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Now Available: BJA FY 23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation

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The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce that the [Fiscal Year \(FY\) 23 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance \(JAG\) Grant Program - Local Solicitation](#), Grants.gov Opportunity Number [O-BJA-2023-171790](#), is now available. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, crime victim and witness initiatives, mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams, and implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives including, but not limited to, mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs. See the [JAG Program Fact Sheet](#) for additional information.

Eligibility: Eligible applicants are limited to units of local government appearing on the [FY 23 Local JAG Allocations list*](#). By law, for purposes of the JAG Program, the term “units of local government” includes a town, township, village, parish, city, county, borough, or other general-purpose political subdivision of a state; or it may be a federally recognized American Indian tribal government that performs law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). A unit of local government also may be any law enforcement district or judicial enforcement district established under applicable state law with authority to independently establish a budget and impose taxes; for example, in Louisiana, a unit of local government means a district attorney or parish sheriff. More information, including [JAG Frequently Asked Questions \(FAQs\)](#) can be found on the [BJA JAG web page](#).

2023 Mississippi Local JAG Allocations

Listed below are all jurisdictions in the state that are eligible for FY 2023 JAG funding, as determined by the JAG formula. For additional details regarding the JAG formula and award calculation process, with examples, please refer to the JAG Technical report here: <https://bjs.ojp.gov/library/publications/justice-assistance-grant-jag-program-2021> and current JAG Frequently Asked Questions here: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/frequently-asked-questions>.

Finding your jurisdiction:

(1) Disparate jurisdictions are listed in shaded groups below, in alphabetic order by county.

(2) Direct allocations are listed alphabetically below the shaded, disparate groupings.

(3) Counties that have an asterisk (*) under the "Direct Allocation" column did not submit the level of violent crime data to qualify for a direct award from BJA, but are in the disparate grouping indicated by the shaded area. The JAG legislation requires these counties to remain a partner with the local jurisdictions receiving funds and must be a signatory on the required Memorandum of Understanding (MOU). A sample MOU is provided online at: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/JAGMOU.pdf>. Disparate jurisdictions do not need to abide by the listed individual allocations, which are provided for information only. Jurisdictions in a funding disparity are responsible for determining individual amounts within the Eligible Joint Allocation and for documenting individual allocations in the MOU.

State	Jurisdiction Name	Government Type	Direct Allocation	Joint Allocation
MS	GREENWOOD CITY	Municipal	\$16,751	
MS	JACKSON COUNTY	County	\$23,488	
MS	JONES COUNTY	County	\$19,240	
MS	LAMAR COUNTY	County	\$12,139	
MS	LAUREL CITY	Municipal	\$23,124	
MS	LEE COUNTY	County	\$10,621	
MS	LEFLORE COUNTY	County	\$18,814	
MS	LOWNDES COUNTY	County	\$10,803	
MS	MADISON COUNTY	County	\$12,199	
MS	MISSISSIPPI BAND OF CHOCTAW INDIANS	Tribal	\$28,526	
MS	PANOLA COUNTY	County	\$19,604	
MS	PASCAGOULA CITY	Municipal	\$11,411	
MS	PONTOTOC COUNTY	County	\$12,199	
MS	RIDGELAND CITY	Municipal	\$14,748	
	Local total		\$805,760	

Proposal Narrative

Description of the Issues:

The City of Pascagoula is applying on behalf of the Pascagoula Police Department for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2023 Local Solicitation. The City of Pascagoula is seeking to use JAG funds for the purchase of handheld radar units and replacement duty gear to support the existing capabilities of the Pascagoula Police Department. The Pascagoula Police Department's top priority is public safety and its commitment to the community. Resources provided through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant will provide vital support to the Department's efforts to uphold this commitment.

The Pascagoula PD is requesting to use BJA JAG funds for the following purchases:

- **Handheld Radar Units with Battery Handle** – Directional radar with handheld or dash mount options – radar units are needed to replace outdated or damaged units. The new radar units will allow the police department to monitor traffic speeds for improved public safety on roadways, neighborhoods, school zones and other needed areas.
- **Duty Gear Replacements** – Holsters, duty belts, handcuff cases, baton holders- It is vital that police officers have updated dependable duty gear in order to have quick access to firearms, flashlights, or other needed equipment.

These proposed purchases will ultimately have the result of increased public safety. The following project identifiers are associated with the proposed activities: Equipment-Tactical, Officer Safety, Policing, Community Policing, Traffic Enforcement.

Project Design and Implementation:

The Pascagoula Police Department guides its priorities and funding strategy through an evaluation of the needs of the department and a budget review process. A public notice and public council meeting are held before submittal of the grant application and after council approval in order to provide the public a chance for input in the planning process. Once the grant agreement has been approved by the Bureau of Justice Assistance and executed, the Pascagoula PD will begin the purchasing process. This process will be made using standard purchasing procedures for the city: quotes will be received unless

purchased under state contract with a vendor and a purchase order will be issued. The City of Pascagoula Grants Administrator tracks all expenditures and drawdowns from the JAG project and the actual grant funds are assigned a project code number for auditing purposes. Expenses are not paid until all of the products have been received. The city plans to spend funds in a timely manner.

Capabilities and Competencies:

The City of Pascagoula does not anticipate any coordination of related 2023 JAG funded projects; however, Pascagoula PD works closely with the Jackson County Sheriff's Department in crisis situations as well as everyday policing.

Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures:

The City of Pascagoula will report on the relevant information and semi-annual Goals and Objectives in accordance with the applicable JAG Accountability Measures in the BJA Performance Measurement Tool (PMT). The Grants Administrator tracks purchases made with grant funds and works with the Project Director in the Police Department to submit quarterly performance measure reports using BJA's PMT and understands that these reports are required if the grant is awarded. The success of the project will be evident in the improvement of the Pascagoula PD's tactical equipment supply, which will increase officer safety and assist the police department in providing exemplary community protection, and the availability of grant reimbursements.

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Certifications and Assurances by the Chief Executive of the Applicant Government

On behalf of the applicant unit of local government named below, in support of that locality's application for an award under the FY 2023 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant ("JAG") Program, and further to 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a), I certify to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), that all of the following are true and correct:

1. I am the chief executive of the applicant unit of local government named below, and I have the authority to make the following representations on my own behalf as chief executive and on behalf of the applicant unit of local government. I understand that these representations will be relied upon as material in any OJP decision to make an award, under the application described above, to the applicant unit of local government.
2. I certify that no federal funds made available by the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above will be used to supplant local funds, but will be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available for law enforcement activities.
3. I assure that the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was submitted for review to the governing body of the unit of local government (*e.g.*, city council or county commission), or to an organization designated by that governing body, not less than 30 days before the date of this certification.
4. I assure that, before the date of this certification— (a) the application described above (and any amendment to that application) was made public; and (b) an opportunity to comment on that application (or amendment) was provided to citizens and to neighborhood or community-based organizations, to the extent applicable law or established procedure made such an opportunity available.
5. I assure that, for each fiscal year of the award (if any) that OJP makes based on the application described above, the applicant unit of local government will maintain and report such data, records, and information (programmatic and financial), as OJP may reasonably require.
6. I have carefully reviewed 34 U.S.C. § 10153(a)(5), and, with respect to the programs to be funded by the award (if any), I hereby make the certification required by section 10153(a)(5), as to each of the items specified therein.

Signature of Chief Executive of the Applicant Unit of
Local Government

Jay Willis

Printed Name of Chief Executive

City of Pascagoula

Date of Certification

Mayor

Title of Chief Executive

Name of Applicant Unit of Local Government