

County of Mendocino
2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance (BJA) Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)
Information Technology Equipment Upgrade

Program Narrative

Applicant Name: Mendocino County

Title of Project: Information Technology Equipment Upgrade

Brief Description of Problem to be Addressed: Technology is outdated almost instantly upon installation of new equipment and gear. Keeping computer equipment current, up to date and working properly for law enforcement personnel is an ongoing project. Making sure the technology is working properly can mean the difference between life and death for Sheriff Deputies on the front lines who depend on the information at a quick pace when detaining suspects and checking backgrounds etc.

Targeted Area and Population: Mendocino County is a very large county geographically. It covers 3,878 square miles of mostly rural, mountainous, forested land. Land rises at the highest peak 6,958 feet down to sea level along the rugged north coast. It has 87,628 residents spread throughout the county, with the largest populated areas centered around Ukiah (county seat), Willits (north county) and Fort Bragg (central coast). Our project serves the entire county and all residents as the information received and used via the technology employed by the County's Sheriff Office is used to protect all residents in every corner of the county.

Goals and Objectives: The goal and objective is to identify IT equipment that needs to be replaced or updated and bring the equipment into compliance for the safety of law enforcement personnel and the public.

Project Strategy Description: The County Sheriff Office IT staff, annually, inventories its computer and equipment. Older units or problem units are identified, logged and considered for repair, update or replacement. A supplier is researched, identified and a quote is requested. Once received the project is then entered into the County procurement process with the County General Services Agency for completion. Once units are received they are deployed according to the inventory list prepared earlier.

Significant Partnerships: The County works with the Sheriff Office, the County General Services department, the State General Services department and the supplier.

Anticipated Outcomes: The outcome anticipated is to have fully functioning computer technology, up to date and reliable for law enforcement use in the course of the business of protecting the public we serve.

Data Collection: Progress and data will be reported on a quarterly basis through the performance metrics on the BJA's Performance Measurement Tool (PMT).