,500
Miscellaneous training funds	
Registration	\$1,000
Travel	\$1,500

- (2) Equipment – We propose to use equipment funds to meet needed technology upgrades for employees. We need to continue to make minor upgrades in software and hardware as we transition from laptops to tablets.

Equipment – General	
Miscellaneous software and hardware	\$6,994

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Overtime	\$ 4,000
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JAG – High Risk Disclosure

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Broken Arrow is not at high risk with any other federal agency.

JAG – Review Narrative

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The City of Broken Arrow/ Police Department will make its Fiscal Year 2016 JAG application available to the City Council for its review on June 20, 2016.

The City of Broken Arrow/ Police Department intends to make its Fiscal Year 2016 JAG application available to citizens for comment on June 20, 2016 at the governing body's regularly scheduled City Council meeting which meets all the open records requirements.

JAG – Disclosure of Pending Applications

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Broken Arrow 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 the solicitation and will cover the identical cost items outlined in the budget narrative and worksheet in the application under this solicitation.