AGENDA ITEM ACTION REQUEST

	Meeting Date: July 26, 2011 **Meeting Type**: Regular _×_ Special ___
Requestor: ___ Manager ___ City Attorney _×_ Department ___ Other *Police*	**Item**: Presentation of 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Proposal - HPD
Reviewed: ___ Manager ___ City Attorney _×_ Department ___ Other *Police* **Recommend**: _×_ Yes ___ No ___ Manager ___ City Attorney _×_ Department ___ Other *Police*	**Review:** The Harrisonburg Police Department is currently applying for $21,838 in federal funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. HPD has established several equipment goals that focus primarily on officer safety-related equipment that this funding opportunity will address. This grant has no matching requirement, but HPD will add $15.18 to the jurisdiction's allocated amount of potential funding to complete the purchase off all of equipment as specified in the attached document. This equipment includes one ballistic shield, one broad-area lighting system, five audio transmitter kits to accompany the department's existing vehicle recording equipment, two audio/video recording system upgrades for patrol vehicles, 9 patrol rifle vehicle mounts, 10 X26 Taser holsters, and one A-Frame police checkpoint sign. This is equipment that was not requested or included in the FY 11-12 budget. This grant requires that the applicant present the proposal to the governing body of the jurisdiction, and that the members of the governing body review the proposal for a period no less than 30 days. Additionally, the proposal must be available for public comment.
	Attachments: 1. Grant Abstract. 2. Grant Proposal.

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Project Abstract

Applicant's Name:	City of Harrisonburg (VA)
Project Title:	Realizing Officer Safety Equipment Goals
Project Identifiers:	Officer Safety, Equipment – General, Equipment – Tactical, Equipment – Audio/Visual Recording, Less-than-Lethal

The Harrisonburg Police Department plans to utilize the funds solicited through the 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program as part of its Officer Safety Equipment Program. HPD has identified several equipment goals relating to officer safety which otherwise would not be realized due to the budgetary restraints of recent years. However, as a result of this grant funding, HPD will realize its officer safety equipment goals, which include the following purchases: one Protech Tactical Level IIIA Ballistic Shield ($8,170.00), one Airstar 933 Sirocco Light System ($2,865.51), five total L3 MobileVision audio transmitter kits (($1,444.75), nine patrol rifle vehicle mounts ($3907.10), ten Blade-Tech Holster for the department's existing X26 Tasers, and one A-Frame sign to announce police traffic safety checkpoints ($144.32). Additonally, HPD plans to upgrade two of its existing L3 MobileVision Flashback 1 recording systems, which are becoming obsolete, to the newer L3 Flashback 2 System ($4,810) for its patrol vehicles.

HPD will use the ballistic shield in critical incidents involving armed suspects, and this particular shield will offer protection from rifle rounds, a feature not included in any of the department's existing equipment. The Airstar Light System will illuminate large areas at night and will serve to appropriately light areas during traffic safety checkpoints and other events. After purchasing the new Blade-Tech X26 Taser holsters, on-duty HPD officers will all have a standard holster for the department's X26 Tasers, which will be worn on officers' patrol duty belt. In order to better announce police checkpoints, the department will use the new, brightly colored A-Frame sign to advise oncoming motorists of the checkpoint ahead. After upgrading the remaining patrol vehicles still equipped with the older Flashback 1 recording system, the department will be able to rely on the functionality of its recording system for officer safety and tactics training, as well as for documentation purposes.

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Program Narrative

The City of Harrisonburg is soliciting federal funding to realize its goals to purchase numerous items of equipment and supplies for the Harrisonburg Police Department to support its officer safety program. The equipment and supplies solicited through the 2011 local solicitation of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program enable the department to purchase $21,853.18 of needed equipment and supplies, and $21,838 will be solicited from the JAG Program.

In recent years there have been two incidents of officers coming under fire from suspects who were armed with rifles. As a result of the 2011 JAG local solicitation, HPD will purchase a level IIIA Protech Tactical NATO 2 Enhanced Ballistic Shield, which will offer protection to officers responding to these types of incidents. The cost of this tactical shield is $8,170.00 and several different divisions at the police department will train in its use during in-house training events, including the Patrol Division as well as the department's SWAT team.

HPD conducts numerous traffic safety checkpoints during the year, and most of these checkpoints are during the nighttime hours. HPD plans to purchase an Airstar Light System, which will illuminate an area of approximately 15,000 square feet. This will properly illuminate the area of police checkpoints, and the light will be equipped with a truck mount so that it will prove useful at nighttime crime scenes and other incidents. Properly lighting these areas will enhance the safety of the officers at the checkpoint scenes, and officers will more readily distinguish where suspects may be hiding in low light searches of specific areas.

HPD currently records traffic stops and patrol officers are equipped with audio/video recording devices. However, there are several vehicles that have recording systems that are becoming obsolete. HPD will use $4,810.00 to purchase two system upgrades to the L3 Flashback 2 recording system. This newer system will function more reliably than the current system in the vehicles, enhancing the department's recording capabilities. These recording are currently used for officer safety training and are an important tool for documentation purposes.

The department's current inventory of audio transmitters for existing in-car recording systems is depleted due to damages incurred during usage and HPD plans to purchase five new L3 audio transmitters to replace the damaged inventory as well as to have several extra transmitters on-hand to use are they are needed. The total costs for the five audio transmitters, with shipping, will be $1,444.75.

HPD officers frequently carry X26 Tasers, but the department's inventory of functional X26 holsters is depleted as well. As part of this program, the department will purchase 10 new Blade-Tech holsters for $511.50, which will ensure that every on-duty patrol officer will have the ability to carry a Taser on his or her duty belt. This purchase will also standardize the inventory of Taser holsters, so that all officers carry the same type of holster.

HPD has kept pace with current trends in policing, and officers now carry AR-15 patrol rifles in patrol vehicles. However, the department has not been able to fund the purchase and installation of vehicle mounts in all of the department's patrol vehicles. Officers in patrol vehicles not equipped with the mounts must double-lock the weapons in the trunk or cargo area of the vehicle, which slows the process of deploying the weapon during a critical incident. As a

result of this federal support, the department will purchase and install 9 additional vehicle mounts its patrol vehicles, which will cost $3,907.10.

The final purchase that HPD will realize as a result of this program is an A-frame “Police Checkpoint Ahead” sign that will be used to announce police checkpoints to oncoming motorists. This will enhance officer and motorist safety, as the department’s current signage is prone to falling down in heavy winds, creating unnecessary risks to those involved with the checkpoint. The A-frame sign will cost $144.32 with shipping.

The department will complete the purchase and installation of all items purchased through this program within two years from the date of receiving the federal funds. However, given that the department has standing estimates with each of the venders for the items to be purchased with this program, the actual purchases of these items should take significantly less than the total time allotted to complete the program. HPD realistically expects to have all items in use within 12 months after receiving federal funding.

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Budget Detail Sheet

Budget Category	Cost Per Unit	Number Requested	Total Line Item Costs
A. Personnel - Not Applicable			
B. Fringe Benefits - Not Applicable			
C. Travel - Not Applicable			
D. Equipment			
Protech Tactical NATO 2 Enhanced Ballistic Shield	$ 8,170.00	1	$8,170.00
Total Equipment			**$8,170.00**
E. Supplies			
Airstar Light System: 933 Sirocco - 2000 Halogen Light	$ 1,880.00	1	$1,880.00
Grip Head 933-60-50-005	$ 85.00	1	$85.00
Telescopic 18-Foot Tripod 933-ST201-A320	$ 325.00	1	$325.00
1000-Watt Bulb 933-61-20-022	$ 16.88	2	$33.76
Sandbags 933-SP398	$ 21.50	3	$64.50
Airstar Truck Mount ST-410	$ 407.17	1	$407.17
Shipping	$ 70.08	1	$70.08
Airstar Light System Subtotal			$2,865.51
L3 Flashback 2 System - System 1 Upgrade: MVD-FB2-FB-UPG	$ 2,395.00	2	$4,790.00
Prorated Shipping for L3 Flashback 2 Systems			$20.00
L3 Flashback 2 System Upgrade Subtotal			$4,810.00

L3 VLP1 Audio Transmitter: MV-VLP-TRA	$	245.00	3	$735.00
L3 VLP1 In-Home Charger: MV-VLP-CG	$	39.95	3	$119.85
L3 VLP2 Audio Transmitter: MV-VLP2-TRA	$	245.00	2	$490.00
L3 VLP2 In-Home Charger: MVD-VLP2-CG	$	39.95	2	$79.90
Prorated Shipping for L3 Audio Transmitters and Chargers				$20.00
L3 Audio Transmitter/Charger Subtotal				$1,444.75
Blade-Tech Holster for X-26 Taser	$	49.95	10	$499.50
Shipping for Blade-Tech Holsters	$	12.00		$12.00
Blade-Tech Holster for X-26 Taser Subtotal				$511.50
Adjustable Electronic Locking Patrol Rifle Vehicle Mount - ELS 270 AR15	$	273.95	9	$2,465.55
Patrol Rifle Vertical Mounting Bracket VMB-2	$	21.95	9	$197.55
Shipping for Rifle Vehicle Mounts	$	119.00		$119.00
Patrol Rifle Vehicle Mount Installation	$	125.00	9	$1,125.00
Patrol Rifle Vehicle Mount Subtotal				$3,907.10
Police Checkpoint A-Frame Sign	$	123.72	1	$123.72
Shipping	$	20.60		$20.60
Police Checkpoint Sign Subtotal				$144.32
Total Supplies				**$13,683.18**

F. Construction - Not Applicable

G. Consultants/Contracts - Not Applicable

H. Other - Not Applicable

Total Direct Costs	**$21,853.18**
Indirect Costs	**$0.00**
Total Project Costs	**$21,853.18**
Federal Request	**$21,838.00**
Non-Federal Amount	**$15.18**

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Budget Narrative

The City of Harrisonburg plans to purchase equipment and supplies totaling $21,853.18 in total costs through the 2011 local solicitation of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program. Of this total, the City will utilize $21,838.00 that was designated to the City of Harrisonburg for this particular Justice Assistance Grant. The City will fund the difference between the federal support and the total for the items to be purchased, which is $15.18. All of the items to be purchased as a result of this federal funding would not be purchased if it were not for this opportunity, which attests to the fact that the funds will not be used to supplant any nonfederal funds that were appropriated for the same purpose.

All funds associated with this program will be designated for purchasing items to support the Harrisonburg Police Department's officer safety efforts, and will not create significant additional administrative costs to the department. Aside from the direct costs of the purchasing the items listed in this grant proposal, it should be noted that the only other costs of this program will be for the installation of the 9 new patrol rifle vehicle mounts. The installation costs for each rifle mount will be $125.00 in labor at Clear Communication, Inc. in Harrisonburg, VA, for a total of $1,125.00. HPD employees will install the audio/video recording system upgrades as well as the truck mount for the Airstar Light System to avoid additional costs for the program. All costs including the shipping expenses incurred in the purchasing of these items and the installation of the patrol rifle mounts are considered direct costs funded as a result of this grant opportunity. Aside from these expenses, there should be no additional expenses in placing the items purchased through this program into service.

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Governing Body Review and Public Comment Statement

On July 20, 2011 the application packet for the fiscal year 2011 local solicitation of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program will be distributed to all members of the Harrisonburg City Council. Council members will have the opportunity to review the application packet and review it until the scheduled council meeting on August 23, 2011. Additionally on July 20, 2011 a summary document including the program narrative, budget detail sheet, and budget narrative will be posted on the website of the Harrisonburg Police Department to inform the public of the plans for this federal funding. Sgt. Jason Kidd will present the grant application information in a public forum on July 26, 2011 during the City Council meeting. At that time the City Manager will direct any member of the public to contact Sgt. Kidd with any comments regarding the grant proposal. At the City Council meeting scheduled for August 23, 2011, Sgt. Kidd will report on any comments made to him regarding the grant proposal and the members of the City Council will have an opportunity to review any such comments at that time.