



## WHITEWATER POLICE DEPARTMENT

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Bureau of Justice Assistance  
2009 Recovery Act  
Byrne Memorial Grant Program

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter shall serve as a joint Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) application for the disparate Cities of Whitewater, Delavan, and Lake Geneva Wisconsin. Walworth County is the fourth disparate jurisdiction, but does not wish to participate in this application. The total award amount is \$38,303.00. We propose that the three municipal jurisdictions receive an equal share of funding in the amount of \$12,767.66 each.

**Program Narrative:** The Cities of Whitewater, Delavan, and Lake Geneva each propose to fund the same computerized data system for their jurisdiction through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant FY2009. The system, called "Badger TraCS", is offered by the Wisconsin Department of Transportation and is intended to facilitate data collection and the automated completion of various citations and reports by officers in the field.

The system runs on both stand-alone PCs and laptop computers in squad cars. This allows for immediate data entry in the squad car or entry at a later time at the station. Driver/vehicle information can be shared among forms, eliminating duplication of entry.

Such a system will allow officers in all three jurisdictions to expedite the writing of citations and the completion of accident reports from their squad cars. Our objective is to free officers to devote more time to proactive patrol, traffic safety, and community policing activities. This is particularly significant from the standpoint of keeping officers in the field with less time spent in the station.

It is anticipated that as soon as the funding becomes available from the Bureau of Justice Assistance that all three Cities will seek to purchase the data system from the Department of Transportation. All marked patrol cars in each jurisdiction will be outfitted with the equipment soon thereafter.

As the designated fiscal agent, the City of Whitewater will ensure that all Recovery Act JAG expenditures are applied towards allowable items as approved by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). All applicable documentation supporting costs will be maintained by each recipient agency, i.e. Whitewater, Delavan, and Lake Geneva, and will be provided for review upon request. In addition, any performance data measuring the outcome of this project will be reported by each agency as outlined by BJA requirements.



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Furthermore, funding for this equipment would not have been available if not for the assistance of the Recovery Act due to the state of our local economies and subsequent budget cuts experienced by each recipient agency. Ultimately, this equipment will minimize and/or avoid further reductions in costs or services.

Please let us know if you should have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your consideration and for the anticipated allocation of grant funding for this equipment.

Sincerely,

James R. Coan  
Chief of Police