

Agency Name: Gunter, City of

Grant/App: 4100501 **Start Date:** 10/1/2020 **End Date:** 9/30/2021

Fund Source: DJ-Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

Project Title: Mobile Technology Project

Applicant Agency Name: Gunter, City of

Division or Unit to Administer the Project: City of Gunter Police Department

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Narrative Information

The purpose of this funding is to support projects that promote public safety, reduce crime, and improve the criminal justice system.

Project Abstract :

The City of Gunter and the Gunter Police Department previously received grant funds to purchase and install a new Eforce Software Record Management System (RMS) which enabled the agency to greatly improve its record management and to report Incident Based Records to the Texas Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The City of Gunter and the Gunter Police Department are now seeking funds to purchase Eforce Software mobile technology that will be fully integrated into the RMS which will enable officers to remotely perform vital law enforcement functions in order to improve the department's efficiency, visibility, and the safety of the public. This evidence-based mobile technology will be installed and tested to ensure proper and efficient use of the system as well as full compatibility with the RMS.

Problem Statement :

The Gunter Police Department is a small agency located in Grayson County, Texas, serving a population of 2,500 people. Currently, the agency currently does not have any mobile technology infrastructure, which results in officers being absent from the neighborhoods and communities they serve because the officers must return to their police station or substation to perform law enforcement functions. The project would remedy this problem by allowing officers to perform these vital law enforcement functions remotely from their vehicles, within the community. This problem stems from the strict budgetary constraints under which the agency currently operates – in short, without this grant, the agency would not have the funds required to purchase this mobile technology infrastructure to improve officer efficiency and public safety. The funds available through this grant are essential for the agency to become more efficient and increase officer visibility in the City of Gunter.

Supporting Data : N/A

Project Approach & Activities:

The goal of this project is to provide a mobile application with necessary interfaces in order to provide officers the ability to perform vital law enforcement functions remotely without having to return to the police station or substation. Allowing officers to perform their duties remotely while in the field gives them the ability to be more visible, increase contacts with the public, decrease officer response times, and more effectively deter criminal activity. Project activities include the installation of the Eforce Software Mobile application with necessary interfaces that is fully integrated with their current RMS, which currently manages all law enforcement data and information and generates the agency's National Incident Based Reporting System (NIBRS) reportable data allowing for automated comprehensive NIBRS report generation. Once the installation has been completed, testing of Mobile software will be completed with the agency to ensure proper and efficient use of the system. This integrated suite of Eforce software ensures that the collection, compilation, and transmission of data is comprehensive and maintains integrity across all components of data management. The RMS is the data hub, receiving and compiling data received from the Mobile applications. By using fully integrated software designed to maximize efficiency between components, the agency will be able to collect, manage, and transmit its comprehensive NIBRS data without loss, corruption, or translation errors due to mismatched systems. This complete technological infrastructure upgrade will support the agency's goal to increase officer visibility, community contact, decrease officer response times, and crime deterrence.

Capacity & Capabilities: N/A

Performance Management :

The success of this project will be measured by the accomplishment of four very distinct goals: (1) increase officer visibility; (2) increase daily contacts between officers and the public and community they serve; (3) decrease officer response times to calls for service; and (4) improve public safety, measured by a decrease in overall criminal activity. The data needed to track the agency's progress will be collected through the Eforce Mobile application which is integrated with the RMS to maintain the relevant data needed to determine whether the project is achieving these stated goals throughout the grant period.

Target Group :

The target groups for this project are the citizens and visitors of the City of Gunter and the Gunter Police Department.

Evidence-Based Practices:

The current Mobile software being sought with grant funds allows officers to remotely perform vital law enforcement duties while remaining in the communities they serve. Currently there are numerous agencies, large and small across the nation, who are using Eforce Mobile Software to police their communities efficiently and effectively. Colorado is an example of a state that contains more than 50 Law Enforcement agencies using Eforce Software. There are approximately 40+ agencies in Texas that are working with the vendor to provide a universal application for data collection, management, analysis, dissemination, and automated report generation. Other states where agencies are using Eforce Software to efficiently and effectively police their communities include but are not limited to: Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Idaho, Montana, Utah, Nevada, New Mexico, Arizona, Mississippi, Hawaii, New Jersey, Massachusetts, Michigan, Illinois, North Dakota, Wyoming, and Louisiana as well as the country of Trinidad and Tobago.

Project Activities Information

ACTIVITY	PERCENTAGE:	DESCRIPTION
Law Enforcement	100.00	The project activity is to install the mobile system, and conduct testing to ensure the system is functioning properly. The City of Gunter Police Department will be monitor the project through a written electronic account of the project's progress. Also, upon installation of the Mobile System, the City of Gunter Police Department will receive written confirmation from the contracted vendor of the install date, time, and version of the software. Testing and training will be conducted to ensure proper and efficient use of the system.

Measures Information

OUTPUT MEASURE	TARGET LEVEL
Equipment or technology: Individuals/ operators equipped	0
General Law Enforcement or Public Safety: Arrests resulting from grant.	0
Targeted Investigation: Criminal cases resulting in arrest.	0
Targeted Investigation: Grant-funded investigations carried out by the unit/division	0
Training or professional development: Individuals provided	0
Training or professional development: Individuals received	0
Training, professional development, or technical assistance: Hours provided	0
Training, professional development, or technical assistance: Hours received	0

Budget Details Information

CATEGORY	SUB CATEGORY	DESCRIPTION	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL	UNIT/%
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Contractual and Professional Services	Installation of grant purchased equipment and technology	Purchase of Mobile applications with necessary interfaces. Installation of the systems Conduct testing to ensure applications and interfaces are working properly. Monitoring by the agency through a written electronic account. Written confirmation from the contracted vendor of the install date, time, and version of the software.	\$20,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,250.00	0
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Budget Summary Information

CATEGORY	OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
Contractual and Professional Services	\$20,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,250.00

Budget Grand Total Information:

OOG	CASH MATCH	IN-KIND MATCH	GPI	TOTAL
\$20,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$20,250.00