



**TO: JIM GRAY, MAYOR
URBAN COUNTY COUNCIL**

**FROM: CHARLIE LANTER, DIRECTOR
DIVISION OF GRANTS AND SPECIAL PROGRAMS**

DATE: August 6, 2018

**SUBJECT: Grant application for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant
Program for FY 2019**

Request: Council authorization to submit, and accept award if offered, a grant application in the amount of \$151,750 to the US Department of Justice under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program – FY 2019.

Purpose of Request: The Lexington-Fayette Urban County Government has been informed that it is eligible to apply for federal funds from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. The JAG program is a blend of the previous Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Programs, providing local agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place justice funds where they are needed most. LFUCG is eligible to receive a formula amount of \$151,750. No matching funds are required.

JAG funds may be used for local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice. The Lexington Police Department is proposing to use these funds as follows:

1. \$48,000-Portable Light Towers for the Traffic Unit during special events and/or homicide scenes and during power outages to provide power to intersections that have lost electricity: 4 @ \$12,000 each.
2. \$26,500- Radars and LIDARS for the Traffic Unit during traffic enforcement activities. These units will replace old and out- of-date equipment currently used by the Traffic Unit: 5 Radars @ \$2,800 and 5 LIDARS @ \$2,500 each.
3. \$4,500- Xantrex PROwatt Inverters for the Traffic Unit to power intersections when electricity has been lost. Department vehicles can power the traffic signals with the inverters: 18 @ \$250
4. \$6,000-Barricade Trailer for the Traffic Unit to transport heavy barricades used during special events and sporting events.
5. \$52,050- Tactical Headsets for the Emergency Response Unit when responding to critical incident scenes, volatile callouts and high-risk search warrants. The headsets are compatible with the department's 2018 radio transition: 30 headsets @ \$1,735 each.
6. \$4,700 ERU - AN-PVS 14 Night Vision Unit for the Emergency Response Unit to utilize when responding to critical situations that occur in low light conditions.



7. \$10,000 Robot Upgrades for the Hazardous Devices Unit to upgrade gears, replace batteries, tires and tracks for the existing robot.

What is the cost in this budget year and future budget years? Available funding in Fiscal Year 2019 is \$151,750. Future years funding is dependent upon availability of grant funding.

Are the funds budgeted? Budget amendment #9469 is in process.

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Director/Commissioner: Weathers/Armstrong