

Public Notice

The City of Thornton is located seven miles north of the City and County of Denver. As the 6th largest city in the state, it has a population of 143,000 and growing

The Thornton Police Department (TPD) proposes to use the \$39,625 allocation to address technological and operational needs throughout the department. From the technological aspect, the Detective Division would utilize \$11,500 of the grant funds to improve conference room multimedia connectivity, install a projector, marker boards, a television and computer to facilitate large scale investigations and maintain communication with command posts and emergency operation centers. Additionally a computer, portable hard drive and portable camera system would be purchased to aid in investigations ranging from investigating child exploitation crimes to theft cases.

The requirements for this year's grant application are that all eligible units of local government applying for the local JAG awards must make the grant application available for review to the governing body of the local government unit not fewer than 30 days before the application is submitted to BJA. The City Manager along with City Council was provided this opportunity as required.

The Administration Division would utilized \$8,150 of the grant funds to purchase an Apple Pro Book laptop for recruitment and video editing as well as a kiosk in the lobby of headquarters to assist citizens in being able to file online reports, set up appointments with property/evidence and retrieve statistical crime data for locations within the city. Adding this technology would allow citizens who do not have a computer or internet access to file reports online as well as streamline appointment scheduling for property evidence.

Operationally, the department would utilize \$19,975 to purchase a fifth police canine along with the training, equipment and supplies to fully operationalize the canine. Currently, the department has four police canines in service and is seeking to utilize at one additional police canine to fall in line with the state averages. The department currently deploys two police canines to cover Sunday through Wednesday during the hours of 1000-0200 hours, and two police canines to cover Wednesday through Sunday during the hours of 1000-0200 hours. The department added two canines in 2017 and since deploying those two canines, there has been a significant increase in monthly usage and a significant decrease in requests for utilization of other agency canine assistance. Based on the data analyzed from deploying the additional canines in 2017, it is anticipated that the addition of the fifth canine will also increase utilization, alleviate the workload on the four canine's already in service, afford more time for training and allow for canine coverage on every shift.

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In addition, the police department must provide assurance that the application, or any future amendment was made public and an opportunity to comment is provided to citizens and to neighborhood or community organizations to the extent applicable by law or established procedures make such an opportunity available. Therefore, anyone wishing to comment on this application can call (720) 977-5020.