

BJA FY25 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – Local Solicitation

Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2025-172542

Category 1: Applicants with allocation amounts less than \$25,000

City of Culver City JAG Allocation: \$19,070.00

Proposal Abstract

The City of Culver City-Culver City Police Department will use JAG funds to partially fund the purchase of a 3D laser scanner to enhance the Culver City Police Department's forensic documentation capabilities across traffic collisions, homicides, arsons, and complex crime scenes.

Proposal Narrative

The Department's current 3D laser scanner has become obsolete and is no longer being manufactured. The proposed 3D laser scanner will significantly reduce on-scene documentation time by capturing comprehensive, high-resolution scans in minutes rather than hours, allowing investigators to quickly clear crime scenes and fatal traffic collisions. This increased efficiency will shorten roadway closures, improve public safety, and reduce overtime costs for police personnel assigned to these incidents.

The information is captured in a digital format that gives you the ability to view and revisit the original scene anytime necessary. A 3D laser scanner ensures the longevity and preservation of the scene and provides crime scene units with unprecedented abilities to evaluate the scene and evidence in a holistic manner. Key activities include deployment of the scanner at critical incidents such as fatal traffic collisions and homicide crime scenes, integration of high-resolution 3D imaging and HDR photography into investigations, and training personnel to maximize operational effectiveness.

Expected outcomes include higher-quality evidentiary documentation, improved case presentation for prosecutors and juries, enhanced officer safety through reduced time on active roadways, and increased efficiency in investigative workflows. The service area encompasses the City of Culver City and surrounding jurisdictions through mutual aid responses, benefiting law enforcement personnel, partner agencies, the judicial system, and the public by minimizing traffic disruptions and improving public safety.

Ultimately, this investment will modernize forensic capabilities, ensure compliance with current calibration and evidentiary standards, and deliver measurable cost savings through reduced labor hours while strengthening the department's ability to investigate and prosecute serious crimes.