



**GREENVILLE COUNTY, SOUTH CAROLINA
2023 JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM
PROPOSAL NARRATIVE**

LAW ENFORCEMENT AND JUDICIAL SUPPORT ENHANCEMENTS

Greenville County government is seeking a grant in the amount of \$150,024 for the objective of enhancing and continuing programs established in law enforcement and judicial support areas of the County. The primary goal of this project is to improve and/or augment services provided to the citizens of Greenville County by the law enforcement and judicial departments within the county government. **Law Enforcement and Judicial Support Enhancements** will provide for supplies, equipment, and training for the Forensics Division, equipment for the Sheriff's Office, and contractual funding for the continuation of the adult and juvenile drug court programs administered through the Solicitor's Office.

Upon award of grant funds, the County will acquire equipment, supplies, and services through the County's approved procurement process. All equipment is anticipated to be acquired and/or implemented within the first or second year of the project period. Once equipment is received by the County, any old equipment that is being replaced will be removed and disposed of and new equipment will be immediately installed. Training for equipment will occur immediately after the equipment is installed. The acquisition of contractual services will be an ongoing purchase throughout the project as long as funds remain.

The County's Office of Management and Budget will be responsible for coordination of all progress and financial reports of the grant. Reports will be submitted according to the

Department of Justice guidelines.

The project identifiers for the proposed grant activities are:

1. Forensics Science
2. Drug Courts
3. Equipment - General

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – FORENSIC DIVISION

The Department of Public Safety Forensic Division is requesting \$50,008 in support of law enforcement services. The funds will be used for supplies and equipment.

A total of \$28,008 of the funds will also be utilized for the purchase of chemicals, supplies and equipment for all sections of the Forensics Division: Drug Lab, Firearms Lab, Crime Scene Section, Latent Print Section, and Property and Evidence Section. A total of \$12,000 will be used to purchase equipment for the division. This includes the purchase of a two door large capacity freezer to provide adequate storage of evidence recovered at crime scenes which must be stored below -33 degrees. Adding another freezer allows the Division to remain compliant with accreditation and ensures the proper storage of physical evidence. A total of \$10,000 will be used for training for the Forensics Division. The Forensic Division utilizes commissioned police officers in specialized areas such as the Crime Scene Section and the Latent Print Section. Each employee must complete mandatory training during a three-year law enforcement accreditation cycle to maintain certification as a commissioned police officer. In addition to the required law enforcement training forensic officers require highly specialized training in such areas as Crime Scene Investigation and Reconstruction, Latent Print Development and Analysis, Bullet Trajectory, Blood Pattern Analysis, Forensic Photography, and Homicide/Forensic Death

Investigations. These topics are not typically offered at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and must be sought through outside sources. In most cases these classes are cost prohibitive in terms of tuition and/or travel expense. Funding would be used to seek specialized training for identified personnel.

Goals, objectives, and performance measures of the project include:

- Goal 1: Provide operational support of the Forensic Division to include the purchase of supplies and equipment to maintain accreditation standards
 - Objective 1: Provide operational support of the Forensic Division Laboratory.
 - Performance Measure: List of supplies/equipment purchased, location, and purpose.
- Goal 2: Provide operational support of the Property and Evidence Section to include the purchase and installation of a two door large capacity freezer to store evidence at mandated temperatures
 - Objective 2: Provide freezer unit to maintain evidence recovered at crime scenes according to accreditation standards.
 - Performance Measure: Purchase freezer unit for Property & Evidence and document evidence storage.
- Goal 3: Provide funds for specialized training for Forensic Division personnel as required by law enforcement certification and accreditation standards
 - Objective 3: Obtain specialized training for Forensic Division personnel.
 - Performance Measure: List of specialized training classes, location of training, and purpose of each class.

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

The Sheriff's Office is requesting \$50,008 to acquire equipment, including outer vest carriers and pouches. Project goals include acquiring the necessary equipment for the Sheriff's Office.

- Goal: To implement the use of gas masks and outer vest carriers for deputies.
 - Objective 1: To provide necessary equipment for officers
 - Performance Measures: List of equipment purchased

SOLICITOR'S OFFICE - DRUG COURT

The Solicitor's Office is requesting \$50,008 for the continuation of the Adult and Juvenile Drug Court Treatment programs. All referrals to the program must be approved by the Solicitor's Office. Drug Courts provide defendants the opportunity to recover from substance abuse disorders with the goal of reducing any future criminal activity. The adult and juvenile programs are multi-phase treatment programs that incorporate intensive substance abuse counseling, judicial supervision, and random drug testing. Each program targets nonviolent offenders charged with drug or drug related crimes. Participants must have a substance abuse diagnosis and be willing to participate in treatment. Each phase of the program requires individual, group, and family therapy sessions as well as community support groups. Upon entering the program, counseling and drug testing requirements are intense. As the participant demonstrates progress by completing treatment goals, the participant is advanced to the next phase of the program. Program requirements are gradually decreased as the participant moves to the next phase. In the event that the participant fails to adhere to the program requirements, increased judicial supervision and sanctions are issued.

If deemed eligible for the Adult Drug Court, offenders must plead guilty in Court and a sentence will be imposed. The sentence will be suspended under the condition that the offender

completes the Drug Court program. The program lasts minimum of 18 months. Successful completion of the program will result in the satisfaction of the sentence. To be eligible for the Juvenile Drug Court, the offender must be between the ages of 12-18 and charged as a juvenile. The parent or guardian must also agree to participate in the program with the juvenile. The program lasts a minimum of 12 months. Successful completion of the program will result in the dismissal of the charge(s). The funding will be used for drug testing and for part-time licensed counselors who will conduct weekly group counseling sessions.

Goals of the project include:

- Goal: The project goal is to increase the number of graduates from each program.
 - Objective: Increase graduates from each program.
 - Performance Measure: Number of applicants accepted into the program, number of successful completions.



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BUDGET NARRATIVE**

TRAVEL

Department of Public Safety – Forensics Division

The Forensics Division is requesting \$10,000 for training for various sections of the division. The Forensic Division utilizes commissioned police officers in specialized areas such as the Crime Scene Section and the Latent Print Section. Each employee must complete mandatory training during a three-year law enforcement accreditation cycle to maintain certification as a commissioned police officer. In addition to the required law enforcement training forensic officers require highly specialized training in such areas as Crime Scene Investigation and Reconstruction, Latent Print Development and Analysis, Bullet Trajectory, Blood Pattern Analysis, Forensic Photography, and Homicide/Forensic Death Investigations. These topics are not typically offered at the South Carolina Criminal Justice Academy and must be sought through outside sources. In most cases these classes are cost prohibitive in terms of tuition and/or travel expense. Funding would be used to seek specialized training for identified personnel.

EQUIPMENT

Sheriff's Office

The Sheriff's Office is requesting \$50,008 to acquire equipment, including gas masks and accessories and outer vest covers and pouches. This acquisition will allow the Sheriff's Office to replace necessary equipment.

Department of Public Safety – Forensic Division

The Department of Public Safety Forensic Division is requesting \$12,000 for equipment for Forensic Division personnel. Specifically, this includes the purchase of a two door large capacity freezer to provide adequate storage of evidence recovered at crime scenes which must be stored below -33 degrees. Adding another freezer allows the Division to remain compliant with accreditation and ensures the proper storage of physical evidence.

SUPPLIES

Department of Public Safety – Forensic Division

The Department of Public Safety Forensic Division is requesting \$28,008 in support of law enforcement services. The funds will be used for forensic supplies and operational items. Operational support of the Forensic Division will include the purchase of chemicals, supplies and operational items for all sections. Identified items and supplies will be utilized by the Drug Lab, Firearms Lab, Crime Scene Section, Latent Print Section, and Property and Evidence Section.

CONTRACTS

Solicitor's Office

The Solicitor's Office is requesting \$58,008 for contractual services (counseling services and drug testing) to continue the Adult and Juvenile Drug Court programs. Drug Courts provide defendants the opportunity to recover from substance abuse disorders with the goal of reducing any future criminal activity. The adult and juvenile programs are multi-phase treatment programs that incorporate intensive substance abuse counseling, judicial supervision, and random drug testing. Each program targets nonviolent offenders charged with drug or drug related crimes. Participants must have a substance abuse diagnosis and be willing to participate in treatment. Each phase of the program requires individual, group, and family therapy sessions as well as community support groups. Upon entering the program, counseling and drug testing requirements are intense. As the participant demonstrates progress by completing treatment goals, the participant is advanced to the next phase of the program. Program requirements are gradually decreased as the participant moves to the next phase. In the event that the participant fails to adhere to the program requirements, increased judicial supervision and sanctions are issued. If deemed eligible for the Adult Drug Court, offenders must plead guilty in Court and a sentence will be imposed. The sentence will be suspended under the condition that the offender completes the Drug Court program. The program lasts minimum of 18 months. Successful completion of the program will result in the satisfaction of the sentence. To be eligible for the Juvenile Drug Court, the offender must be between the ages of 12-17 and charged as a juvenile. The parent or guardian must also agree to participate in the program with the juvenile. The program lasts a minimum of 12 months. Successful completion of the program will result in the dismissal of the charge(s). The funding will be used for drug testing and for part-time licensed counselors who will conduct weekly group counseling sessions.

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BUDGET DETAIL**

Personnel	
N/A	-
Subtotal - Personnel	\$ -
Fringe Benefits	
N/A	-
Subtotal - Fringe Benefits	\$ -
Travel	
Training (Forensic Division)	10,000.00
Subtotal - Travel	\$ 10,000.00
Equipment	
Vest Carriers with Pouches (Sheriff)	50,008.00
Freezer (Forensics)	12,000.00
Subtotal - Equipment	\$ 62,008.00
Supplies	
Operational Support Items (Forensics Division)	28,008.00
Subtotal - Supplies	\$ 28,008.00
Contracts	
<i>Solicitor's Office</i>	
Contracts for Counseling Services	25,000.00
Contracts for Drug Testing	25,008.00
Subtotal - Contracts	50,008.00
Budget Summary	
Personnel	-
Fringe Benefits	-
Travel	10,000.00
Equipment	62,008.00
Supplies	28,008.00
Contracts	50,008.00
TOTAL PROJECT COSTS	150,024.00