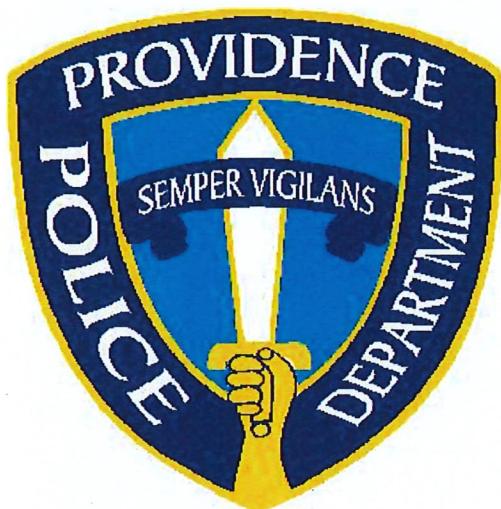


FISCAL YEAR 2022
EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT APPLICATION
SUBMITTED BY THE
PROVIDENCE POLICE DEPARTMENT



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“Building Pride in Providence”

Program Narrative

The City of Providence is the state capital of Rhode Island and is the third largest city in New England. Since its founding in 1636, the City of Providence has been the economic, industrial, and cultural center of Rhode Island. According to the United States Census data, Providence has a population of 179,472 and an urban population density of 8,712 people per square mile.

Providence is one of the poorest cities in the Northeast. Approximately 23% of the city's 179,472 residents have incomes below the federal poverty level with a \$28,733 per capita income. Within Rhode Island there are seven distressed communities. The City of Providence has four of those communities with over 129,000 people receiving assistance of some kind. Unemployment and underemployment are significant challenges that contribute to community and household instability.

Providence is home to a diverse community, the 5 largest ethnic groups in Providence, RI are White (Non-Hispanic) (33.1%), White (Hispanic) (22%), Other (Hispanic) (15.9%), Black or African American (Non-Hispanic) (13.9%), and Asian (Non-Hispanic) (5.89%).

Providence is bound by major roadways and interstate highways that afford easy access into and out of the city. Consequently, this makes Providence a popular distribution center for drugs, weapons, and a vulnerable target for gang infiltration and violent crime. The challenging local and regional economy further spurs these challenges. The chance of becoming a victim of either violent or property crime in Providence is 1 in 36, based on FBI crime data.

The drug problem is particularly acute in Providence with Opioids playing the biggest part. Fentanyl is the second most common drug in fatal overdoses, followed by cocaine and alcohol. In many cases, more than one drug is used.

Crime trends within the City Providence have fluctuated over the past few years with certain metrics demonstrating promising improvements while others have shown regressions. In the first six months of 2022, there have been 15 shootings, down from 25 in the first half of last year. Additionally, there have been four homicides in the city this year so far, down 10 in the first half of 2021. The number of homicides and robberies has also trended downwards. The city has seen 65% fewer robberies, and the number of burglaries is down 78% since 2011. The department is vigilant with its ongoing efforts to tackle crime and remove firearms from the city's streets, in the first six months of 2022, 134 guns have been seized and the department expects to surpass last year's total of 210.

Another issue plaguing the department is the use of illegal off-road ATV's on the city streets. Riders storm the streets and torment innocent bystanders. This causes the department to devote resources that should be directed other areas. The focus on ATV's puts a strain and stress on the police department and the negates the ability to address more pressing public safety issues throughout the city. These illegal vehicles have been associated with some serious criminal incidents in the past year, including riders violently attacking a woman.

The department utilizes a decentralized District approach to keep the officers very connected to our respective neighborhoods through the attendance at community meetings on a weekly basis. This constant improved networking has fostered a greater communication and has allowed for stronger bonds with each of our neighborhood groups. With our Community Oriented Policing Model, the department continues to advance with positive results statistically and with greater relationships with the community.

From a strategic perspective, the Department continues to deploy targeted enforcement patrols in known “hot spot” areas and in high crime neighborhoods. The Investigative Division continues to conduct short-and-long-term investigations of gun, gang, robbery, drug-related, and property crimes. The Investigative Division takes a targeted approach: focusing on nighttime hours and on weekends. The reason for this approach is statistically driven as 50% of all robberies occur between 7pm and 1am and more than half of all shootings take place between 10pm and 3am. Additionally, 56% of all shootings take place on the weekend and 42% of aggravated assaults occur on the weekend. While the Providence Police Department has effectively utilized data to guide resources and personnel in the past, more informed policing strategies will require PPD to develop and seek technical assistance for additional information systems, which is currently outside of its budgetary capacity.

Goals and Objectives

The goals and objectives of the Providence Police Department’s FY22 JAG Program are as follows:

Goal 1: Reduction of violent crime in the City of Providence.

Objectives

- Conduct short and long-term investigations into gun, gang, robbery, burglary, and drug-related crimes.
- Combine targeted enforcement strategies with community outreach efforts to enlist the citizen’s help in making their neighborhoods feel secure and safe.
- Target violent offenders and known drug dealers who defy neighborhood and community efforts to improve the quality of life within a neighborhood.
- Continue to build upon our alliances within the community and neighborhood groups that promote partnerships, problem-solving, mediation, mentoring and creating alternatives to violence.
- Enhance community, civic, and law enforcement partnerships by maximizing attendance at police/neighborhood meetings.

- Utilize the services of a part-time bilingual police liaison to respond to calls requiring immediate crisis intervention, assessing the basic and immediate needs of individuals and families in crisis and providing advocacy and follow-up services as needed.

Goal 2: Enhance enforcement and investigative efforts by assessing officer deployment strategies based on crime statistics, crime trends, place-based policing coupled with “hot spot” maps that track gun, gang, robbery, burglary, and drug-related crime activity.

Objectives

- Produce custom CompStat reports and maps that track violent crimes, property crimes, and other crimes for each district by week, by the previous 28-day period, and the year-to-date period.
- Improve department productivity by tracking district performance through internal data supplemented with crime maps and reports.
- Review crime statistics, crime trends, and field reports to assess crime-fighting strategy and modify as necessary.

Goal 3: Conduct foot, bike, and sector car patrols as determined by the Command Staff and District Lieutenants.

Objectives

- Increase police visibility.
- Conduct intelligence-based patrols in known “hotspots,” high crime neighborhoods and areas with highly concentrated weapon activity such as the Broad Street, Allens and Thurbers Avenue area; areas of high-density populations and crowd forming concerns and in the theatre and nightclub district.

Community Partnerships and Coordinated Efforts

As part of its crime-fighting strategy, the Department continues to embrace the community policing philosophy with a special emphasis on its three foundations of: partnership, prevention, and problem solving. Based on these foundations, the Department plans to continue its existing partnerships and innovative programs geared toward crime prevention and community problem solving. These agencies include: the U.S. Attorney’s Office, the Federal

Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, the Rhode Island State Police, the Department of Corrections Parole and Probation Office, and the Rhode Island Department of the Attorney General.

The FY 2022 Byrne grant will specifically continue a longstanding partnership with a social service and community-based organization Family Service of Rhode Island through a contract of \$44,992 for a bilingual community outreach liaison. The Family Service of Rhode Island bilingual community outreach liaison, Rachel Caruso, works out of the Providence Police substations throughout the city of Providence. Her services include crisis intervention and support, interpretation and translation, family mediation, information and referral, advocacy, basic needs/financial assistance, FSRI Intake services, assistance with filing Wayward Petitions, school support and advocacy. This partnership has been in existence for almost twenty years providing assistance to hundreds of children and families.

The Department relies on its internal CompStat system to produce timely and accurate crime reports. The system enables the Department to implement data collection, strengthen its analytical capability, and accurately monitor violent, property, and other crime trends. The Department utilizes CrimeReports.com to share crime data and trends with the public. CrimeReports.com provides crime statistics coupled with customizable graphs, charts, and maps by police district and neighborhood. The Department is committed to working in partnership with the community to make Providence a safer and better place for all.

The Department will link the initiatives funded under this grant to those funded with operating funds and other external funding sources.

Program Evaluation

The Providence Police Department will collect and analyze the following performance measures:

- Number of arrests by crime category,
- Number, caliber, and type of weapons seized,
- Number of homicides, aggravated assaults, and robberies committed with a firearm,
- Number of gang arrests,
- Number of ATV seizures,
- Number of specialized gun, gang, and/or robbery task forces in operation during a reporting period,

The Department will conduct periodic analyses of these performance measures and make the necessary adjustments to ensure optimal effectiveness of officer deployments and its crime-fighting strategies.

Organizational Capacity

This grant will be overseen by Police Chief Hugh Clements, Jr., who has over 30 years' experience in the Department. He is responsible for developing the Department's goals and overseeing the Department's day-to-day operations. Chief Clements is a big proponent of working in partnership with law enforcement and social and community-based agencies to create innovative public safety and community-based programs. The grant's financial and progress reporting will be handled by Mrs. Elaine Richards the Department of Public Safety's Deputy Commissioner. Mrs. Richards has over 35 years in the public finance area. Mrs. Richards is responsible for the administration, budgeting, and fiscal oversight of the Department's \$100 million-dollar operating budget.

In closing, the Providence Police Department looks forward to a favorable response concerning this application so it can continue to make Providence a safer place for those who live, work, and visit.

Budget Detail - Year 1

Does this budget contain conference costs which is defined broadly to include meetings, retreats, seminars, symposia, and training activities? - Y/N
 (DOI Financial Guide, Section 3.10)

Computation						
Name	Position	Show annual salary rate & amount of time devoted to the project for each name/position.				
		Salary	Rate	Time Worked (# of hours, days, months, years)	Percentage of Time	Total Cost
Captain		\$86.57	hourly	75	100%	\$6,493
Lieutenant		\$80.63	hourly	250	100%	\$20,158
Sergeant		\$74.11	hourly	400	100%	\$29,644
Detective		\$64.99	hourly	400	100%	\$25,995
Patrol Officer		\$63.33	hourly	1,249	100%	\$79,070
		Total(s)		\$161,360	\$0	\$161,360
Narrative						

The personnel costs consist of overtime expenses incurred by the Investigative and Patrol Divisions. The overtime will be deployed based on an analysis of crime statistics, crime trends, field interviews and reports. Specifically, funds will be used to conduct targeted enforcement patrols in known "hotspot" areas and high crime neighborhoods; increase police visibility by conducting extended foot, bike, and sector car patrols; and conduct short and long-term investigations into crimes of gun, gang, drug, and robbery-related crimes. The rates utilized for the budget projection are the highest in the salary range of each position. Captain (\$74.62 - \$86.57); Lieutenant (\$69.31 - \$80.63); Sergeant (\$63.49 - \$74.11); Detective (\$61.99 - \$64.99); Officer (\$66.31 - \$63.33). Additionally, the current bargaining agreement with FOP Lodge #3 will expire on June 30, 2023 and any new Cost of Living Adjustments are not reflected in this budget detail.

B. Fringe Benefits		Computation			
Name	Show the basis for computation.				
<i>List each grant-supported position receiving fringe benefits.</i>	Base	Rate	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
			\$0	\$0	\$0
			<i>Total(s)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
Narrative					

E. Supplies		Supply Items				Computation			
<p><i>Provide a list of the types of items to be purchased with grant funds.</i></p>		<p><i>Describe the item and the compute the costs. Computation: The number of each item to be purchased X the cost per item.</i></p>							
		# of Items	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request			
				\$0		\$0			
				<i>Total(s)</i>	\$0	\$0			
Narrative									

G. Subawards (Subgrants)					
Description	Purpose	Consultant?			
<i>Provide a description of the activities to be carried out by subrecipients.</i>	<i>Describe the purpose of the subaward (subgrant)</i>	<i>Is the subaward for a consultant? If yes, use the section below to explain associated travel expenses included in the cost.</i>			
		Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution		
		\$0	\$0		
		Total(s)	\$0		
			\$0		
Computation					
Consultant Travel (if necessary)		Type of Expense	Compute the cost of each type of expense X the number of people traveling.		
Purpose of Travel <i>Indicate the purpose of each trip or type of trip (training, advisory group meeting)</i>	Location <i>Indicate the travel destination.</i>	Hotel, airfare, per diem	Cost	Duration or Distance	# of Staff
			Total	\$0	\$0
Narrative					
H. Procurement Contracts				Purpose	Consultant?
Description					

<p>Provide a description of the products or services to be procured by contract and an estimate of the costs. Applicants are encouraged to promote free and open competition in awarding contracts. A separate justification must be provided for sole source procurements in excess of the Simplified Acquisition Threshold (currently \$150,000).</p>		<p><i>Is the subaward for a consultant? If yes, use the section below to explain associated travel expenses included in the cost.</i></p> <p><i>Describe the purpose of the contract</i></p>																																													
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Purpose Area #4

<i>J. Indirect Costs</i>		Computation <i>Compute the indirect costs for those portions of the program which allow such costs.</i>			
Description	Describe what the approved rate is and how it is applied.	Base	Indirect Cost Rate	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution
				\$0	\$0
				<i>Total(s)</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Narrative</i>					

Budget Detail - Year 3

Purpose Area #4

Does this budget contain conference costs which is defined broadly to include meetings, retreats, seminars, symposia, and training activities? - Y/N

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Computation						
A. Personnel	Name	Position	Show annual salary rate & amount of time devoted to the project for each name/position.			
		List each name, if known.	Salary	Rate (# of hours, days, months, years)	Percentage of Time	Total Cost
				hourly		\$0
						\$0
						Total(\$)
						\$0
						\$0

B. Fringe Benefits		Computation			
Name	List each grant-supported position receiving fringe benefits.	Show the basis for computation.			
		Base	Rate	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution
				\$0	\$0
				Total(\$)	\$0
Narrative					

C. Travel		Computation			
Purpose of Travel	Location	Type of Expense	Basis		
Indicate the purpose of each trip or type of trip (training, advisory group meeting)	Indicate the travel destination.	Lodging, Meals, Etc.	Per day, mile, trip, Etc.	Compute the cost of each type of expense X the number of people travelling.	
				Cost	Quantity
				# of Staff Trips	# of Trips
		N/A			\$0
				Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution
				Total(s)	\$0
					\$0

<i>D. Equipment</i>		Computation			
Item	<i>List and describe each item of equipment that will be purchased</i>	<i>Compute the cost (e.g., the number of each item to be purchased X the cost per item)</i>			
		# of Items	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution
				\$0	\$0
				\$0	\$0
				<i>Total(s)</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Narrative</i>					

E. Supplies		Supply Items				Computation				
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						# of Items	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution	Federal Request
								\$0		\$0
								Total(s)	\$0	\$0
						Narrative				

<i>F. Construction</i>		Computation			
<i>Purpose</i>	<i>Description of Work</i>	Compute the costs (e.g., the number of each item to be purchased X the cost per item)			
<i>Provide the purpose of the construction</i>	<i>Describe the construction project(s)</i>	<i># of Items</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Total Cost</i>	<i>Non-Federal Contribution</i>
				\$0	\$0
				<i>Total(s)</i>	<i>\$0</i>
<i>Narrative</i>					

G. Subawards (Subgrants)			
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		Federal Request	Non-Federal Contribution
		Total Cost	Non-Federal Contribution
		\$0	\$0
		Total(\$s)	\$0
			\$0
H. Procurement Contracts			
Description	Purpose	Consultant?	

Purpose Area #4

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		<i>Base</i>			<i>Federal Request</i>
				\$0	\$0
			<i>Total(s)</i>	<i>\$0</i>	<i>\$0</i>
	<i>Narrative</i>				

Budget Summary

Note: Any errors detected on this page should be fixed on the corresponding Budget Detail tab.

Budget Category	Year 1 (if needed)		Year 2 (if needed)		Year 3 (if needed)		Year 4 (if needed)		Year 5 (if needed)	
	Federal Request	Non-Federal Request								
A. Personnel	\$161,360	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$161,360
B. Fringe Benefits	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
C. Travel	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
D. Equipment	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
E. Supplies	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
F. Construction	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
G. Subawards (Subgrants)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
H. Procurement Contracts	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,992	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,992
I. Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Direct Costs	\$161,360	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$44,992	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$206,352
J. Indirect Costs	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
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