

State Competitive Justice Assistance Grant- Sheriff Dept K9 Unit

Purpose of Funds: The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system from multijurisdictional drug and gang tasks forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals for communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems processes and procedures. The Denver Sheriff Department will receive \$120,000 for a new K9 unit officer.

Receiving Department: Denver Sheriff Department.

Amount: \$120,000.00

Type of Grant: Competitive Justice Assistance Grant

Number of People Served: 1

Public Process: Individual departments identify grants that will meet their needs and apply for them. The Executive Order 15 process provides a list to City Council where members can see what departments are applying for what grants. After the money is awarded the department must go to City Council to accept it and the department will also be giving status reports on the progress of the program.

Proposed Spending: JAG funding will go toward personnel costs for the Denver Sheriff Departments the new K9 unit. This grant will cover approximately 94% of a Sheriff Officer's annual full-time salary and fringe benefit cost for two years. Pay will be \$60,000 for the first year (10/1/09-9/30/10) and \$60,000 for the second year (10/1/10-9/30/11). Calculated at \$48,846 (Salary) + \$14,853 (Benefit) = \$63,699.

For more information, please see the oversight committee docs at
<http://www.denvergov.org/stimulus>