



**FY 2021 Department of Public Safety  
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Grant (JAG)  
Drug Task Force (DTF)  
Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO)**

**Grant Issued By:**

U.S Department of Justice (DOJ)/ State of Missouri, Department of Public Safety

**Grant Issued Through:**

Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant/ State of Missouri

**Assistance Listing:**

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**Funding Opportunity Title**

FY 2021 JAG Drug Task Force Grant

**Introduction**

Since 1987, the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (formerly known as the Edward Byrne Memorial Formula Grant and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant Programs) continues to be an essential resource in our continuing effort to meet the public safety needs of the state's criminal justice community. The Missouri Department of Public Safety remains committed to assisting criminal justice agencies in making Missouri a safer place. The JAG Program makes it possible for Missouri to aggressively address the many public safety issues associated with illicit drugs and violent crime.

Since the inception of the first statewide drug strategy in 1986, Missouri has implemented many programs focused on drug awareness/education, enforcement, prosecution, and rehabilitation and treatment efforts. These programs have helped improve the quality of life for Missouri's citizens. With the continued funding of the JAG, the Missouri Department of Public Safety will be able to address the current and future needs of the state relating to drugs and violent crime.

The JAG Program is administered by the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) is the governor-appointed State Administering Agency (SAA) of the JAG funds.

**Program Description**

The Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) collaborates with state and local law enforcement agencies to provide a proactive approach for the public safety of Missourians.

The Missouri Department of Public Safety's strategic priorities encompass several key initiatives including; building relationships with external stakeholders, identifying hazards and threats to public safety, maintaining sufficient capacities to perform statutorily required responsibilities and utilizing Federal and State programs to protect, as well as, provide impactful service to Missouri citizens. We invite our stakeholders and partners to also adopt these priorities and join us in building more prepared, protected and secure Missouri communities. Public safety is a shared responsibility and funding should support priorities that are the most impactful and demonstrate the greatest return on investment. The Missouri Department of Public Safety seeks to forge partnerships with our law enforcement partners by providing them resources. The JAG DTF grant opportunity provides resources to combat drug related crimes.

**Period of Performance:** 12 months

**Projected Period of Performance Start Date:** July 1, 2021

**Projected Period of Performance End Date:** June 30, 2022

**NOTE: All funds must be obligated and all proposed activities must be performed within this project period. Funds are considered "obligated" when a legal liability to pay a determinable sum(s) for services is incurred, which will require payment during the same or future period. Funds which have been properly obligated (or can be pro-rated) must then be expended with 45 days following the project end date (August 14, 2021). Funds are considered "expended" when payment is made. Any funds not obligated or properly expended will lapse and revert back to the Missouri Department of Public Safety.**

**Funding Instrument:** Grant

**Eligible Applicants:**

This grant program is available to multi-jurisdictional drug task forces. The applicant agency for a JAG project must be its respective unit of state or local government. Each task force must submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) [or memorandum of Agreement (MOA)] to the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

Funding for the federal portion of the drug task forces is derived from the JAG Program allocation awarded to the Missouri Department of Public Safety.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) calculates, for each state and territory, a minimum base allocation which, can be enhanced by:

1. The state's share of the national population
2. The state's share of the country's Part 1 violent crime statistics

Funding for the state portion of the drug task forces is awarded through the Department of Public Safety general revenue funds.

Any state agency within Missouri may apply for drug task force funding for its law enforcement agency as long as the agency meets the eligibility requirements.

The “applicant agency” for a drug task force project must be the agency’s respective unit of government. The “project agency” should be the respective law enforcement department.

### **Ineligible Applicants**

Non-profit and for-profit organizations are ineligible for JAG funds from the State of Missouri.

### **Eligible Budget Categories:**

Applicants may request funding under the following approved budget categories:

- Personnel
- Personnel Benefits
- Personnel Overtime
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- Travel/Training
- Equipment
- Supplies/Operations
- Contractual

The following requirements are in place for the use of JAG funds for the purchase of body armor, body-worn cameras, police cruisers, and radios:

- Body Armor

Per BJA’s JAG Solicitation, JAG funds may be used to purchase body armor at any threat level designation, make, or model from any distributor or manufacturer, as long as the body armor has been tested and found to comply with the latest applicable National Institute of Justice (NIJ) ballistic or stab standards, which can be found online at <https://www.nij.gov/topics/technology/body-armor/Pages/standards.aspx>.

Further, per BJA’s JAG Solicitation, body armor or armor vests must also be “uniquely fitted vests” as this term is used in the context of the BVP Program (see 34 U.S.C. 10202(c)(1)(1)) requiring that grantees using JAG funds to purchase armor vests or body armor that comply with requirements established for BVP grants. For these purposes, “uniquely fitted vests” means protective (ballistic or stab-resistant) armor vests that conform to the individual wearer to provide the best possible fit and coverage, through a combination of:

- (1) correctly sized panels and carrier, determined through appropriate measurement and
- (2) properly adjusted straps, harnesses, fasteners, flaps, or other adjustable features.

In addition, body armor purchased must be made in the United States.

Per BJA’s JAG Solicitation, agencies seeking funding for body armor are required to have a written “mandatory wear” policy in effect. Per BJA, there are no requirements regarding the nature of the policy other than it being a mandatory wear policy for all uniformed officers while on duty. Subrecipients of funding for body armor must supply the State Administering Agency (Missouri Department of Public Safety) with a copy of such policy at the time of acceptance of the subaward. It is not necessary to supply a copy at the time of application

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❑ Body-Worn Cameras

Per BJA's JAG Solicitation, agencies seeking funding for body-worn cameras (BWCs) must have policies and procedures in place related to equipment usage, data storage and access, privacy considerations, and training. Subrecipients of funding for body-worn cameras must supply the State Administering Agency (Missouri Department of Public Safety) with a copy of such policy(s) and procedure(s) at the time of acceptance of the subaward.

BJA released the BWC Toolkit (<https://www.bja.gov/bwc/>) to share model BWC policies and best practices to assist departments in implementing BWC programs.

❑ Police Cruisers

JAG funds may be used to purchase or lease police cruisers (marked or unmarked).

For purposes of this grant program, a "police cruiser" is defined as a vehicle used in the ordinary course for routine police patrol. Depending on the jurisdiction, a police cruiser could include sedans, sport utility vehicles (SUVs), motorcycles, etc.

As long as the Missouri Department of Revenue/Motor Vehicles does not require licensing or registration for segways, ATVs, and golf carts, JAG funds may be used for the purchase or lease of such items also.

Due to additional restrictions as a result of 34 U.S.C. § 10152, the purchase or lease of any other police vehicle (e.g. pick-up trucks, passenger vans, command centers, wheeled armored vehicles, tactical vehicles, etc.) will require a program office approval request be submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) by the Missouri Department of Public Safety. Such request will require the gathering of information from the Subrecipient. The request is subject to approval by BJA.

❑ Radios (Portables/Handhelds, Mobiles, Repeaters, Base Stations, etc.)

Digital mobile radios compliant with APCO Project 25 (P25) specifications embody certain fundamental advantages, including interoperability. The term interoperability refers to radio equipment in compliance with P25 specifications, regardless of the manufacturer, that allows users to be "interoperable" with each other.

All equipment must meet all mandatory regulatory and/or DPS adopted standards to be eligible for purchase using grant funds. In addition, subrecipients will be responsible for obtaining and maintaining all necessary certifications and licenses for the requested equipment. Investments in emergency communications systems and equipment must meet applicable SAFECOM guidance. All radios must be P-25 compliant and on the MOSWIN system. The Missouri Interoperability Center will review all communications equipment applications to ensure they comply with the Digital Radio Requirements for Department of Public Safety Grants. **Equipment that does not meet these guidelines will not be eligible for funding.**

Applicant agencies applying for grant funds for MOSWIN radios should be aware that dual-band (multi-band or all-band) radios (VHF/700/800 MHz) are the best opportunity for local agencies to harness the coverage and capacity being implemented by the State in the MOSWIN. System users must have a dual-band (VHF/700/800 MHz) mobile radio, installed to the manufacturer's recommended specifications, to obtain optimum benefit from system enhancement. VHF band radios are not compatible with 700 MHz band tower sites, and 700/800 MHz band radios are not compatible with VHF band tower sites. Dual band (VHF/700/800) radios will be able to connect to all MOSWIN sites. As a result, **grant funds will only be permitted for models of radios that are dual-band.**

For more information and instruction, refer to the "Radio Interoperability Guidelines" available online at <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cjle/jag.php>.

**NOTE: Agencies seeking any type of radio or radio-related accessory are encouraged to contact the Missouri Interoperability Center by phone at (855) 4-MOSWIN or by email at [moswin.sysadmin@dps.mo.gov](mailto:moswin.sysadmin@dps.mo.gov) to ensure the appropriate communication devices are purchased for the department's needs and location to the nearest MOSWIN tower and to ensure the appropriate administrative requirements are met as it relates to the MOSWIN. The Missouri Interoperability Center staff can also provide helpful information regarding the department's ability to access the MOSWIN and how to articulate such within the grant application.**

#### Unallowable Cost Items:

- Aircraft (with the exception of a "police helicopter")
- Bonuses or Commissions
- Compensation & Travel of Federal Employees
- Confidential Funds for Drug Task Forces
- Construction/Renovation Projects
- Consultant Rates exceeding \$650

**NOTE: Consultant services cannot exceed a rate of \$650 (excluding travel and subsistence costs) for an 8-hour day, or \$81.25/hour, without written prior approval. An 8-hour day may include preparation, evaluation, and travel time. Compensation for individual consultant services is to be reasonable and consistent with that paid for similar services in the marketplace.**

- Daily Subsistence within Official Domicile
- Entertainment Expenses & Bar Charges
- Finance Fees for delinquent payments
- First Class Travel
- Less-than-lethal Weapons
- Lobbying or Fundraising
- Military-Type Equipment
- Non-Compliant Communication Devices

**NOTE: Refer to the "Radio Interoperability Guidelines" available on the [DPS-JAG webpage](#).**

- Personal Incentives for Employment
- Pre-Paid Gas/Phone Cards

- Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS), Unmanned Aircraft (UA), and/or Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV)
- Vehicles (excluding police cruisers)
- Vessels (excluding police boats)
- Weapons and Ammunition

JAG funds may not be used (whether directly or indirectly) for any purpose prohibited by federal statute or regulation, including those purposes specifically prohibited by the JAG Program statute set out at [34 U.S.C. § 10152](#).

## **Application and Submission Information**

### **1. Key Dates and Times**

- a. Application Start Date:** April 12, 2021
- b. Application Submission Deadline:** May 7, 2021, 5:00 pm CST

### **2. Agreeing to Terms and Conditions of the Award**

By submitting an application, applicants agree to comply with the requirements of this NOFO and the terms and conditions of the award, should they receive an award.

Applications will only be accepted through the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) online WebGrants System. <https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov/index.do>

A PowerPoint with instructions on how to apply through the WebGrants System will be available on the DPS website, at the following link under Grant Applications and Forms, FY 2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Drug Task Force <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cjle/jag.php>

As part of the FY 2021 JAG DTF application, each eligible applicant must complete all application forms and provide all required documents:

- 1. Contact Information Form**
- 2. DTF Project Form**
- 3. Budget**
- 4. Named Attachments**
  - a. Audit/Financial Statement (REQUIRED)**
  - b. Federal Fund Schedule (REQUIRED, if not included in Audit)**
  - c. Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) or Memorandum of Agreement (MOA)**
  - d. Quote or Cost Basis**
  - e. Other Supporting Documentation**

**Contact Information:**

Additional information and resources can be located on the Missouri Department of Public Safety website: <https://dps.mo.gov/dir/programs/cjle/.php>

WebGrants System, application submission site: <https://dpsgrants.dps.mo.gov/index.do>

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