

# **Board of County Commissioners**

## **Agenda Request**

Date of Meeting: May 5, 2009

Date Submitted: April 15, 2009

To: Honorable Chairman and Members of the Board

From: Mary Dean Barwick, Wakulla County Sheriff's Office

Subject: Request Board Approval of the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation and Approval to Use the Grant Funds to Purchase Patrol Vehicles

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### **Statement of Issue:**

The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office (WCSO) requests Board approval of the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Program: Local Solicitation. Wakulla County has been allocated \$44,388 in grant funds to be used for Law Enforcement areas. The Wakulla County Sheriff's Office has requested for these funds to be spent towards the purchase of patrol vehicles. It is a grant requirement that the local government applying for the award make the grant application available for review to the governing body of the unit of local government with an opportunity for public comment.

### **Background:**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 provided the US Department of Justice with funding for the JAG grant. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. The JAG formula includes a direct allocation to units of local government based on population and local crime statistics. The 2009 allocation for Wakulla County is \$44,388.

### **Analysis:**

The WCSO is requesting for these grant funds to be used to purchase two fully equipped Road Patrol vehicles. Due to the economic downturn of the economy the one cent sales tax allocation is expected to decline, this has been the source of revenue for the WCSO vehicle replacement.

### **Options:**

1. Approve using the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to purchase patrol vehicles.
2. Do not approve using the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program to purchase patrol vehicles.
3. Board Direction.

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**Recommendation:**

Option #1

**Attachments:**

1. Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application.