

2013 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE LOCAL SOLICITATION

Broward County/Broward Sheriff's Office

Analytical Support & Position Retention Project

The Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO), the largest fully accredited sheriff's office, is a full service public service agency which provides law enforcement, detention, fire rescue and communication services to the Broward County community. BSO has to prioritize demands for limited services resources. Due to the diminishing tax rolls in our county, the Sheriff's Office had to cut numerous positions within the agency over the last several years including regional crime analysts. In spite of our declining funding, crime has not stopped, and as we are responsible for keeping the streets safe, we must make better use of our diminishing agency resources. We seek to do this by maintaining operational investigative support to enhance overall law enforcement effectiveness and continue providing direct law enforcement services to the appropriate city, county and regional entities necessary for this outcome. The specific goal of this project is to utilize funds earmarked for the unincorporated areas of Broward County, supplemented with additional JAG contributions from contract cities within the county, to provide sufficient financial support for the continuation of one regional crime analyst. This position currently provides for analytical and investigative support to contract cities and unincorporated areas in Broward County.

BSO, as the county's law enforcement agency, is responsible for investigating cases which occur within BSO patrol areas as well as assistance to municipal police and other agencies in matters in which such expertise is desired. BSO serves as the lead agency on most of the county's specialized task forces such as gangs, aggressive driving, mortgage fraud, sexual predators/career criminals, etc. For a variety of reasons, mostly driven by funding, most of these units have no analytical or investigative support. This structure causes sworn staff to spend time off-the streets querying databases, gathering intelligence, reviewing evidence and updating databases. These ministerial functions delay or sometimes prevent detectives from following up on leads, interviewing witnesses or other law enforcement functions in a timely manner.

Through the provision of analytical and investigative support, many of those functions are carried out by a person conducting criminal analysis for the respective jurisdictional areas. The crime analyst assists in developing intelligence files for operations, queries databases for relevant background data that could assist investigators, as well as provide updates to local and regional intelligence databases. Continuation of the crime analyst position to support sworn-law enforcement would also equate to detectives, road patrol deputies and supervisors, and district

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Project Identifiers: Case Management
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Geomapping
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Project Abstract: The BSO Analytical Support and Position Retention Project seeks to maintain the current level of operational investigative support to enhance overall law enforcement effectiveness and to continue providing direct law enforcement services to appropriate city, county and regional law enforcement entities. The goal of this project is to utilize funds earmarked for the unincorporated areas of Broward County, supplemented with additional JAG contributions from contract cities within the county, to provide sufficient financial support for the continuation of one regional crime analyst. This position, currently is being funded with JAG funds which will run out at the end of this fiscal. The Criminal Analyst provides for analytical and investigative support to contract cities and unincorporated areas in Broward County.