



**COUNTY JUDGE**  
Fort Bend County, Texas

The Honorable KP George  
County Judge

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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT  
FY 2022**

**PROGRAM NARRATIVE**

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**REQUEST FOR FY2022 FORT BEND COUNTY JAG PROGRAM**

**TOP PROJECT IDENTIFIERS**

1. Equipment – General
2. Communications
3. Community Safety Outreach
4. Less-than-Lethal

**PROJECT OVERVIEW**

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Fort Bend County is one of the fastest growing large counties in the nation with an estimated population of 858,527 as of July 1, 2021. Additionally, from April 1, 2020 there has been a growth rate change of 4.3%. This population growth has put an increased demand on the county to provide additional and expanded services to its growing constituency. Fort Bend County has historically utilized the JAG program to purchase eligible (and non-budgeted) equipment, supplies, and services for the County's various criminal justice agencies. The proposed budget for this grant consists of purchases for equipment that will support these initiatives and that directly relate to community violence intervention, technologies to support transparency, and effective communication among other areas.

Fort Bend County law enforcement agencies work together to provide effective protection and service to the community. Participating departments and personnel in the FY 2022 JAG grant include the Constables' and Sheriff's Offices, prosecution and defense personnel, juvenile probation detention officers, and the Fire Marshal. Throughout the grant period, the allocated funds will provide necessary equipment to increase operational efficiency, improve the safety among department personnel and the safety of the residents Fort Bend County, and improve community relations.

The Constables' Offices are requesting radio equipment and accessories, protective gear, less-than-lethal weapons and accessories, speed trailer that will collect traffic count data and speed data throughout the day, deescalation efforts, and Sling bags, which provides quick access to emergency essentials during a crisis incident.

The Sheriff's Office requests Headrest Individual First Aid Kits and trauma sheers to address the emergency first aid and trauma care needs of law enforcement officers, who put themselves in harm's way every minute they are in uniform.

The District Attorney's Office will use the requested phone recording adapters, disk duplicators, flash drives, and Blue-ray player/burner to more efficiently relay information to investigators as well as other law enforcement agencies. The County Attorney's Office is requesting a Biometric rifle safe to ensure the safety of the Historical Courthouse. Along with Law Enforcement Vehicle Emergency equipment to outfit their county vehicles with appropriate gear.

The Juvenile Probation Department's is requesting 2-Way Radios to be used by Detention staff for rapid communication and response in the event of an emergency or calls for assistance. As well as, G-Hook Earpieces for Radios; accessory to two-way radio used by Detention staff for efficient communication in noisy environment. The Fire Marshal is requesting cameras and backup lithium batteries for use on fire investigations. While on the scene of structure fires, the investigators need cameras to capture evidence and document the scene.

Relevant, applicable county policies and procedures for procurement of all supplies, materials, and equipment and services will be enforced to track data for the proposed purchases. The Purchasing Department works closely with the County Auditor to ensure the proper expenditure of grant dollars. This cooperation between the Purchasing Department and the County Auditor's Office ensures accurate and efficient reporting of all grant measures and deliverables.

In conclusion, the items requested will support initiatives that will benefit the residents of Fort Bend County, as law enforcement officials will be able to more effectively and efficiently perform their duties and better reach the community in which they serve. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant has been and will continue to be instrumental in fulfilling these goals. We greatly appreciate the opportunity to apply for the FY 2022 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.