

Title	COUNTY OF FRESNO CALIFORNIA	09/05/2025
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	<p>The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Equipment and Training Program Application is divided into four sections as identified below: Background Information Contact Information Proposal Narrative and Budget Attachments Each section has a series of questions that require a response. Applicants will be prompted to provide written text, select options from a drop down menu, select options from a multiple choice menu, or upload attachments. Questions marked "(required)" in red require responses. Applicants will not be able to submit the JAG Equipment and Training Program Application until all questions marked "(required)" have been completed. Applicants may reference the JAG Equipment and Training Program Request for Applications (RFA) for background information, key dates, rating factors, and other important information to aid in the completion of the Grant Program Application. The JAG RFA is available on the BSCC website JAG Homepage NOTE: Applicants may start and stop their application but must select "Save Draft" at the bottom of the application before existing.</p>
SECTION 1 - BACKGROUND INFORMATION	This section requests information about the project name and location, federal identification, funding requested, and an overview of the project.
Name of Applicant (County)	COUNTY OF FRESNO CALIFORNIA
Applicant's Physical Address	2200 Fresno Street Fresno CA 93721 US 36.736677 -119.790678
Applicant's Mailing Address (If different than physical address)	

Mailing Address for Payment	PO Box 1788 Fresno CA 93717 US 36.736252 -119.786928
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Tax Identification Number	██████████
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Federal Employer ID	██████████
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Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)	LGKUUQQL3GT9
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Lead Public Agency	Fresno County, CA Sheriff's Office
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Project Title	Fresno County JAG Law Enforcement Equipment and Training Program
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Program Purpose Areas (PPA)	Applicants are required to identify the Program Purpose Areas (PPA) and Priority Areas of Need for which equipment, supplies, and/or training initiatives JAG funds will be used. A total of five eligible PPAs are identified in the JAG RFA (Page 7): PPA 1: Law enforcement programs PPA 2: Prosecution and court programs PPA 3: Prevention and education programs PPA 5: Drug treatment and enforcement programs PPA 8: Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs Applicants are required to address a minimum of one Program Purpose Area and one corresponding Priority Area of Need. Applicants are not required to address each PPA or Priority Area of Need.
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Law Enforcement Programs (PPA 1)	Violent crime reduction initiatives Drug enforcement Crisis intervention/mental health/suicide prevention
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Prosecution and Court Programs (PPA 2)	
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Prevention and Education Programs (PPA 3)	
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Drug Treatment and Enforcement Programs (PPA 5)	
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Mental Health Programs and Related Law Enforcement and Corrections Programs (PPA 8)	
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Proposal Summary	The County of Fresno requests BSCC JAG Equipment and Training funding for Law Enforcement Programs, to enhance officer safety, operational effectiveness, and reduction of violent crime through targeted equipment purchases and specialized training. The Sheriff's Office will address operational gaps and improve law enforcement to reduce violent crime, disrupt narcotics activity, and complex incidents response. while. Probation proposes to bolster officer readiness and tactical proficiency in support of violent crime reduction and crisis intervention initiatives. These investments will close gaps to reduce violent crime, safeguard personnel and the public.
SECTION 2 - CONTACT INFORMATION	This section requests contact information for the individuals identified as the Project Director, Financial Officer, Day-to-Day Project Contact, Day-to-Day Fiscal Contact, and the Authorized Signature.
Project Director	Brandon Pursell
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Financial Officer	June Mayeda
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Financial Officer's Phone Number	+15596008575

Financial Officer's Address	2200 Fresno Street Fresno CA 93721 US 36.736677 -119.790678
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Day-To-Day Program Contact	Vanessa Martinez
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Day-To-Day Program Contact's Title with Agency/Department/Organization	Accountant
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Day-To-Day Program Contact's Phone Number	+15596008580
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Day-To-Day Fiscal Contact	Cameron Rossi
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Day-To-Day Fiscal Contact's Title with Agency/Department/Organization	Accountant
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Day-To-Day Fiscal Contact's Phone Number	+15596008568
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Name of Authorized Officer*	John Zanoni
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Authorized Officer's Title with Agency/Department/Organization	Sheriff
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Authorized Officer's Phone Number	+15596008502
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Authorized Officer Assurances	checked
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SECTION 3 -
PROJECT
NARRATIVE AND
BUDGET

This section requests responses to the items to be addressed in the Project Narrative.

Project Narrative
Instructions

The Project Narrative must address the following, as described in the JAG RFA (Page 15): Identify to need Describe the need(s) to be addressed, the process used to determine the need(s) and how the need(s) are related to the identified JAG Program Purpose Areas and Priority Areas of Need. For each PPA and Priority Area of Need identified: a) Describe the equipment and supplies to be purchased and explain how those purchases will support that PPA and Priority Area of Need, and/or b) Describe the training that will be offered and how it will support that PPA and Priority Area of Need. When responding, clearly identify each item being addressed (i.e. Description of Need, PPAs identified, etc.). The Project Narrative may not exceed 6,692 total characters (includes punctuation, numbers, spacing and any text). In Microsoft Word, this is approximately 3 pages in Arial 12-point font with one-inch margins on all four sides and at 1.5-line spacing. A character counter is automatically enabled that shows the number of characters used and the remaining number of characters before the limit is met. If the limit is exceeded, a red prompt will appear with the message "You have exceeded the character limit". Applicants will be prohibited from submit the JAG Equipment and Training Program Application until they comply with the character limit requirements. NOTE: It is up to the applicant to determine how to use the total word limit in addressing each section item to be addressed.

Project Narrative

The County of Fresno is requesting BSCC JAG Equipment and Training funding for proposed purchases in support of JAG Program Purpose Area 1: Law enforcement program. The Fresno County Sheriff's Office will utilize funding for law enforcement programs equipment, tools and training to enhance law enforcement operations and officer safety. These purchases support a priority need by equipping the Fresno County Sheriff's Office with the safety and response tools and training necessary to enhance operations, improve officer safety, reduce violent crime, and build safer communities across Fresno County. Funding will strengthen the agency's capacity to reduce violent crime, disrupt narcotics activity, and respond to complex incidents while protecting personnel.

The Fresno County Sheriff's Office has identified several operational deficiencies through post-incident debriefs and strategic assessments. The agency lacks a deployable command post to coordinate major incidents, which can lead to delays and fragmented communication during both law enforcement operations such as gang suppression, narcotics enforcement, and violent crime investigations and large-scale emergencies, including natural disasters, mass shootings, and public events. To address this need, the Sheriff's Office proposes acquiring a fully outfitted command post trailer and heavy-duty tow vehicle. The mobile command center will provide a secure, climate-controlled, and technologically equipped platform for command staff and operations personnel, enabling effective on-scene coordination and resource management across all types of critical incidents. A heavy-duty truck is essential for safe transport, offering the chassis, suspension, and braking systems required to tow a fully equipped command trailer.

Current radio systems do not integrate effectively with partner agencies, creating safety risks and reducing the efficiency of joint operations. Partner agencies already use Wave Two-Way Radios, but our personnel lack this capability, placing them at a disadvantage during joint responses. Acquiring Wave Two-Way Radios will close this compatibility gap by enabling seamless real time communication and coordination among deputies and partner units particularly during multi-agency operations and large-scale deployments directly enhancing officer safety and operational efficiency. The agency also requires updated handheld digital cameras to ensure the accurate collection and documentation of evidence. These cameras will provide high-quality still images of items and scenes in the field, ensuring evidence is properly recorded for investigations, reports, and prosecutions while enhancing accountability and investigative effectiveness.

Training is equally critical. The Sheriff's Office intends to expand trainings focused on incident management, narcotics enforcement, and crisis intervention, ensuring deputies and detectives are prepared for evolving threats. In addition, specialized financial and professional development training will strengthen staff expertise in resource management, grant compliance, and fiscal oversight, supporting efficient operations and responsible stewardship of public funds.

The Fresno County Probation Department (Probation) is proposing to purchase safety equipment and training to enhance officer safety, operational readiness, and training effectiveness under two identified Priority Areas of Need: crisis intervention and violent crime reduction initiatives. This acquisition will allow Probation to approach crime reduction initiatives and enforcement task forces in a prepared, effective, and safe manner. Currently, Probation lacks the identified equipment and specified trainings; this will therefore fill a gap in Probation's training regimen and assist with proper training responses.

Realistic scenario-based training environments allow officers to rehearse critical decision-making, building searches, and tactical entries in safe yet challenging settings. The Simtek reconfigurable modular kit enables customizable layouts, keeping training dynamic, preventing predictability, and promoting adaptability. This investment improves tactical proficiency, communication, and teamwork while reducing operational risk.

To maximize effectiveness of Simunition-based defensive and field tactics training, officers require equipment that replicates real-world conditions. Investing in Simunition equipment ensures officers apply tactics in realistic scenarios aligned with crime reduction initiatives in the community. Shock-absorbing mats will reduce injuries and increase physical safety during defensive tactics and Simunition training. Mobile misting fans will support the Department's Injury and Illness Prevention Program by mitigating heat-related risks during training exercises.

A Gator Utility Vehicle will improve logistics by enabling safe, efficient transport of heavy equipment like mats across training grounds and remote areas, enhancing overall training effectiveness.

Standardized long guns will provide officers with reliable modern firearms essential for responding to critical incidents such as active shooter situations, high-risk warrants, and incidents of violent crime requiring greater range and accuracy. Equipping officers with these safety tools ensures decisive responses in life-threatening events.

Implementing a long gun platform requires a Train-the-Trainer (TOT) rifle course to build internal instructional capacity. This approach ensures

consistent, department-approved training aligned with Peace Officer Standards Training (POST) standards, reducing reliance on external trainers and improving instructional quality.

Duty to Intercede training is a component of crisis intervention and addresses accountability and ethical responsibility. Officers must be prepared and empowered to intervene in cases of excessive force or misconduct. This training reflects the Department's commitment to integrity and compliance with statutory mandates.

Budget Instructions	Applicants are required to submit a Project Budget and Budget Narrative (Budget Attachment). Upon submission the Budget Attachment will become the Proposal Budget (Budget Tables & Narrative) making up part of the official proposal. The Budget Attachment must be filled out completely and accurately. Applicants are solely responsible for the accuracy and completeness of the information entered in the Budget Table and Budget Narrative. The grant budget must cover the entire grant period. Funding will be allocated to counties based on county population as shown in Table 2 below on page 9-10 of the JAG RFA . This is a non-competitive grant. Applicants may apply for any dollar amount up to and including the available amount allocated to their county. For additional guidance related to grant budgets, refer to the BSCC Grant Administration Guide. The JAG Project Budget Attachment is provided as a stand-alone document on the BSCC website on the JAG Homepage.
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Attachment A: JAG Project Budget Attachment

[Combined_JAG_-_Budget_Pages_final.xlsx](#)

SECTION 4 - ATTACHMENTS	This section list the attachments that may be submitted with the application. Appendix B: · Governing Board Resolution or Other Proof of Signing Authority (not required at time of application, but must be submitted prior to contract execution) Appendix C: Certification of Compliance with BSCC Policies on Debarment, Fraud, Theft, and Embezzlement (not required at time of application, but must be submitted prior to contract execution)
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OPTIONAL: Appendix
B: Governing Board
Resolution or Other
Proof of Signing
Authority

OPTIONAL:
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Debarment, Fraud,
Theft, and
Embezzlement
(Appendix C)

CONFIDENTIALITY
NOTICE:

All documents submitted as a part of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program proposal are public documents and may be subject to a request pursuant to the California Public Records Act. The BSCC cannot ensure the confidentiality of any information submitted in or with this proposal. (Gov. Code, § 6250 et seq.)
