

Public Notice

The Thornton Police Department will be applying for the direct allocation portion of the local JAG program. This grant is based upon population and violent crime statistics. Thornton is eligible to receive \$37,452 through this grant.

The City of Thornton Police Department (TPD) proposes to use the \$37,452 allocation to purchase products that will provide equipment improvements in the Patrol and Administrative Divisions. The TPD would like to effectively increase the quality of services provided by its officers. In order to accomplish this, the addition equipment are required to meet or exceed expectations in the Criminal Justice System and Emergency Operations.

The TPD proposes the purchase of a 12 radar units. In 2017, the police department received an average of 250 traffic and speeding complaints from citizens every month in neighborhoods throughout the city. Speeding vehicles are a problem on many roadways in the City of Thornton causing dangerous conditions for other drivers as well as pedestrians.

The Patrol Division has two working radar units and 19 laser speed measuring devices to enforce speed violations. While lasers are able to assist in the enforcement of conducting enforcement of speeding vehicles, they limit officers to remaining in a stationary position while conducting enforcement activities. A speed radar unit is capable of being temporarily mounted to the dash of any patrol car in a few minutes and allows an officer to look for speeding violations while they are driving. This mobility allows for coverage of a greater area. Moving radar also works better on several smaller residential streets that are often curved and do not have an area for officers to position themselves in a stationary location.

Purchasing 12 radar units will allow for 4 units to be out on the street on each of the three patrol shifts. Two units in the north substation and another two in the south areas. This enforcement tactic will work with the existing lasers to ensure adequate coverage throughout the city. With the growth of the Patrol Division it is essential to equip the officers with the tools they need to enforce the traffic laws in our city.

Finally, the TPD proposes to utilize grant funds for the establishment of a state of the art Emergency Operations Center (EOC) located at police headquarters. The current location is being used as a dual purpose room for training and conferences as needed. As such, adequate audio and visual equipment to fully stand up an EOC is insufficient to ensure efficient collecting, evaluating and disseminating of information in a timely matter.

The requirements for this year's grant application are that all eligible units of local government applying for the local JAG awards must make the grant application available for review to the governing body of the local government unit not fewer than 30 days before the application is submitted to BJA. The City Manager along with City Council was provided this opportunity as required.

In addition, the police department must provide assurance that the application, or any future amendment was made public and an opportunity to comment is provided to citizens and to neighborhood or community organizations to the extent applicable by law or established procedures make such an opportunity available. Therefore, anyone wishing to comment on this application can call (720) 977-5020.