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## The City of Dallas FY24 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Public Comment

### Overview

The City of Dallas, acting as the fiscal agent, was awarded \$1,020,731.00 as part of the FY24 JAG allocation. The City will respectfully submit the program narrative application on behalf of Dallas County, Balch Springs, Carrollton, City of Dallas, DeSoto, Duncanville, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Lancaster, and Mesquite to the Department of Justice.

### Allocation Breakdown

Jurisdiction	Amount
Dallas County	\$292,668.86
Balch Springs	\$6,967.65
Carrollton	\$10,340.48
<b>Dallas</b>	<b>\$570,636.67</b>
Desoto	\$8,106.90
Duncanville	\$6,537.99
Garland	\$28,579.55
Grand Prairie	\$19,970.08
Irving	\$36,405.22
Lancaster	\$10,207.03
Mesquite	\$30,310.56

### City of Dallas Proposed Use of Funds

The City of Dallas will allocate FY24 JAG funds to the Dallas Police Department to provide sexual assault kit testing for cases that fall between 2011-2019.

The City will utilize FY24 JAG funds to support Community Prosecution team which identifies and addresses a range of egregious code violations in the community, including but not limited to, zoning, graffiti, litter, vacant structures and lots, noise, prostitution, alcohol offenses, homelessness, and animal control.

All public comments regarding the FY24 JAG allocation will be accepted from 10/15/2024 through 10/21/2024.

For questions, comments, or additional information, please contact Budget and Management Services at 214-670-5238 or email Don Whitmire at [don.whitmire@dallas.gov](mailto:don.whitmire@dallas.gov).

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The City of Dallas, acting as the fiscal agent, respectfully submits the following program narrative as part of the joint FY2024 JAG application submitted on behalf of Dallas County, Balch Springs, Carrollton, City of Dallas, DeSoto, Duncanville, Garland, Grand Prairie, Irving, Lancaster, and Mesquite.

**Plan for Data Collection**

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Each sub-recipient is responsible for their own jurisdiction's data collection and performance measures and will submit this information quarterly to the City of Dallas for review. The City of Dallas will report this information to the Department of Justice during each reporting period, ensuring that the information on the performance measures correlates with the data reported on the federal financial reports.

**Problem Statement, Project Design, and Capabilities**

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The following text outlines the request by jurisdiction and identifies the need for the items or services requested.

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**Dallas County** **\$292,668.86**

Dallas County will use FY 2024 JAG funds to support county-wide technology improvement programs and criminal justice system planning.

**Criminal Justice System Planning/CJAB Project Manager**

The Dallas County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) is the forum for community, business and professional collaboration leading to an effective and just criminal justice system that ensures Dallas County is safe, secure and prepared. The principle mission of the Dallas County CJAB is to identify opportunities for improvement in the criminal justice system of Dallas County using the following core strategies:

- Synergize public safety programs and services across Dallas County.
- Coordinate programs and systems to reduce crime.
- Integrate the criminal justice system in a county-wide emergency response plan.
- Maximize effectiveness of criminal justice resources throughout Dallas County.

The Dallas County CJAB is committed to providing the coordinated leadership necessary to establish cohesive public policies which are based on research, evaluation and monitoring of policy decisions and program implementations. The Dallas County CJAB is also committed to innovative system reforms and programming as need indicates. Through a coordinated and collaborative planning effort, CJAB will review, evaluate and make policy recommendations on vital criminal justice system issues throughout Dallas County. JAG FY2024 funds will continue to provide a staff position to coordinate the activities of the CJAB.

**Criminal Justice IT Liaison/DCIM Administrator**

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The Dallas County Sheriff's Department has implemented a Criminal Justice IT Liaison Section to ensure the continuance and furtherance of all criminal justice IT endeavors and the expansion of the Departmental support functions that will accompany this growth. This unit was initially comprised of one Department member, the DCIM Administrator.

The Sheriff's Department's records management system (RMS) is envisioned as the central piece of the DCIM workflow management system, which entails the rollout of the automated booking and case management systems to all local law enforcement agencies (LEA) within Dallas County. The goal is the development of a regional consortium of LEA with all locally generated criminal justice data flowing through DCIM to the state (TDEX) and federal (NDEX) criminal justice information gathering systems. This regional LEA consortium will consist of all Dallas County municipal police agencies and any other Dallas County school district, hospital, and transportation LEA that files cases in Dallas County, and as DCIM system host, the DCIM Administrator will perform similar liaison and support roles for those agencies' respective user groups as well as coordinate the development and management of a Dallas County DCIM Administration Group consisting of representatives of all member LEA. As the rollout of the DCIM project expands, so will the scope of the liaison role to Dallas County IT, vendors, the Sheriff Department's user base, and DCIM member LEA's. JAG FY2024 funds will continue to provide a staff position to coordinate the activities of the DCIM.

**Training**

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Dallas County will utilize FY 2024 JAG funds to support training for the staff of the Criminal Justice Department and other Departments as needed within Dallas County that support the Criminal Justice system. The training will provide opportunity for professional growth and expanding knowledge of the

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services that can provided the citizens of Dallas County. The trainings will focus on aspects of mental health and criminal justice.

**Training Travel**

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Dallas County will utilize FY 2024 JAG fund to continue to support travel that is related to the training of the staff of the Criminal justice Department and other Departments as needed within Dallas County that support the Criminal Justice system. These funds will be used to cover transportation, hotel, and other expenses.

**Technology Improvements and System Upgrades**

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Dallas County will utilize FY 2024 JAG funds to support technology improvements and system upgrades. There is a need for technology software and hardware improvements and upgrades throughout the criminal justice system that will ensure that Dallas County is operating effectively and efficiently.

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<b>Balch Springs</b>	<b>\$7,230.00</b>
<u>Traffic Data Collector</u>	<u>\$7,230.00</u>

This program is to purchase equipment to support traffic data collection. With the increase of population and vehicular traffic in Dallas County the need for police departments to focus resources in the areas of traffic safety, DWI detection, and data collection for roadway infrastructure improvements. The Traffic Data Collector will assist law enforcement and the community by understanding and addressing roadway safety issues, high speed violations, and identify trends in areas of concern around schools and neighborhoods. This data will help officers know when and where to increase enforcement activities and reduce safety concerns of unlawful

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vehicle operation. This program is in line with the Bureau of Justice Assistance general area of purchasing equipment to support law enforcement programs.

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**Carrollton**

2 Level III Body Armor Ensembles	\$ 7,638.42
1 Level III Ballistic Helmet	\$ 1,727.70
Shipping/Insurance	\$ 25.00

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This project will purchase IIIA body armor ensembles and IIIA ballistic helmets for members of the Carrollton Police Department SWAT personnel. Carrollton Police SWAT personnel are members of the North Texas Regional SWAT Team (NORTEX SWAT) comprised of Carrollton, Addison, Farmers Branch and Coppell. As such the impact of this project will not only be felt locally it will have a regional impact as well. The addition of this equipment will allow our SWAT Officers to respond to the full spectrum of threats facing law enforcement today.

The helmet and body armor ensembles provided by this grant will support maintaining the NIMS Type III status for Carrollton Police SWAT Officers assigned to NORTEX SWAT. The Carrollton Police Department current has known gaps in equipment capabilities to include out of date body armor for those assigned to NORTEX SWAT. Having the appropriate equipment will not only protect Officers but it will allow them to address threats they could not do so without the appropriate equipment.

The Carrollton Police department is committed to protecting citizens and visitors of our city, from all potential threats. Additionally, the Carrollton Police Department is committed to properly maintain and service this equipment according to industry best practices.

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<b>City of Dallas</b>	<b>\$570,636.67</b>
Community Prosecution	\$ 361,764.03
DPD Equipment	\$ 108,321.58
Management and Administration	\$ 100,551.06

The City of Dallas will utilize JAG FY24 funds to support Community Prosecution and equipment for the Dallas Police Department. Ten percent of the total award will also be used to reimburse administrative expenses associated with managing the grant.

**Community Prosecution** **\$361,764.03**

Each Community Prosecution Team, composed of an Assistant City Attorney and a Certified Code Inspector, takes proactive steps to: enhance the quality of life and health; empower communities and strengthen neighborhoods; and increase public safety and awareness in the target communities in which they office. Each team identifies and addresses a range of egregious code violations in the community, including but not limited to, zoning, graffiti, litter, vacant structures and lots, noise, prostitution, alcohol offenses, homelessness and animal control. JAG funding will support the salaries for one Assistant City Attorney/Community Prosecutor, one Deputy Chief of Community Prosecution and one Chief of Community Prosecution.

**Dallas Police Department Equipment** **\$108,321.58**

The City of Dallas will allocate FY24 JAG funds to the Dallas Police Department to provide sexual assault kit testing for cases that fall between 2011-2019.

**Management and Administration** **\$100,551.06**

The City of Dallas has been designated as the fiscal agent for this grant by the recipient cities and the County. As the fiscal agent for this grant, the City of Dallas will prioritize the expenditure of its administrative fee for the administration of FY24 JAG funds, including activities such as:

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Submitting the application, executing contracts, distributing the funds, monitoring the award, submitting reports to the BJA (including quarterly financial reports and performance measures, and bi-annual reports) and providing ongoing oversight of and assistance to recipient cities and Dallas County as sub-recipients of the funds for the duration of the grant performance period.

The administrative costs will fund one JAG grant coordinator at 50% and one fund development manager at 30% over the life of the performance period of the award. In addition, the administrative costs will fund travel for two staff members to attend three BJA-sponsored training, as well as local mileage for the purposes of sub-recipient monitoring.

<b>Desoto</b>	<b>\$8,106.90</b>
Subscription for five (5) Flock cameras	\$8,106.90

Equipment for Patrol

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The DeSoto Police Department intends to utilize the 2024 JAG to provide Annual Subscriptions for five (5) flock cameras for Patrol.

The flock ALPR camera system is a cutting-edge technology designed to enhance security and surveillance by automatically capturing license plate information from vehicles passing through a designated area. The system utilizes advanced optical character recognition technology to quickly and accurately read and record license plate numbers, making it an invaluable tool for law enforcement agencies.

The primary purpose of the flock ALPR camera system is to improve public safety and security by providing real-time data on the movement of vehicles in a given area. This system tracks stolen vehicles, missing children, sex offender violent person, protection order, monitor traffic patterns,



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and identify vehicles of interest to law enforcement. In addition, the data collected by the system will be utilized for investigative purposes and to aid in the prosecution of criminal activities.

The scope of the flock ALPR camera system is vast, as it can be implemented in a variety of settings including city streets, parking lots, toll booths, and border crossings. The DeSoto Police Department will deploy the cameras based on a strategic plan that focuses on high crime activity. With its ability to capture and analyze large amounts of data quickly and accurately, the flock ALPR camera system is an essential tool for modern security and surveillance applications.

The DeSoto Police Department will cover any and all amounts for purchases in excess of the 2024 JAG funds.

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**Duncanville**

<u>Three (3) Troy Model CP-2 Drawer)</u>	<u>\$6,537.99</u>
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The Duncanville Police Department seeks funding for three (3) Troy (Model #CP-2 drawer) storage boxes to be installed in the rear of the department's patrol Tahoes. These storage containers are essential for organizing and securing police equipment, ensuring officers can access necessary tools during emergency situations efficiently and safely. Lack of dedicated storage in patrol vehicles results in disorganized gear, which can delay response times in critical situations. By equipping the vehicles with these high-quality storage boxes, officers will be able to maintain order and readiness during their daily patrol duties. Each unit costs \$1,696, with installation costs totaling \$740 per unit. This brings the total per unit to \$2,436.

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The total cost for purchasing and installing three units is \$7,308, exceeding the grant amount of \$6,537.99. The City of Duncanville acknowledges the need for this equipment and is committed to covering the difference of \$770.01 using other departmental funds to ensure this project is completed.

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**Garland**

Reality-Based Training Equipment \$28,579.55

The purchase of police reality-based training equipment will allow Police personnel to safely engage one another in realistic training scenarios such as active shooter, de-escalation, hostage rescue, and complex coordinated terrorist attack simulations and operations. Equipment includes realistic delivery devices mirroring a department-issued weapons or conversion kits for department-issued weapons, as well as marking cartridges that are delivered at low velocity for safe use with minimal personal protective equipment.

Realistic training is critical for the survivability of officers involved. The reality-based equipment purchased with these grant funds is vital for conducting reality-based training and will enhance the safety of officers and allow them to respond effectively and efficiently to listed scenarios. There is no better way to prepare for a real-life critical incident than to utilize this type of equipment.

The City of Garland will purchase the reality-based training equipment within the performance period of the grant and does not currently have funding allocated for the proposed equipment in the general fund or other pending grant application.

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**Grand Prairie**

Laptops and Equipment \$19,970.08

The City plans to use these funds to enhance community-oriented policing, justice information sharing and planning, gang enforcement and prevention, and community law enforcement activities. Specifically, the City will purchase rugged mobile laptops for use in police vehicles, to facilitate achievement of the above goals.

These funds will allow acquisition of needed equipment to provide officer safety, to enhance the ability to respond to emergency calls for service, and to maintain order in the City of Grand Prairie.

Items include: rugged laptops, vehicle laptop docks, and related accessories.

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**Irving**

Electronic Warrants System Project \$36,405.22

The City of Irving is a diverse city of over 264,000 residents located in the center of the Dallas-Fort Worth Metropolitan area. The Irving Police Department is responsible for law enforcement within the 68 square miles of the Irving city limits. It is our goal at the Irving Police Department to protect our community, maintain low crime rates, and create a safe environment. We have been successful in reducing crime and improving efficiency through our effective use of technology and equipment. The technology project listed below will enhance efficiency through streamlining and expediting the warrant process.

As populations grow and calls for service increase, police departments must seek innovative ways to reduce response times, call clearance times and employ overall efficiencies. The warrant process is vital to successful investigations. However, it can be extremely time consuming and

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very tedious. The proposed project will automate and streamline the warrant process. E-Warrants is a practice by which the entire warrant process can be facilitated in a secure cloud environment. Furthermore, supporting documentation is transmitted, reviewed and signed electronically resulting in an overall improvement in public safety efficiency. Law enforcement officers can now get a warrant approved in minutes as opposed to hours. This project will provide a turn-key Electronic Warrant System.

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**Lancaster**

Taser Upgrades \$10,207.03

The City of Lancaster Police Department has found itself a generation behind on our less than lethal taser technology. With the help of the JAG grant we will be able to replace our older tasers with the new more dependable taser technology. It will also allow us to obtain taser training cartridges insure Officers are utilizing less than lethal force in a safe and appropriate manner.

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**Mesquite**

Street Surveillance Systems (SSS) \$ 30,310.56

The City of Mesquite will utilize 2024 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds to lease Street Surveillance Systems (SSS) to enhance crime solving efforts. The City of Mesquite has seen an increase in robberies, stolen vehicles and burglary of motor vehicles. These crimes impact both commerce and the quality of life of our citizens and visitors. The SSS will be used in conjunction with our existing vehicle mounted license plate reader systems to locate and identify vehicles of interest. These fixed systems will be deployed in a high crime area to combat crime

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and identify suspects by monitoring the suspect's likely avenues of ingress and egress. The fixed nature of this system will greatly improve the department's ability to identify suspects and alert officers to known vehicles of interest or previously known threats. The crime fighting data gathered by this system can also be accessed by investigators and dispatch allowing coordination and tracking of criminals. These new SSS systems will not replace any existing technologies at the Mesquite Police Department but will provide new capabilities to identify criminals.