

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Detective Matthew L. Tarentino Community Policing Grant

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, the New Jersey Office of the Attorney General announces the availability of the following grant program funds:

- I. Name of the program:** Detective Matthew L. Tarentino Community Policing Grant.
- II. Purpose:** The purpose of Detective Matthew L. Tarentino Community Policing Grant (“Grant Program”) is to aid police departments who wish to enhance and improve relationships with their communities through community policing. This Grant Program will fund multiple community policing projects across the State that will promote positive interactions between police and the people they serve.
- III. Background:** Community policing fosters relationships of collaboration, trust, and understanding between law enforcement agencies and their communities. Law enforcement agencies acting alone can rarely solve the difficult public safety problems facing their communities in today’s world. Only with meaningful public support and engagement can law enforcement agencies begin to confront these complex issues and effectively protect and serve their communities.

This Grant Program is offered in honor of Detective Matthew L. Tarentino of the

Summit Police Department. Detective Tarentino was a loved and respected member of his community and a role model for all. He was passionate about the Summit Police Department's robust community outreach programs, particularly its D.A.R.E. program. As a testament to his immeasurable efforts and dedication, the Summit Police Department was a 2017 recipient of the Attorney General's Outstanding Community Policing Award. To commemorate Detective Tarentino's badge number, #121, the Attorney General is making \$121,000 in State forfeiture funds available to support this grant program.

IV. Available funding and period of performance: Approximately \$121,000. Individual applicants can receive awards of up to \$10,000. Awards will be made on a competitive basis and are contingent upon the availability of funding. The number of awards available and the total amount of awards depends upon the number of applications received and the funding amounts requested by each applicant. The Office of the Attorney General reserves the right to decline any and all applications for funding and to award grants in amounts that may be other than requested. Awards may also be based upon consideration of the following:

- Geographic area to be served by the program;
- Municipal and County population;
- Number of persons to be served by the program; and
- Uniform Crime Rates

For successful applicants, funding under this Grant Program will be disbursed on a reimbursement basis after all purchases are made. The total reimbursement amount

may not exceed the recipient's total award amount. Cost overages are the sole responsibility of the recipient. Prior to reimbursement, recipients will be required to provide sufficient proof of purchase and payment (*i.e.* receipts, purchase orders, payment vouchers, invoices etc.).

Funds provided under this Grant Program are for activities or programs occurring from **August 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017**. Recipients will not be reimbursed for purchases made outside of this grant period.

- V. Organizations which may apply for funding under this program:** New Jersey State, County, and Municipal police departments, Sheriff's Offices, and College Campus police departments are eligible to apply.
- VI. Qualifications needed by an applicant to be considered for funding:** New Jersey County and Municipal police departments must be subdivisions of local units of government. Applicants need not have previous experience with Community Policing initiatives. Applicants can already have existing Community Policing programs or can develop a new initiative. Applicants must be in good standing with all State and Federal agencies with which they have existing grant or contractual relationships.
- VII. Procedures for eligible organizations to apply:** Applications are available on the Office of the Attorney General's website at: <http://nj.gov/oag/grants.htm>. Applicants must e-mail their completed applications to CommunityPolicingGrant@njoag.gov by the submission deadline with a subject line that includes "Community Policing Application" and the applicant's name (ex: "City of George Community Policing Application"). Applications that do not comply with the requirements of this NOAF or application

instructions and requirements will not be considered.

Applications consist of the following, which the applicant shall complete and submit to the Office of the Attorney General for review:

- A. Applicant Information Form
- B. Program Narrative
- C. Budget with Budget Narratives
- D. Budget Summary
- E. Application Authorization

Applicants should submit proposals to support community policing activities and programs. Applicants must demonstrate substantial law enforcement involvement in their proposed activity or program. Applicants may propose to enhance or expand an already existing activity or program or develop a new initiative. A list of allowable and unallowable costs is provided with the application instructions.

The Program Narrative portion of the application will be scored. Points will be allocated as follows:

- 1. Program Narrative (100 points)
 - a. Identified Need (25 Points)

Please identify and describe the specific need for the proposed community policing program in your community, the target population to be served, the number of citizens who will receive or participate in services, and the geographic area that your proposed program will impact.

b. Program Design and Implementation (55 Points)

Please explain your proposed community policing program in detail and indicate how it will address the identified need. Explain how the program will be implemented, how the program will have substantial law enforcement involvement, and how the program will improve or enhance police/community trust and relationships. Please provide proposed activity dates.

c. Partnership, Collaboration, and Coordination (15 Points)

Partnerships, collaborations, and coordination with community members and groups are strongly encouraged. Describe what community organizations, groups, or individuals were consulted and/or will be involved with your proposed program and their level of involvement. If you have not, or do not intend to collaborate or partner with any community organizations, please explain why this will not be necessary for program success.

d. Background, Experience, and Capability; Project Management and Staff (5 Points)

Please describe your police department's background and experience (if any) with police community programs, and your department's knowledge and capability to carry out the proposed program. If your department has no prior experience with police community programs, please explain why. Please also identify all program management and staff.

VIII. Address of the State agency receiving the application:

Office of the Attorney General

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex

25 Market Street

P.O. Box 081

Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0085

CommunityPolicingGrant@njoag.gov

(Applications should not be physically mailed, they should be sent via electronic mail to the e-mail address provided).

IX. Deadline by which applications must be submitted: Applications must be completed and received **before 4:00 P.M., Monday, July 10, 2017.** Applications submitted after July 10, 2017 will not be accepted.

X. Date by which notices shall be mailed of approval or disapproval of applications: All applicants will be notified in writing on or about **August 1, 2017** if their proposed program will be funded.