

**RESOLUTION
ROCK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Sheriff Robert D. Spoden
INITIATED BY



Diane Michaelis
DRAFTED BY

**Public Safety and Justice
Committee**
SUBMITTED BY

May 14, 2014
DATE DRAFTED

**Authorizing Submission of 2014 Edward Byrne
Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application and
Authorizing Interagency Agreement with Beloit and Janesville**

1 **WHEREAS**, Rock County, the City of Beloit, and the City of Janesville are eligible, as a unit, to
2 apply for funds from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG) for
3 the purpose of preventing and controlling crime, based on local needs and conditions; and,
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5 **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice
6 Assistance has determined that there is a funding disparity between the County and the Cities
7 based on the statutory JAG formula, and due to the disparity, the County and the Cities are
8 required to apply for the award with a single, joint application; and,
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10 **WHEREAS**, the Rock County Sheriff, the Beloit Police Chief, and the Janesville Police Chief
11 plan to make a joint application in the amount of \$38,383; and,
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13 **WHEREAS**, the municipalities have a written agreement that specifies the distribution of funds
14 as \$7,683 for Rock County, \$13,900 for Beloit, and \$16,800 for Janesville; and,
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16 **WHEREAS**, the written agreement designates the Rock County Sheriff's Office as the grant
17 applicant and fiscal agent; and,
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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Rock County Board of Supervisors duly
20 assembled this 22 day of May, 2014, does hereby approve and authorize the
21 submission of an Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant application, and the Chair of
22 the Rock County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign all necessary documents on
23 behalf of the County of Rock; and,
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25 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Chair of the Rock County Board of Supervisors and the
26 County Clerk are hereby directed to execute an Interagency Agreement with the City of Beloit
27 and the City of Janesville that designates Rock County as the grant fiscal agent and specifies
28 how grant proceeds will be shared should the application be funded.

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Respectfully submitted,

Public Safety and Justice Committee

Absent

Mary Beaver, Chair

Henry Brill

Henry Brill, Vice Chair

Brian Knudson

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Terry Fell

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Larry Wiedenfeld

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FISCAL NOTE:

This resolution only authorizes an application for a grant and, therefore, has no fiscal impact at this time. If a grant is awarded, a subsequent resolution would be required to accept the grant and amend the budget.

Sherry Oja

Sherry Oja
Finance Director

LEGAL NOTE:

The authority to accept grant funds pursuant to sec. 59.52(19), Wis. Stats., necessarily implies the authority to make application for such funds. The County Board is authorized to take this action pursuant to secs. 59.01, 59.51 + 60.0301, Wis. Stats.

Jeffrey S. Kuglitsch

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Corporation Counsel

ADMINISTRATIVE NOTE:

Recommended.

Craig Knutson

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County Administrator

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Executive Summary

Rock County, the City of Beloit, and the City of Janesville are eligible to apply for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant, commonly referred to as JAG. Based on a formula funding disparity between the County and the Cities, the municipalities are required to apply for the award with a single, joint application.

The Rock County Sheriff's Office plans to apply for this grant in the amount of \$38,383. The Bureau of Justice Assistance will be making awards to assist local efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

Rock County will act as the fiscal agent. The responsibilities of the fiscal agent include filing the application, administering and distributing the funds, monitoring the award, and submitting reports, performance measures, and program assessment data.

The grant application process requires an inter-agency agreement to be signed by each jurisdiction's authorized representative. The agreement specifies the fiscal agent and specifies the division of the grant proceeds. The proceeds will be divided as follows:

Beloit	\$ 13,900
Janesville	\$ 16,800
Rock County	\$ <u>7,683</u>

Total	\$ 38,383
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The Sheriff's Office intends to purchase squad cameras with their portion of the grant funds.

The grant application must be made available for the County Board to review before the application is submitted to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). The application will be made public, and an opportunity to comment will be provided to citizens.