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Asheville Police Department Applies for Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Asheville, NC (August 29, 2017): The Asheville Police Department is applying for funding through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2017 Local Solicitation Program. This US Department of Justice funding is provided to enhance partnerships between Federal, State and Local governments to create safer communities through the prevention and reduction of crime and violence.

The grant awards funds to local government for additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems to enhance local law enforcement. The Asheville Police Department and Buncombe County Sheriff's Office are jointly applying for \$54,574.00.

If awarded, the Asheville Police Department plans to use the grant funds to pay for overtime to police officers for the purpose of combating, intercepting, and resolving emerging Part I crimes.

The Buncombe County Sheriff's Office plans to use its portion of the grant funding to purchase rifles for deputies.

Citizens can submit their input on the grant by contacting:
John Sanchez at (828) 259-5599 or jsanchez@ashevillenc.gov.

More information is also available at <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/JAGLocal17.pdf>.