

Rapid City Police Department

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An Internationally Accredited Law Enforcement Agency Craig Tieszen, Chief of Police Jim Shaw, Mayor



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MEMO TO: Mayor and Council Members

FROM: Chief of Police Craig Tieszen

SUBJECT: Request Permission to make Grant Application (BJA 2007 JAG)

The Rapid City Police Department is requesting permission to apply for the BJA FY 07 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program 2007-F2684-SD-DJ. This 100% grant for \$48,545 is now available for us to apply and has an application closing date of July 2, 2007.

From the JAG website: "The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. JAG replaces the Byrne Formula and Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) programs with a single funding mechanism that simplifies the administration process for grantees."

These grants have been used in the past to support numerous technology improvements in the Department. These funds will likely be combined with the Pennington County Sheriff's Office JAG funds of \$13,824 for a total of \$63,369 of combined purchases supporting both agencies.

Thank you for your consideration.