



CITY OF BETHLEHEM

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DEPARTMENT OF POLICE

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April 2, 2009

Ms. Cynthia Biedenkopf
City Clerk
City of Bethlehem
10 East Church Street
Bethlehem, Pennsylvania 18018



Dear Ms. Biedenkopf:

The Police Department is applying for a 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of **\$354,538.00**. However, that entire amount is not allocated to the City of Bethlehem.

According to the Department of Justice, Northampton County contains "multiple disparate jurisdictions." This occurs when multiple municipalities are collectively eligible to receive four times (400%) more than a county, and requires identification of a fiscal agent who submits one joint application.

The City of Bethlehem has been designated as the fiscal agent for Northampton County JAG funding, and will submit the joint application on behalf of all Northampton County municipalities scheduled to receive JAG funding. Under federal guidelines, the City of Bethlehem will receive ten percent (10%) of each municipality's JAG funding (**\$18,232.00**) as an administrative fee.

The JAG funding allocations for each municipality are as follows: **City of Bethlehem - \$172, 216.00**, City of Easton - \$102,711.00, Bethlehem Township - \$24,750.00, Northampton County - 17,118.00, Borough of Bangor - \$13,818.00, Lower Saucon Township - \$12,169.00, Borough of Hellertown - \$11,756.00.

The Bethlehem Police Department plans to use its JAG funds as follows.

School Overtime (\$5716.00) – overtime pay for foot patrols around the three middle schools and Liberty High School for one hour at dismissal time

Parks Overtime (\$18,000.00) – overtime pay for additional patrols of parks and recreation areas during the summer months to increase citizen safety and reduce damage to public property

Bicycle Uniforms and Equipment (\$10,000.00) – purchase of three new police bicycles, maintenance parts, and bicycle officer uniforms and equipment

Computers – CAD/RMS Software and Equipment (\$12,000.00) – development and purchase of new features for CODY Systems Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) and Records Management System (RMS), and miscellaneous replacements of hardware and peripherals as needed

Computers – MDTs, Hardware, and UFED (\$81,500.00) – purchase of ten new Mobile Data Terminals (vehicle mounted laptop computers), replacement of existing hardware, and purchase of a Cellebrite Universal Forensic Extraction Device (cellular phone data extraction unit)

Mounted Unit (\$45,000.00) – reinstatement of mounted patrol unit to conduct community policing in downtown business districts and parks and recreation areas

The JAG application process requires that the governing body provide public notice of the grant application and provide an opportunity for public comment. Therefore, I am requesting that an opportunity for public comment be placed on the City Council agenda for Tuesday, April 21, 2009. I have made the necessary arrangements to advertise the opportunity for public comment.

If you need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Lt. Ashley Heiberger

Staff Lieutenant

CITY OF BETHLEHEM
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE is hereby given that Bethlehem City Council will conduct a Public Hearing on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 7:00 pm in Town Hall, 10 East Church Street, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The purpose of the Public Hearing is to review and accept public comment on the proposed use of funds to be received under the 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$354, 538.00, of which \$172,216.00 is allocated to the City of Bethlehem. The remaining funds are allocated to several other Northampton County municipalities for whom the City of Bethlehem serves as fiscal agent as required by federal guidelines. For serving as fiscal agent, the City of Bethlehem will receive an administrative fee of \$18,232.00, which represents ten percent (10%) of each municipality's JAG funding.

Interested persons are invited to attend the City Council meeting and express their views.

Randall P. Miller
Commissioner of Police