

**PALM BEACH COUNTY  
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY**

<b>Meeting Date:</b>	<b>November 3, 2009</b>	<b>[ x ] Consent</b>	<b>[ ] Regular</b>
		<b>[ ] Ordinance</b>	<b>[ ] Public Hearing</b>

**Department:**  
**Submitted By:** Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
**Submitted For:** Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

## I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

**Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to: (A) Accept** on behalf of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office a Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Smart Policing Demonstration Initiative grant award in the amount of \$500,000 for the period of October 1, 2009 through September 30, 2011; **(B) Approve** a budget amendment in the amount of \$500,000 increasing the Sheriff's Grant fund.

**Summary:** On September 16, 2009 the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) received an award to implement the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Data-Driven Problem-Oriented Policing Strategy. The purpose of the strategy is to reduce the number of robberies and opportunistic crimes occurring within the city and unincorporated area of Lake Worth. Funding provided will be used to hire a full time Investigator/Lead Detective, a Community Liaison, and to pay overtime associated with the strategy. There is no match requirement associated with this award. Two new PBSO allocations are created with this action. No additional County funds are required until grant funding expires in FY 2011. Countywide (DW)

**Background and Justification:** The Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program, administered by the Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Assistance, furthers the Department's mission by assisting state and local jurisdictions in improving the criminal justice system and assisting communities in preventing drug abuse and crime. The Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number for this program is 16.751 and the contract number is 2009-DG-BX-0121.

**Attachments:**

1. Budget Amendment
2. Award Letter

RECOMMENDED BY: [Signature] 10/13/09  
DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR DATE

APPROVED BY: Vince Bonvento [Signature] 10/28/09  
ASSISTANT COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR DATE

## II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

### A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
Capital Expenditures	\$3,900				
Operating Costs	\$250,800	\$245,296	\$156,251	\$156,251	\$156,251
External Revenues	(\$254,704)	(\$245,296)			
Program Income					
(County)					
In-Kind Match (County)					
Net Fiscal Impact	\$0	\$0	\$156,251	\$156,251	\$156,251
# Additional FTE					
Positions	2				
(Cumulative)					
Is Item Included in Current Budget:	YES		NO	X	
Budget Account No.:	Fund 1152	Agency 160	Org 2164	Object 3129	
Reporting Category					

### B. Recommended Sources of Funds / Summary of Fiscal Impact:

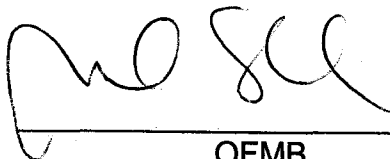
The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Data-Driven Problem-Oriented Policing Strategy is funded by the Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs Smart Policing Demonstration Initiative grant. There is no match requirement associated with this award. Two new PBSO allocations are created with this action. No additional County funds are required.

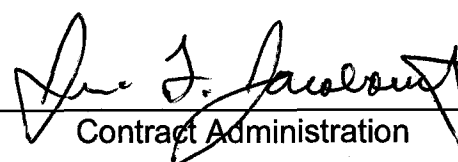
Figures for FY2012 through FY2014 are based on projected salaries and benefits for the two positions.

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Data-Driven Problem-Oriented Policing Strategy	\$500,000
Total Program Budget	\$500,000

## III. REVIEW COMMENTS

### A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

  
OFMB 10/26/09

  
Contract Administration 10/27/09

10/26/09 CN 10/26/09

### B. Legal Sufficiency:

  
Assistant County Attorney 10/27/09

### C. Other Department Review:

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Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA  
BUDGET AMENDMENT

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FUND 1152 - Sheriff's Grants Fund

Use this form to provide budget for items not anticipated in the budget.

ACCT.NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	ORIGINAL BUDGET	CURRENT BUDGET	INCREASE	DECREASE	ADJUSTED BUDGET	EXPENDED/ ENCUMBERED	REMAINING BALANCE
<b>Revenues</b>								
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Data-Driven Problem-Oriented Policing Strategy								
160-2164-3129	Federal Grant - Other Public Safety	0	0	500,000		500,000		
	<b><u>TOTAL REVENUES</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>		
<b>Expenditures</b>								
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Data-Driven Problem-Oriented Policing Strategy								
160-2164-9498	Transfer to Sheriff's Grant Fund	0	0	500,000		500,000		
	<b><u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u></b>	<b>0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>		

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

INITIATING DEPARTMENT/DIVISION

Administration/Budget Department Approval

OFMB Department - Posted

Signatures

Date

By Board of County Commissioners  
At Meeting of November 3, 2009

Deputy Clerk to the  
Board of County Commissioners



Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs

Office of the Assistant Attorney General

Washington, D.C. 20531

September 16, 2009

Sheriff Ric Bradshaw  
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
3228 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406-3001

Dear Sheriff Bradshaw:

On behalf of Attorney General Eric Holder, it is my pleasure to inform you that the Office of Justice Programs has approved your application for funding under the FY 09 Smart Policing: Evidence-Based Law Enforcement: Smart Policing Demonstration Initiative in the amount of \$500,000 for Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

Enclosed you will find the Grant Award and Special Conditions documents. This award is subject to all administrative and financial requirements, including the timely submission of all financial and programmatic reports, resolution of all interim audit findings, and the maintenance of a minimum level of cash-on-hand. Should you not adhere to these requirements, you will be in violation of the terms of this agreement and the award will be subject to termination for cause or other administrative action as appropriate.

If you have questions regarding this award, please contact:

- Program Questions, Naydine Fulton-Jones, Program Manager at (202) 514-6661; and
- Financial Questions, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer, Customer Service Center (CSC) at (800) 458-0786, or you may contact the CSC at [ask.ocfo@usdoj.gov](mailto:ask.ocfo@usdoj.gov).

Congratulations, and we look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mary Lou Leary", is positioned above the typed name.

Mary Lou Leary  
Acting Assistant Attorney General

Enclosures



**Department of Justice**  
**Office of Justice Programs**  
**Office for Civil Rights**

*Washington, D.C. 20531*

September 16, 2009

Sheriff Ric Bradshaw  
Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
3228 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406-3001

Dear Sheriff Bradshaw:

Congratulations on your recent award. In establishing financial assistance programs, Congress linked the receipt of Federal funding to compliance with Federal civil rights laws. The Office for Civil Rights (OCR), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), U.S. Department of Justice is responsible for ensuring that recipients of financial aid from OJP, its component offices and bureaus, the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) comply with applicable Federal civil rights statutes and regulations. We at OCR are available to help you and your organization meet the civil rights requirements that come with Justice Department funding.

**Ensuring Access to Federally Assisted Programs**

As you know, Federal laws prohibit recipients of financial assistance from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, or disability in funded programs or activities, not only in respect to employment practices but also in the delivery of services or benefits. Federal law also prohibits funded programs or activities from discriminating on the basis of age in the delivery of services or benefits.

**Providing Services to Limited English Proficiency (LEP) Individuals**

In accordance with Department of Justice Guidance pertaining to Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 42 U.S.C. § 2000d, recipients of Federal financial assistance must take reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to their programs and activities for persons with limited English proficiency (LEP). For more information on the civil rights responsibilities that recipients have in providing language services to LEP individuals, please see the website at <http://www.lep.gov>.

**Ensuring Equal Treatment for Faith-Based Organizations**

The Department of Justice has published a regulation specifically pertaining to the funding of faith-based organizations. In general, the regulation, Participation in Justice Department Programs by Religious Organizations; Providing for Equal Treatment of all Justice Department Program Participants, and known as the Equal Treatment Regulation 28 C.F.R. part 38, requires State Administering Agencies to treat these organizations the same as any other applicant or recipient. The regulation prohibits State Administering Agencies from making award or grant administration decisions on the basis of an organization's religious character or affiliation, religious name, or the religious composition of its board of directors.

The regulation also prohibits faith-based organizations from using financial assistance from the Department of Justice to fund inherently religious activities. While faith-based organizations can engage in non-funded inherently religious activities, they must be held separately from the Department of Justice funded program, and customers or beneficiaries cannot be compelled to participate in them. The Equal Treatment Regulation also makes clear that organizations participating in programs funded by the Department of Justice are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of a beneficiary's religion. For more information on the regulation, please see OCR's website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr/etfbo.htm>.

State Administering Agencies and faith-based organizations should also note that the Safe Streets Act, as amended; the Victims of Crime Act, as amended; and the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act, as amended, contain prohibitions against discrimination on the basis of religion in employment. Despite these nondiscrimination provisions, the Justice Department has concluded that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) is reasonably construed, on a case-by-case basis, to require that its funding agencies permit faith-based organizations applying for funding under the applicable program statutes both to receive DOJ funds and to continue considering religion when hiring staff, even if the statute that authorizes the funding program generally forbids considering of religion in employment decisions by grantees.

Questions about the regulation or the application of RFRA to the statutes that prohibit discrimination in employment may be directed to this Office.

## Enforcing Civil Rights Laws

All recipients of Federal financial assistance, regardless of the particular funding source, the amount of the grant award, or the number of employees in the workforce, are subject to the prohibitions against unlawful discrimination. Accordingly, OCR investigates recipients that are the subject of discrimination complaints from both individuals and groups. In addition, based on regulatory criteria, OCR selects a number of recipients each year for compliance reviews, audits that require recipients to submit data showing that they are providing services equitably to all segments of their service population and that their employment practices meet equal employment opportunity standards.

## Complying with the Safe Streets Act or Program Requirements

In addition to these general prohibitions, an organization which is a recipient of financial assistance subject to the nondiscrimination provisions of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act (Safe Streets Act) of 1968, 42 U.S.C. § 3789d(c), or other Federal grant program requirements, must meet two additional requirements: (1) complying with Federal regulations pertaining to the development of an Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (EEOP), 28 C.F.R. § 42.301-.308, and (2) submitting to OCR Findings of Discrimination (see 28 C.F.R. §§ 42.205(5) or 31.202(5)).

### 1) Meeting the EEOP Requirement

In accordance with Federal regulations, Assurance No. 6 in the Standard Assurances, COPS Assurance No. 8.B, or certain Federal grant program requirements, your organization must comply with the following EEOP reporting requirements:

If your organization has received an award for \$500,000 or more and has 50 or more employees (counting both full- and part-time employees but excluding political appointees), then it has to prepare an EEOP and submit it to OCR for review **within 60 days from the date of this letter**. For assistance in developing an EEOP, please consult OCR's website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr/eeop.htm>. You may also request technical assistance from an EEOP specialist at OCR by dialing (202) 616-3208.

If your organization received an award between \$25,000 and \$500,000 and has 50 or more employees, your organization still has to prepare an EEOP, but it does not have to submit the EEOP to OCR for review. Instead, your organization has to maintain the EEOP on file and make it available for review on request. In addition, your organization has to complete Section B of the Certification Form and return it to OCR. The Certification Form can be found at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr/eeop.htm>.

If your organization received an award for less than \$25,000; or if your organization has less than 50 employees, regardless of the amount of the award; or if your organization is a medical institution, educational institution, nonprofit organization or Indian tribe, then your organization is exempt from the EEOP requirement. However, your organization must complete Section A of the Certification Form and return it to OCR. The Certification Form can be found at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr/eeop.htm>.

### 2) Submitting Findings of Discrimination

In the event a Federal or State court or Federal or State administrative agency makes an adverse finding of discrimination against your organization after a due process hearing, on the ground of race, color, religion, national origin, or sex, your organization must submit a copy of the finding to OCR for review.

## Ensuring the Compliance of Subrecipients

If your organization makes subawards to other agencies, you are responsible for assuring that subrecipients also comply with all of the applicable Federal civil rights laws, including the requirements pertaining to developing and submitting an EEOP, reporting Findings of Discrimination, and providing language services to LEP persons. State agencies that make subawards must have in place standard grant assurances and review procedures to demonstrate that they are effectively monitoring the civil rights compliance of subrecipients.


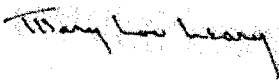
If we can assist you in any way in fulfilling your civil rights responsibilities as a recipient of Federal funding, please call OCR at (202) 307-0690 or visit our website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ocr/>.

Sincerely,



Michael L. Alston  
Director

cc: Grant Manager  
Financial Analyst

 <div>Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs <b>Bureau of Justice Assistance</b></div>	<b>Grant</b>	PAGE 1 OF 3
1. RECIPIENT NAME AND ADDRESS (Including Zip Code) Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office 3228 Gun Club Road West Palm Beach, FL 33406-3001	4. AWARD NUMBER: 2009-DG-BX-0121	
	5. PROJECT PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2009 TO 09/30/2011 BUDGET PERIOD: FROM 10/01/2009 TO 09/30/2011	
	6. AWARD DATE 09/16/2009	7. ACTION Initial
1A. GRANTEE IRS/VENDOR NO. 596000786	8. SUPPLEMENT NUMBER 00	
	9. PREVIOUS AWARD AMOUNT \$ 0	
3. PROJECT TITLE Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Data-Driven Problem-Oriented Policing Strategy	10. AMOUNT OF THIS AWARD \$ 500,000	
	11. TOTAL AWARD \$ 500,000	
12. SPECIAL CONDITIONS THE ABOVE GRANT PROJECT IS APPROVED SUBJECT TO SUCH CONDITIONS OR LIMITATIONS AS ARE SET FORTH ON THE ATTACHED PAGE(S).		
13. STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR GRANT This project is supported under FY09 (BJA – JAG carve-out) 42 USC 3756(b)		
15. METHOD OF PAYMENT PAPRS		
<div>AGENCY APPROVAL</div> <div>GRANTEE ACCEPTANCE</div>		
16. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL Mary Lou Leary Acting Assistant Attorney General	18. TYPED NAME AND TITLE OF AUTHORIZED GRANTEE OFFICIAL Ric Bradshaw Sheriff	
17. SIGNATURE OF APPROVING OFFICIAL 	19. SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED RECIPIENT OFFICIAL	19A. DATE
<div>AGENCY USE ONLY</div>		
20. ACCOUNTING CLASSIFICATION CODES FISCAL FUND BUD. DIV. YEAR CODE ACT. OFC. REG. SUB. POMS AMOUNT X B DG 80 00 00 500000		21. IDGUGT5245



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AWARD DATE 09/16/2009

***SPECIAL CONDITIONS***

1. The recipient agrees to comply with the financial and administrative requirements set forth in the current edition of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Financial Guide.
2. The recipient acknowledges that failure to submit an acceptable Equal Employment Opportunity Plan (if recipient is required to submit one pursuant to 28 C.F.R. Section 42.302), that is approved by the Office for Civil Rights, is a violation of its Certified Assurances and may result in suspension or termination of funding, until such time as the recipient is in compliance.
3. The recipient agrees to comply with the organizational audit requirements of OMB Circular A-133, Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations, and further understands and agrees that funds may be withheld, or other related requirements may be imposed, if outstanding audit issues (if any) from OMB Circular A-133 audits (and any other audits of OJP grant funds) are not satisfactorily and promptly addressed, as further described in the current edition of the OJP Financial Guide, Chapter 19.
4. Recipient understands and agrees that it cannot use any federal funds, either directly or indirectly, in support of the enactment, repeal, modification or adoption of any law, regulation or policy, at any level of government, without the express prior written approval of OJP.
5. The recipient must promptly refer to the DOJ OIG any credible evidence that a principal, employee, agent, contractor, subgrantee, subcontractor, or other person has either 1) submitted a false claim for grant funds under the False Claims Act; or 2) committed a criminal or civil violation of laws pertaining to fraud, conflict of interest, bribery, gratuity, or similar misconduct involving grant funds. This condition also applies to any subrecipients. Potential fraud, waste, abuse, or misconduct should be reported to the OIG by -

mail:

Office of the Inspector General  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Investigations Division  
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.  
Room 4706  
Washington, DC 20530

e-mail: [oig.hotline@usdoj.gov](mailto:oig.hotline@usdoj.gov)

hotline: (contact information in English and Spanish): (800) 869-4499

or hotline fax: (202) 616-9881

Additional information is available from the DOJ OIG website at [www.usdoj.gov/oig](http://www.usdoj.gov/oig).





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***SPECIAL CONDITIONS***

6. The recipient agrees to submit to BJA for review and approval any curricula, training materials, proposed publications, reports, or any other written materials that will be published, including web-based materials and web site content, through funds from this grant at least thirty (30) working days prior to the targeted dissemination date. Any written, visual, or audio publications, with the exception of press releases, whether published at the grantee's or government's expense, shall contain the following statements: "This project was supported by Grant No. 2009-DG-BX-0121 awarded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance. The Bureau of Justice Assistance is a component of the Office of Justice Programs, which also includes the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the National Institute of Justice, the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, the SMART Office, and the Office for Victims of Crime. Points of view or opinions in this document are those of the author and do not represent the official position or policies of the United States Department of Justice." The current edition of the OJP Financial Guide provides guidance on allowable printing and publication activities.
7. The recipient agrees to cooperate with any assessments, national evaluation efforts, or information or data collection requests, including, but not limited to, the provision of any information required for the assessment or evaluation of any activities within this project.
8. All contracts under this award should be competitively awarded unless circumstances preclude competition. When a contract amount exceeds \$100,000 and there has been no competition for the award, the recipient must comply with rules governing sole source procurement found in the current edition of the OJP Financial Guide.
9. Approval of this award does not indicate approval of any consultant rate in excess of \$450 per day. A detailed justification must be submitted to and approved by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) program office prior to obligation or expenditure of such funds.
10. No portion of these federal grant funds shall be used towards any part of the annual cash compensation of any employee of the grantee whose total annual cash compensation exceeds 110% of the maximum salary payable to a member of the Federal government's Senior Executive Service at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year.  
  
This prohibition may be waived on an individual basis at the discretion of the Assistant Attorney General for OJP.
11. The recipient may not obligate, expend or draw down funds until the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO) has approved the budget and budget narrative and a Grant Adjustment Notice (GAN) has been issued to remove this special condition.



**Department of Justice**  
**Office of Justice Programs**  
*Bureau of Justice Assistance*

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Washington, D.C. 20531

**Memorandum To:** Official Grant File

**From:** Maria A. Berry, NEPA Coordinator

**Subject:** Categorical Exclusion for Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office

The National Initiative: Smart Policing: Evidence-Based Law Enforcement Initiative helps improve criminal justice systems and provides national programs and efforts, such as training and technical assistance, to address the needs of state and local justice systems and communities. Awards under this program will be used to develop national demonstration, training, and technical assistance programs.

None of the following activities will be conducted whether under the Office of Justice Programs federal action or a related third party action:

- (1) New construction.
- (2) Renovation or remodeling of a property either (a) listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places or (b) located within a 100-year flood plain.
- (3) A renovation which will change the basic prior use of a facility or significantly change its size.
- (4) Research and technology whose anticipated and future application could be expected to have an effect on the environment.
- (5) Implementation of a program involving the use of chemicals.

Consequently, the subject federal action meets the Office of Justice Programs' criteria for a categorical exclusion as contained in paragraph 4(b) of Appendix D to Part 61 of the Code of Federal Regulations. Additionally, the proposed action is neither a phase nor a segment of a project which when reviewed in its entirety would not meet the criteria for a categorical exclusion.



Department of Justice  
Office of Justice Programs  
Bureau of Justice Assistance

**GRANT MANAGER'S MEMORANDUM, PT. I:  
PROJECT SUMMARY**

**Grant**

PROJECT NUMBER

2009-DG-BX-0121

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This project is supported under FY09 (BJA – JAG carve-out) 42 USC 3756(b)

**1. STAFF CONTACT (Name & telephone number)**

Naydine Fulton-Jones  
(202) 514-6661

**2. PROJECT DIRECTOR (Name, address & telephone number)**

Janet Cid  
Planner  
3228 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406-3001  
(561) 688-3257

**3a. TITLE OF THE PROGRAM**

BJA FY 09 Smart Policing: Evidence-Based Law Enforcement: Smart Policing Demonstration Initiative

**3b. POMS CODE (SEE INSTRUCTIONS  
ON REVERSE)**

**4. TITLE OF PROJECT**

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Data-Driven Problem-Oriented Policing Strategy

**5. NAME & ADDRESS OF GRANTEE**

Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office  
3228 Gun Club Road  
West Palm Beach, FL 33406-3001

**6. NAME & ADDRESS OF SUBGRANTEE**

**7. PROGRAM PERIOD**

FROM: 10/01/2009 TO: 09/30/2011

**8. BUDGET PERIOD**

FROM: 10/01/2009 TO: 09/30/2011

**9. AMOUNT OF AWARD**

\$ 500,000

**10. DATE OF AWARD**

09/16/2009

**11. SECOND YEAR'S BUDGET**

**12. SECOND YEAR'S BUDGET AMOUNT**

**13. THIRD YEAR'S BUDGET PERIOD**

**14. THIRD YEAR'S BUDGET AMOUNT**

**15. SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT (See instruction on reverse)**

This program is funded under both the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Competitive Program) and the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. Authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. L. 111-8), the Byrne Competitive Program helps local communities improve the capacity of state and local justice systems and provides for national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs. The JAG Program (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions, and JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system.

The Smart Policing Initiative seeks to build upon the concepts of “offender-based” and “place-based” policing and broaden the knowledge of effective policing strategies. The most convincing research demonstrates that “place-based” or “hotspot” policing reduces violent crime and neighborhood disorder. This initiative address the need for effective policing that requires a tightly focused, collaborative approach that is measurable, based on sound, detailed analysis and includes policies and procedures for accountability.

The Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office (PBSO) will implement a data-driven problem-oriented policing strategy to significantly reduce the number of robberies and opportunistic crimes occurring within the city and unincorporated area of Lake Worth. The goals are to empower the immigrant community with knowledge and education to prevent them from being victims of crime and encourage them to report crimes; address “quality of life” issues such as loitering, public alcohol consumption, noise violations, and abandoned properties which contribute to violent crimes; create a proactive intervention team to track and apprehend robbery suspects and respond to “quality of life” issues; and evaluate program impact. PBSO will partner with Florida State University Center for Criminology and Public Policy Research to collect data, develop realistic performance/outcome measures and evaluate program impact.

CA/NCF