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Availability of Grant Funds (AGF) Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program Municipal Law Enforcement Opportunity

Overview

The Office of Grants and Research (OGR) will make available approximately <u>\$2,500,000</u> from the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program for **Municipal Police_ Departments** to competitively solicit federal funding to address local law enforcement, prevention, intervention, and suppression related programming needs.

Applicant Eligibility

Only a *Police Department* from a Massachusetts municipality (local unit of government) is eligible to apply for up to **\$50,000**. Only one **(1)** application per municipality is permitted for submission. OGR reserves the right to disqualify a municipality from being eligible for an award that submits more than one application for consideration of funding.

Federal Program Background

The JAG Program, administered by the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and authorized by Title I of Pub. Law No. 90-351, is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding to support a range of public safety related program areas. OGR is designated as the State Administering Agency (SAA) for JAG funds awarded to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

This AGF will permit Massachusetts to meet its federally mandated variable pass-through obligation. While all local police departments of ANY size are eligible to apply, OGR is required by the federal government to allocate a percentage of these funds for communities that are not eligible to receive a direct JAG award from the BJA. This federal law requires that states pass-through a federally predetermined percentage of funds, known as "variable," to local units of government and additionally requires that funds must be allocated specifically to communities known as "less than \$10,000 jurisdictions." Because of this requirement, OGR strongly encourages smaller cities and towns to apply.

Key Dates

Solicitation Posted: Friday, July 14, 2023		
Applications Due (both hard copy and electronic): Wednesday, August 23 by 4:00 pm.		
Anticipated Award Announcements: September 2023		
Grant Award Period: October 1, 2023 – September 30, 2024		

I. Important Highlights

JAG Purpose

The purpose of this grant opportunity is to assist eligible local police departments in their efforts to address unmet public safety needs in the community they serve.

All proposals must have a law enforcement, criminal justice nexus and be structured with a primary focus on impacting a specific public safety need in order to be considered for funding. Applicants may request funds for services and activities aimed at:

- Prevention/Intervention,
- Diversion, and/or
- Suppression/Enforcement.

Evidence-Based/Promising Programs and Strategies

The OJP and OGR strongly emphasize the use of data and evidence in policy making and program development in criminal justice. OJP and OGR are committed to:

- Improving the quantity and quality of programs and strategies that are evidence-based;
- Integrating evidence into program, practice, and policy decisions; and
- Improving the translation of evidence into practice.

For the purpose of this AGF, "**evidence-based**" is defined as those programs and practices whose effectiveness has been demonstrated by causal evidence, generally obtained through one or more outcome evaluations. The strength of causal evidence will influence the degree to which one would consider a program or practice to be evidence-based.

For projects that involve the implementation of a program, activity, or strategy, the project description should include: 1) a local needs assessment that proves the extent of the problem to be addressed, 2) the program or activity selected to address the stated needs and detailed description of the selected program or activity as well as intended target population to be served, 3) expected goals, objectives and outcomes, and 4) a summary of any research documenting the effectiveness of the program or activity proving it is evidence-based.

If the program or activity being proposed is not considered evidence-based, information must be provided to indicate why the program or activity is expected to have a strong likelihood of success, often referred to as a "promising" program or strategy.

Massachusetts JAG Priority Areas

Departments soliciting funds to address the following priority areas will be given preference for funding, however one may submit a proposal to address a different priority area that isn't listed, if need exists.

• Combatting Drug Use such as Cocaine, Methamphetamine, Fentanyl, Heroin, and other Opioids: Applicants may address this by conducting investigations, educating and/or alerting the public about the serious consequences of these drugs, partnering with a local treatment provider for referral services, purchasing a K-9 to assist with drug seizures, purchasing drug detection handheld equipment for the field, etc.

- **Human Trafficking, Domestic Violence, and Sexual Assault:** Applicants may address this by utilizing funds for investigations, partnering with a nonprofit to provide services, public awareness and education, etc.
- **Gang and Gun Violence:** Applicants may address this by utilizing funds for youth-based prevention programs, diversion programming such as partnering with the courts or nonprofit, gun detection technology, gun safety locks, gun tracing, etc.
- **Missing Person Cases:** Applicants may address this by utilizing funds for personnel to prioritize investigating missing persons cases, purchasing of K-9 to be used to locate a missing person or remains, evidence testing, public awareness, etc. Funding may be requested to improve the reporting, transportation, processing, and identification of missing persons and unidentified human remains, including migrants.
- Hate Crimes: Hate crimes (sometimes called bias-motivated crimes) are criminal offenses motivated by some form of bias toward victims based on their perceived or actual race, color, ethnicity, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability. Applicants may address this by utilizing funds to create or enhance tools to identify, investigate, and respond to hate crimes. Applicants are encouraged to utilize funding to promote change and accountability by supporting state, local, and tribal efforts to prevent hate crimes, improve data collection and reporting of hate-related criminal offenses and incidents, and promote efforts to fully investigate and prosecute hate crimes when they do occur.
- **Technology Upgrades, Investigative Tools, and Protective Gear:** Applicants may address this by utilizing funds to upgrade a department's record management system, vehicle mobile terminals, purchase of license plate readers, surveillance cameras, electronic control weapons (e.g. Taser), *interoperable communications such as radios, and **tactical vests (NOT bulletproof vests, as state and federal government have a separate application process for such requests- Link to Federal solicitation: <u>https://www.ojp.gov/program/bulletproof-vest-partnership/overview</u>) and State matching funds program solicitation: <u>https://www.mass.gov/service-details/bulletproof-vest-program-bvp</u>)

• **School Safety and Security:** Applicants may address this by utilizing funds to send first responders to active shooter training (Active Shooter / Hostile Event Response (ASHER) Programs), improve integration between police, fire, telecommunications dispatch, and emergency medical services, purchase of radios for school and law enforcement to communicate, school resource officers, antibullying programming, etc. Funds may not be used to purchase security equipment for schools or other entities not engaged in criminal justice or public safety.

*Interoperable Communications – Grantees that are using JAG funds to support emergency communications activities (including the purchase of interoperable communications equipment and technologies such as voice-over-internet protocol bridging or gateway devices, or equipment to support the build-out of wireless broadband networks in the 700 MHz public safety band under the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Waiver Order) must visit the Mass.gov webpage for ICIP requirements and instructions. <u>https://www.mass.gov/how-to/request-interoperable-communications-investment-proposal-icip-review</u>

In order to receive approval to utilize JAG funds for *interoperable communications components*, a department **must also complete** and submit the **"Interoperable**

Communications Investment Proposal" **(ICIP) form** as part of this application process. The **ICIP** form is <u>Attachment B.</u>

** <u>Tactical vests vs. bulletproof vests</u> – A bulletproof vest is a military or law enforcement vest that can stop bullets. A tactical vest is a protective vest worn by military, law enforcement, and civilians to protect against potential injuries from bullets, explosives, and other types of weapons that provides both protection and a way to carry gear when on assignment.

Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities

The Department of Justice and Commonwealth of Massachusetts are committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

In support of <u>Executive Order 13985</u>, OGR will provide an additional 5 reviewer points for applicants Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities.

Applicants choosing to address this must describe (in the need and/or program narrative section) how the proposed project(s) will address potential racial inequities and contribute to greater access to services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, and identify how the project design and implementation will specifically incorporate the input or participation of those communities and populations disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and the criminal justice system overall.

II. Grant Compliance Details

Fund Disbursement

This is a reimbursement grant. Reimbursement requests will be submitted to OGR on a quarterly basis. Details about the reimbursement process will be addressed in greater detail once award notifications are made.

III. Application Instructions

To provide OGR the best opportunity to fairly evaluate all requests for funding, applicants are encouraged to be clear and concise in their proposals. All applicants will be required to submit an online Application and hard copy version of their proposal.

The online Application must be completed as outlined here.

Section I. Applicant/Project Information

<u>Police Department's Contact and Fiscal Information</u> Indicate Police Department name, address, Police Chief, grant contact, fiscal contact information, UEI number and SAM registration confirmation. <u>Funding Request</u> Indicate the exact amount of federal funds (up to \$50,000) being requested.

Project Summary

Provide a brief summary of the type of initiative to be funded through this application (250 characters).

Non-Supplant

Attest to non-supplanting of federal dollars for the stated project.

<u>Statewide Interoperability: Interoperable Communications Investment Proposal (ICIP)</u> Indicate if the application includes the purchase of interoperable communications items. If "yes," please complete an ICIP form (Attachment B). Such equipment requests will be subject to an additional review and approval by the Statewide Interoperability Executive Committee (SIEC) or a representative thereof.

Police Department Signature

Submitted hard copy application must be signed by the Chief/Commissioner of the Police Department identified on the application.

Section II. Application Narrative

The application narrative is composed of four sections: <u>Needs Assessment</u>, <u>Project Description</u>, <u>Goals, Objectives, Activities, Timeline, Performance Measures and Evaluation</u>, and <u>Budget</u> <u>Narrative Summary</u>.

1. Needs Assessment (up to 6,000 characters-approximately 3 double-spaced pages/size 12 font)

At a minimum, the Needs Assessment should address the following:

- Provide a description of the law enforcement department and community to benefit from this application.
- Describe in detail the current unmet law enforcement, criminal justice, or public safety needs. Include relevant statistical and/or anecdotal evidence whenever possible, ensuring local data is provided.
- The sources or methods used for assessing the problem should also be described.
- Further explain why such criminal justice needs stated have not been previously met to justify a need for federal grant funds. For example:
- Inability to receive local approval to allocate other funds for such purchases due to other competing priorities, etc.
- Describe any negative effect, potential consequences, or impact on the department and/or community as a result of not having the services and items requested.

Helpful Hint: This will likely be a very competitive process. The peer reviewers will prioritize funding for municipalities that clearly explain, justify, and prove real need for all items being requested. Small and large departments may have great need, but often fail to provide specific data and detail proving that need exists in the municipality requesting the award.

2. Project Description (up to 6,000 characters – approximately 3 double-spaced pages/size 12 font)

Applicants must thoroughly describe the program, strategy, and/or activity to be implemented. Do not assume that the reviewer knows the intent or benefit of the program or goods being requested. The following should be addressed:

- Discuss how the proposed programming/initiative directly correlates to the needs assessment provided.
- Include any other information that is important and may be relevant for reviewers when evaluating the funding request.

3. Goals and Objectives, Activities, Timeline, Performance Measures and Evaluation

Applicants need to clearly state the goals and objectives and the expected benefit (outcome) for the law enforcement department and community as a result of receiving JAG funding. (The Online Application will allow for up to 6 Goals.)

<u>Goals</u>: Goals are broad statements that describe the program's intentions and desired outcomes. They suggest the desired end to which the program is directed. The goals of your program should be clearly stated, <u>realistic</u>, and must be <u>attainable</u> and measurable. In stating your goals, be careful to describe the desired *end* and not the means to the end.

<u>Objectives</u>: Objectives describe the program activities that support the goal(s). They describe intermediate results or accomplishments to be achieved by the program in pursuing its goal(s). The event or program activity must answer the questions: Who or what will change? Where will change occur or the event take place? When (period of time) will the event occur? How will the change happen? Objectives may change due to program progression. The more specific your objectives are, the easier it will be to determine if your program has achieved them. Use numbers wherever possible.

<u>Activities and Timeline</u>: Provide the primary activities to be carried out within the proposed program period. Please include:

- List of major tasks/activities; and
- Start and end dates of each.

<u>Performance Measures/Evaluation</u>: List the performance measures that will demonstrate progress toward achieving the goal(s). Performance measures provide program administrators with answers to critical questions regarding the operation of their programs. The purpose of developing performance measures is to determine the extent to which the program's funded activities have achieved the program's goals. Specifically, by collecting data and measuring progress, administrators will be able to identify and document:

- The program's success/failure at meeting its initial goals and objectives;
- Whether the program is serving the intended target population (e.g., number of offenders who completed the substance abuse treatment program);
- Whether the volume of program participants is what was originally intended;
- Whether the program components were implemented as originally planned;

- Problems encountered in implementing the program; and
- Whether the program is achieving its desired impact.

All applicants must evaluate (ongoing) their programs, services and activities to monitor success. Realistic and adequate performance measures must be developed at the outset of the program. Applicants are expected to explain their plans to collect data and measure their program's progress in this section. The measures should be statements of quantifiable data that demonstrate the extent to which the program is meeting its objectives. Applicants are strongly encouraged to clearly explain their data collection methodology, frequency, and analysis in relation to your program's performance measures, and how this self-assessment strategy will be integrated into your overall program operations.

4. Budget Narrative Summary (up to 6,000 characters – approximately 3 double-spaced pages/size 12 font)

The **Budget Narrative Summary** should give an overall description of the items and services requested on the **Budget Excel Worksheet** (refer to **Attachment A**). Applicants should use this section to further describe why there is a need for each item included in the budget, including any hires under personnel, a particular training being requested, supplies needed, etc. Cite any local procurement rules/regulations required in order to purchase the items or services described. If known, include information on the vendor that will be utilized for stated project and/or describe the process utilized to select a vendor/contractor. Reviewers need to see how the items requested correlate to the program, activity, or strategy as described in the Program Narrative section. Applicants may submit a budget for *up to* **12 months**.

Section III. Budget Excel and Other Attachment Uploads

Applicants must also complete a **Budget Excel Worksheet** (refer to **Attachment A**). Please be sure to complete <u>both</u> Excel tabs (Summary Tab and Details Tab) and upload and submit the Excel Worksheet with your application response. **Please see Budget Category Description below (also included as a tab in Attachment A.**

Budget Category Descriptions:		
Personnel	List each position by title and name of employee, if available. Show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time to be devoted to the project. Compensation paid for employees engaged in grant activities must be consistent with that paid for similar work within the applicant organization. In the budget narrative, include a description of the responsibilities and duties of each position in relationship to fulfilling the project goals and objectives. All requested information must be included in the budget detail worksheet and budget narrative.	
Overtime	Overtime is limited to sworn law enforcement personnel only. Indicate overtime rate for each officer charged to the grant and the number of overtime hours. Refer to OGR Overtime Policy in the AGF.	

Fringe Benefits	Fringe benefits should be based on actual known costs or an approved negotiated rate by a Federal agency. If not based on an approved negotiated rate, list the composition of the fringe benefit package. Fringe benefits are for the personnel listed in the budget category (A) and only for the percentage of time devoted to the project. Actual know costs must be itemized by type and include rate computation. Include a copy of approved rate agreement. All requested information must be included in the budget detail worksheet and budget narrative.
Indirect Costs	Indirect costs are allowed only if: a) the applicant has a current, federally approved indirect cost rate; or b) the applicant is eligible to use and elects to use the "de minimis" indirect cost rate described in 2 C.F.R. 200.414(f). (See paragraph D.1.b. in Appendix VII to Part 200— States and Local Government and Indian Tribe Indirect Cost Proposals for a description of entities that may not elect to use the "de minimis" rate.) An applicant with a current, federally approved indirect cost rate must attach a copy of the rate approval, (a fully-executed, negotiated agreement. If the applicant does not have an approved rate, one can be requested by contacting the applicant's cognizant Federal agency, which will review all documentation and approve a rate for the applicant organization, or if the applicant's accounting system permits, costs may be allocated in the direct costs categories. (Applicant Indian tribal governments, in particular, should review Appendix VII to Part 200—States and Local Government and Indian Tribe Indirect Cost Proposals regarding submission and documentation of indirect cost proposals.) Narrative for any indirect costs should clearly state which direct costs the indirect cost agreement is being applied to. All requested information must be included in the budget detail worksheet and budget narrative. In order to use the "de minimis" indirect rate an applicant would need to attach written documentation to the application that advises DOJ of both the applicant's eligibility (to use the "de minimis" rate) and its election. If the applicant elects the de minimis method, costs must be consistently charged as both. In addition, if this method is chosen then it must be used consistently for all federal awards until such time as the applicant entity chooses to negotiate a federally approved indirect cost rate.
Subawards (Subgrants), Procurement Contracts, & Consultant Fees	Subawards: Provide a description of the Federal award activities proposed to be carried out by any subrecipient and an estimate of the cost (include the cost per subrecipient, to the extent known prior to application submission). For each subrecipient, enter the subrecipient entity name, if known. Please indicate any subaward information included under budget category Subawards (Subgrants)/Procurement Contracts by including the label "(subaward)" with each subaward entry.
	Procurement contracts: Provide a description of the product or service to be procured by contract and an estimate of the cost. Indicate whether the applicant's formal, written Procurement Policy or the Federal Acquisition Regulation is followed. Applicants are encouraged to promote free and open competition in awarding procurement contracts. A separate justification must be provided for sole source procurements in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold set in accordance with 41 U.S.C. 1908 (currently set at \$150,000).
	Consultant Fees: For each consultant enter the name, if known, service to be provided, hourly or daily fee (8-hour day), and estimated time on the project. Consultant fees in excess of the DOJ grant-making component's maximum rate for an 8-hour day (currently \$650) require additional justification and prior approval from the respective DOJ grant-making component. All requested information must be included in the budget detail worksheet and budget narrative.
Travel	Travel directly related to the purpose of the grant. In-state travel costs associated with the grant shall include mileage rates not to exceed \$0.62 per mile, as well as the actual costs of tolls and parking. Note that no grant funds may be spent for out-of-state conference fees, out-of-state travel or out-of-state lodging without prior written approval from OGR.

Equipment	List non-expendable items that are to be purchased (Note: Organization's own capitalization policy for classification of equipment should be used). <u>Expendable</u> items should be included in the "Supplies" category. Applicants should analyze the cost benefits of purchasing versus leasing equipment, especially high cost items and those subject to rapid technological advances. In the budget narrative, explain how the equipment is necessary for the success of the project, and describe the procurement method to be used. All requested information must be included in the budget detail worksheet and budget narrative.
Supplies	List items by type (office supplies, postage, training materials, copy paper, and expendable equipment items costing less than \$5,000, such as books, hand held tape recorders) and show the basis for computation. Generally, supplies include any materials that are expendable or consumed during the course of the project. All requested information must be included in the budget detail worksheet and budget narrative.
Other Costs	List items (e.g., rent, reproduction, telephone, janitorial or security services, and investigative or confidential funds) by type and the basis of the computation. For example, provide the square footage and the cost per square foot for rent, or provide a monthly rental cost and how many months to rent. All requested information must be included in the budget detail worksheet and budget narrative.

OGR Overtime Policy

State and local first responders eligible through their department for overtime (and preapproved by OGR) may be reimbursed for overtime costs related to grant-funded activities ONLY.

Overtime hours charged against a federal grant award provided by OGR may be reimbursed for actual hours worked only, regardless of union contract rules. For example, an officer working two hours of overtime on a federally-funded project awarded by OGR is prohibited from charging the grant award for four hours of overtime due to a union contract agreement for a four-hour minimum. In this example, the department must cover the remaining 2 hours of overtime from their own state or local budget. Departments found violating this policy will be subject to immediate termination of a grant award and must return all misspent funds to OGR.

Overtime Related Definitions

For this policy, definitions for the key terms referenced within are listed below:

- *Overtime* Expenses limited to the additional costs that result from state and local first responders, such as sworn law enforcement personnel, working over and above their weekly full-time/part-time schedule as a direct result of their performance of approved activities related to the project receiving federal funding.
- *Subrecipient* An entity receiving a grant award from OGR.
- Sworn Uniform Personnel State or local (uniform) law enforcement and firefighter personnel.

If grant funding is awarded for the purpose of overtime costs, OGR will provide additional criteria and necessary reporting forms at the time an award is made. These will be used to justify and support such reimbursement costs being charged against the grant.

Unallowable Costs

For this AGF, funds cannot be used directly or indirectly for security enhancements or equipment for entities that are not engaged in criminal justice or public safety (*schools, nonprofits, community centers, large venues, etc.*).

Additionally, for the purposes of this application, JAG funds may not be used for any of the following:

- Standard firearms or ammunition;
- Construction, office furniture, or other like purchases;
- Trinkets, entertainment tickets, rewards for program participation;
- Food and beverage;
- Vehicles, vessels, or aircraft including unmanned aerial vehicle/unmanned aircraft, aircraft system, or aerial vehicles (UA/UAS/UAV);
 - Vehicles (including motorcycles, SUVs, pickup trucks, ATVs, and UTVs) used as "police cruisers" are not prohibited under JAG, and therefore may be acquired with JAG funds in the ordinary course, to the extent otherwise allowable under the award.
- Warranty extending after the contract end date;
- Luxury items;
- Body Worn Cameras (Funding is available through a separate Federal program (link to federal solicitation: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/bwcpip-lea/funding) and State program (link to state solicitation deadline to apply is July 31, 2023: https://www.mass.gov/info-details/law-enforcement-body-worn-camera-bwc-program)
- Bulletproof Vests (Funding is available through a separate federal program (link to Federal solicitation: https://www.ojp.gov/program/bulletproof-vest-partnership/overview and State matching funds program (link to state solicitation: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/bulletproof-vest-partnership/overview and State matching funds program (link to state solicitation: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/bulletproof-vest-partnership/overview and State matching funds program (link to state solicitation: https://www.mass.gov/service-details/bulletproof-vest-program-bvp)

IV. Application Submission and Award Process

Submission Process and Deadline

Please review the following instructions carefully as there are *two* separate steps involved in submitting the Application, Budget, and other documents: (**Online Submission and Hard Copy Submission**)

Please Note: The application and attachments are to be submitted electronically via the online application form. Emailed submissions will NOT be accepted.

**This AGF and all other required documents can also be found on our website:* <u>https://www.mass.gov/info-details/byrne-jag-municipal-law-enforcement-funding-opportunity</u>

Step 1: Online Submission

All applicants are required to submit the online Application via the link below:

https://www.cognitoforms.com/MAOfficeOfGrantsAndResearchOGR/SFY2024EdwardJByrneM emorialJusticeAssistanceGrantProgramJAGApplication Submission of the online form alone will not be accepted as an application submission. All applicants are required to also submit a signed hard copy of the complete application.

Step 2: Hard Copy Submission

Upon submission of your online application, the grant contact will receive an email confirmation with the PDF attachments of the online submission. Please print these attachments, and obtain the signature of the Chief of Police on the hard copy application.

Applicants must submit by mail:

- The complete, printed, signed application
- Budget Worksheet (Summary and Detail sheets)
- Signed original ICIP document (only if required)
- Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement, if indirect costs are included in budget

Online applications must be submitted **no later than 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 23, 2023**, **2023** and hard copy of application and documents must be postmarked on or before this date and mailed to:

Office of Grants and Research 35 Braintree Hill Office Park, Suite 302 Braintree, MA 02184 Attention: Samantha Frongillo, Program Coordinator Samantha.Frongillo@mass.gov

Review Process

This is a competitive grant and will be subject to a peer review process. Each application will be reviewed and scored by three peer reviewers based on the following criteria.

- Complete responses and required attachments (5 points);
- Use of data to demonstrate need/issues to be addressed (25 points);
- A narrative that clearly describes the program, strategy, or activity to be implemented and the benefits to the department and/or community (**25 points**);
- Goals and Objectives, Activities, Timeline, Performance Measures and Evaluation that are feasible and ensure all goods and services will be received and paid for within the anticipated grant period (**15 points**); and
- A detailed, reasonable, relevant, and complete budget (**25 points**).
- Applications requesting funding for Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities, Bonus Points (**5 points**);

Note: In an effort to assist as many communities as possible, departments are encouraged to submit reasonable and cost-effective requests. OGR retains the right to partially fund departments in an effort to award additional departments throughout the Commonwealth that reviewers recommend for funding.

Notification of Awards

Funding decisions are at the discretion of the Executive Director of OGR and Secretary of Public Safety and Security. It is *tentatively* anticipated that the Municipal Law Enforcement Opportunity awards will be announced in September 2023.

OGR reserves the right to award additional proposals recommended for funding by the peer reviewers if additional JAG funds become available at the time initial awards are going to be made.

V. Proposal Check List

Application Elements and Required Attachments:

- □ Submitted Online Application *Please notify OGR immediately if applicant is unable to utilize the online application.*
- □ Hard copy application signed and dated by the Police Chief/Commissioner of the local law enforcement department submitted via mail.
- □ Budget Excel Worksheet (**Attachment A**) (<u>both</u> the **Summary** and **Detail sheets** must be uploaded to the online application and a printed hard copy mailed).
- □ If applicable, an Interoperable Communications Investment Proposal (ICIP) form (Attachment B).
- □ If applicable, Federally Approved Indirect Cost Rate Agreement