

## Federal Fiscal Year 2011 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program Announcement

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) anticipates an Award from the United States Department of Justice (USDOJ) for \$9,549,906 in Countywide Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funds. JAG blends the previous Byrne Formula Local Law Enforcement Block Grant (LLEBG) Programs to provide agencies with the flexibility to prioritize and place funds where they are most needed. This announcement is to notify eligible applicants of the program requirements. Based on the provisions of Chapter 11D-9 of the Florida Administrative Code, which governs the administration of these grant funds, the FDLE has allocated \$369,050 for all units of government within Pinellas County. The funds are to provide financial assistance to local units of government to implement projects that offer a high probability of preventing and controlling crime and improving the functioning of the criminal justice system. Please note that this amount is a decrease in funding from last year's allocation of \$469, 203. JAG funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support and information systems for criminal justice for any one or more of the following purpose areas: (1) law enforcement programs, (2) prosecution and court programs, (3) prevention and education programs, (4) corrections and community corrections programs, (5) drug treatment and enforcement programs, (6) planning, evaluation and technology improvement programs, and (7) crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation). Any law enforcement or justice initiative previously eligible for funding under Byrne or LLEBG is eligible for JAG funding.

**Ten (10) copies of the application must be received by the Department of Justice & Consumer Services on or before June 28, 2011, at 5:00 p.m.** No late applications will be accepted. The completed applications will be forwarded to the Grant Review Committee for evaluation, with funding recommendations to be announced at the July 12, 2011, Substance Abuse Advisory Board (SAAB) Meeting. Those applications approved for funding by the SAAB will then be submitted to the FDLE.

The Department of Justice & Consumer Services is the County's point of contact and will be responsible for preparing the County's application package, forwarding all applications approved by the SAAB to the FDLE, and completing the online submission process. The FDLE is responsible for the final review and grant award. For a detailed list of the Purpose Areas, please visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html). Should you have any questions or concerns, contact Marie Elam at (727) 464-6433 or [melam@pinellascounty.org](mailto:melam@pinellascounty.org).