

City of Richmond, VA
2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program

PROJECT ABSTRACT

A Purpose-Driven Plan to Ignite Shared Trust, Accountability, Professionalism, Innovation and Integrity for the Richmond Police Department and the Community.

The City of Richmond Police Department (RPD) respectfully requests funding to invest in the communities where residents live, work, learn and play. Supported projects and services that echo our mission and vision are a priority and results in making Richmond a safer city through community policing and engagement, responsive action, communication and public trust. The goals of the projects and services are (1) to **sustain** community partnerships with local and state law enforcement and criminal justice partners to increase public safety; (2) to **reduce** crime; and (3) to **engage** youth and families which aides in community accountability, community focus and a shared trust. To accomplish the goals aforementioned, the Richmond Police Department (RPD) will continue to partner with the **Richmond Adult Drug Court** and the **Commonwealth Attorney's Office** which further promotes responsiveness to persons striving to positively affect the community while providing both alternatives to incarceration and resources to citizens re-engaging in the community post incarceration. A new partnership with the **Adult Alternative Program, Inc.** will also support reentry programs and the betterment of citizens. A new partnership with **St. Joseph's Villa** will impact Richmond's youth by creating a safe environment for children. Reducing crime is always a priority; therefore, **Suppression teams** strategically assigned to neighborhood initiatives will remain a priority as crime is reduced and a shared trust between the community and law enforcement is strengthened. **Domestic Violence Initiatives** and Programs continue to remain a priority as victims receive support and services.

It is the Richmond Police Department's goal to seek opportunities for leadership for sworn and non-sworn personnel. **Leadership** and visibility go hand in hand and drive programs, resources and services in the community. The RPD strives to be accountable and demonstrate professionalism during citizen interactions; therefore, leadership development and training for front line sworn personnel to the command staff to non-sworn personnel is equally important. Opportunities for leadership development and training increase morale and drives change in the organization. Investing in law enforcement is an investment in our community.

The top identifiers associated with this effort are: (1) Community Based Programs, (2) Drug Courts (3) Reentry (4) Law Enforcement Professionalism and (5) Overtime