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The Oldham County Police Department intends to use Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding for further deployment of Car Video Systems in our Police Vehicles. Various attempts to add funding to the Police Department budget to place cameras have been unsuccessful due to financial constraints in these difficult economic times.

The Oldham County Police Department is requesting these funds to outfit five (5) more police cars in car video systems, totaling approximately \$15,000. According to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), Office of Justice Programs, the Oldham County Police Department is eligible for \$13,163 in initial funding through this grant. The funding differential between the estimate cost of these systems and the BJA funding will be obtained through standard county processes to complete the purchase of planned system.

### **NEED FOR THE PROGRAM**

Agencies which employ these systems are seeing significantly higher conviction rates due to the ability to actually provide video evidence leading up to and through a law enforcement contact. This should save taxpayers and government agencies significant legal expenses by providing tamperproof video evidence of an encounter. Juries and lawyers can now review the work completed by police officers in the field and be confident of the accuracy of the information.

### **LENGTH OF PROGRAM**

A thorough evaluation process has led the Oldham County Police Department to believe these modern, digital systems purchased through county funding will remain technologically viable, effective, and still at the forefront of technological advances four (4) years from now. We are confident the systems we purchase today will be in operation and functional throughout the entire program lifecycle.

### **PROGRAM OBJECTIVES**

The objective of this proposal is to secure funding to deploy technologically advanced digital in-car camera systems in as many of our active patrol vehicles as possible in order to increase officer accountability, increase our conviction rates, reduce our liability in civil actions, and provide the most effective, cost efficient means to protect our officers and secure tamperproof evidence. Additionally, deploying this advanced technology would greatly improve agency interoperability between local and state agencies.

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## **ORGANIZATION CAPABILITIES**

The Oldham County Police Department intends to draw the entire funding initially to begin the project. Reporting requirements will be fulfilled during the 4 year period outlined in the JAG grant application. Expenditures for the IN Car Video Equipment will follow all current and future reporting requirements as set fourth by law. The Oldham County Fiscal Court Finance Department maintains separate budgetary line items for special use revenue/expenditure and upon approval of the grant award, will create a special use budgetary identification for these items. The restriction of these funds will be consistent with grant requirements.

## **TIMELINE**

Upon approval of funds from JAG Gant the Oldham County Police intends to purchase four (4) In Car Video systems. The planned purchase will occur immediately after the funding is transferred to the Oldham County Fiscal Court.

## **PERFORMANCE MEASURES**

The Oldham County Police Department will maintain conviction, liability, and citizen complaint data comparing officers who use in car video systems and officers who do not have the system available. We believe that this data will clearly show the proved advantage on in car video and through this data collection, a direct cost savings to the tax payers of our community. Cost savings will also be realized through reduced court time, reduced expenditures from legal opinions, and fewer staff hours investigating citizen complaints. Annual department reports will be compiled using court prosecution information and other sources to show reduced costs from improved conviction rates and less court time for officers.

## **ANTICIPATED COORDINATION WITH COPRS: CHRP GRANT APPLICATION**

The Oldham County Police Department believes building relationships with the public can help decrease criminal behavior. Fostering the trust of the community is the first step in this relationship. For some, this trust is difficult to give. But the Oldham County Police Department is certain the ability of citizens to view their officers in action will bring us closer to our ongoing goal of obtaining a partnership.

The Oldham County Police Department is actively seeking approval through the Cops Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP). An award from CHRP will result in the hire of police officers who will help our agency implement the Oldham County Police Department's Community Policing and Problem Solving (COPPS) strategy. In car video capability is a critical component of our COPPS program as today's modern society demands transparency, accountability, and integrity.