

## Grant Application Public Announcement

The City of Duluth Police Department has submitted an application to the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance for the 2017 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program, Local Solicitation. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and eligible units of local government. The Duluth Police Department is eligible to apply for the JAG grant as part of a disparate jurisdiction with St. Louis County. The 2017 JAG allocation for this jurisdiction is \$39,828. The City of Duluth Police Department and St. Louis County Sheriff's Office are the law enforcement first responders for the largest county in the state of Minnesota. They are committed to enhancing public safety procedures, protocols and strategies.

Our law enforcement agencies strive:

- To provide quality, consistent, impartial police services to the diverse local populations and visitors to the region;
- Build communities where all people feel safe and trust the public safety professionals and systems;
- Deliver consistently high quality law enforcement services at a good value to our taxpayers and provide a safe environment in which to live, work, visit, and recreate.

**Goal I:** Support best practices in "Community Oriented Policing."

**Objective #1:** The Duluth Police Department will enhance their public safety policing strategies by purchasing tactical body armor for its officers. This purchase supports the department's strategic plan to develop solutions to immediate underlying conditions that contribute to public safety problems, and the Department of Justice law enforcement safety priority.

**Goal II:** Support justice information sharing through system improvements.

**Objective #1:** The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office will enhance their Emergency Operations Center by purchasing laptops and software licenses to collect data, track and follow up on leads, and improve information flow between multiple agencies and jurisdictions. The enhancements will support unified command and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

**Goal III:** Support children and families who have been victims of crime.

**Objective #1:** Funding will be appropriated to support the "First Witness Child Advocacy Center" for children and families who have experienced child abuse.

As a direct result of many significant community partnerships we are able to provide the highest level of service to the City of Duluth in a respectful, caring, and selfless manner.

Per grant stipulations the public has 30 days to comment on the grant application. Please send any comments to [police@duluthmn.gov](mailto:police@duluthmn.gov) or by mail to 2030 N. Arlington Avenue, Duluth, MN 55811. Thank you for your input and support of the Duluth Police Department.