

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Tama County Sheriff's Office is seeking the public's comments on an application being made to the EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) FORMULA PROGRAM: LOCAL SOLICITATION CDEA #16.804.

The stated purposes of the Recovery Act are: to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery; to assist those most impacted by the recession; to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health; to invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; and to stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive State and local tax increases.

The Recovery Act places great emphasis on accountability and transparency in the use of taxpayer dollars. Among other things, it creates a new Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board and a new website – Recovery.gov – to provide information to the public, including access to detailed information on grants and contracts made with Recovery Act funds.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

JAG funds may be used for local initiatives, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, information systems for criminal justice, and criminal justice-related research and evaluation activities that will improve or enhance:

- Prevention and education programs.
- Corrections and community corrections programs.
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

Tama County is eligible for a total amount of \$36,993.00. The Tama County Sheriff's Office is asking to use these funds for training, equipment, informational system software to improve or enhance the department's capabilities to serve the residents of Tama County.

Please contact Sheriff Dennis P. Kucera at dkucera@so.tamacounty.org or by mail at the Tama County Sheriff's Office c/o Sheriff Dennis P. Kucera P. O. Box 34 Toledo, IA 52342, with any comments.