

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2024 BJA FY24 Byrne Discretionary Community Project Grants/Byrne Discretionary Grants Program

Department of Police Services

December 9, 2024

Funding request: \$963,000.00

The Police Training Academy requires infrastructure upgrades for health and training purposes. These include male and female bathrooms with showers: the existing shower areas are in disrepair and need a complete rebuild; male and female locker rooms; staff office upgrades and furniture; library renovations, furniture, and workspaces; and two (2) practical skills training academies, a type of indoor firing range modified to resemble a residential, commercial, or industrial space for skill development for close contact engagements in urban environments.

Funding will support our existing FUSUS cloud platform. This FUSUS technology integrates data and video from various sources to accelerate an efficient and effective response to crime incidents. Officers within the Intel Center would have immediate access to live video feed from various cameras including traffic cameras, drone footage, private citizens' cameras, officer body cameras, data from license plate readers, ShotSpotter, and Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD)-- enhancing our ability to investigate and solve crimes quickly, potentially saving many work hours tracking down and requesting video that would already be available.

Funding will allow us to purchase a forensic / ballistic testing apparatus which is capable of remotely firing handguns or rifles seized from crime scenes or during other law enforcement activities. As many of these guns are confiscated, unknown, and/or dangerous weapons, it is critical to be able to test-fire them safely from a distance. The firearms are tested not just for accuracy but also functionality. This device dramatically increases the safety of detectives and enables them to obtain important evidence that would otherwise be difficult to acquire. The NHPD currently utilizes Brasstrax, seizes many firearms, and has extensive NIBIN related policies in place that would maximize the value and usefulness of this apparatus. This device can be adapted as weapons change to meet future needs.

Finally, we would like to purchase Motorola 2-way radios for officers to ensure that campers remain safe and accounted for at our annual summer camp which is supervised by NHPD School Resource Officers, officers from Yale University, and up to twenty youth counselors. Activities include field trips to amusement parks and other outdoor activities where keeping track of campers can be challenging.