

Memorandum

Date: February 16, 2016

To: Seguin City Council
Doug Faseler, City Manager

From: Twila Wood, Purchasing Manager

Subject: 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

The Governor's Office Criminal Justice Division is accepting applications for projects that promote public safety, reduce crime and improve the criminal justice system. These federal funds are authorized by the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program.

The Seguin Police Department has submitted a grant request to fund new video recording systems replacing older malfunctioning equipment on seventeen (17) patrol vehicles and two (2) motorcycles. Older video recording systems have become unreliable due to frequent failure causing important video data evidence to be lost. Properly functioning recording equipment is needed to maintain compliance with Texas Code of Criminal Procedures Article 2.135 that requires the use of such equipment and dictates the retainage requirements of recordings.

The Department's fleet includes 33 patrol vehicles, 26 with older Coban video recording systems and 7 with recently purchased Data911 systems. During the past year the PD has placed 182 calls for service for the Coban equipment. Of the 26 Coban systems, 2 are installed in spare patrol units that are used less frequently and do not require replacement at this time. The other 24 systems experience frequent failure and 7 of the 24 will likely be replaced in the 2017 fiscal year as part of the City's annual police vehicle replacement schedule. The remaining 17 could be replaced in a similar manner in the next several years, but due to frequent equipment malfunction that causes the failure to record important video data evidence, a more timely replacement has become critical.

The desired video recording systems are the Data911 M7 systems for the seventeen(17) patrol vehicles and the Data911 Verus Solo System for the two (2) motorcycles. The total cost for removal of the old equipment and installation of the new systems is \$117,306. No matching funds are required.

A preliminary application was due on February 1st and was submitted to the Alamo Area Council of Governments (AACOG) for their mandatory preliminary review. The official final application will be submitted following Council's approval, if granted, in time to meet the February 26, 2016 deadline.