



RAPID CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Karl Jegeris, Chief of Police

September 1, 2017

Memo to: Karl Jegeris, Chief of Police

From: Dave Kinser

Subject: 2017 BJA Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

It is the desire of the Rapid City Police Department, in partnership with the Pennington County Sheriff's Office (PCSO), to apply for the 2017 BJA Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), which allows an annual opportunity to purchase law enforcement equipment. The JAG grant does not require a financial commitment from the City or County, and is exclusively funded through the U.S. Department of Justice.

The total funding amount for this year is \$92,618, which would be split between the Rapid City Police Department and Pennington County Sheriff's Office. The total grant funding will be utilized to purchase new radios for for the patrol division. This purchase is essential in upgrading our aging radios, which are becoming increasingly more unreliable and are no longer under warranty. Moreover, the radio upgrade is necessary because the State network is being upgraded to a new digital band, and the older Radios will no longer be operable in 2023.

Should you have concerns regarding this matter, please contact me at your convenience. I am requesting your approval to apply for this grant opportunity, and to accept the grant if awarded.

Sincerely,

David Kinser

Research & Development Specialist