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Alexander Ramirez
Chief of Police
Racine Police Department
730 Center St
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Dear Chief Ramirez,

I was recently notified by the U.S. Department of Justice that the City of Racine was awarded a Fiscal Year 2024 Edward Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) in the amount of \$35,519.00 (federal share).

For your reference, I have enclosed a copy of the grant award announcement that my office received from agency officials.

Congratulations on your JAG award. If I can ever be of assistance to you in the future, please do not hesitate to reach out. I am always happy to be of service to you.

On Wisconsin,

Bryan Steil
Representing Wisconsin's 1st District



Department of Justice (DOJ)

Office of Justice Programs

Office of Communications

Washington, D.C. 20530

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| AWARD NOTIFICATION | | Award Number: 15PBJA-24-GG-04982-JAGX | |
| Name and Address of Recipient: | | CITY OF RACINE 730 WASHINGTON AVE | |
| City, State and Zip: | | RACINE, WI 53403 | |
| Recipient Point of Contact: | | Megan Dudzik | |
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| Solicitation Title: BJA FY 24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - Local Solicitation | | | |
| Federal Award Amount: \$35,519.00 | | Federal Award Date: 12/5/24 | |
| Awarding Agency: | | Office of Justice Programs Bureau of Justice Assistance | |
| Award Type: | | Initial | |
| Statutory Authority: | | Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Part E, subpart 1 (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10151-10158); see also 28 U.S.C. 530C(a). | |
| Opportunity Category: Other | | Assistance Listing Number: 16.738 | |
| Project Period Start Date: 10/1/23 | | Project Period End Date: 9/30/27 | |

Project Description:

Under the 2024 JAG funding initiative, the residents of Racine County will enhance public safety and to increase local law enforcement preparedness. Under this effort, The Racine County Sheriff's Office will assign one full-time Deputy Sheriff to Court House, Law Enforcement Center, and Taylor Avenue security and security functions. All serious criminals arrested in Racine County are housed in the Racine County Jail and taken to courtrooms in both the County Court House and Law Enforcement Center for court proceedings. Juveniles are transported from the Taylor Avenue location as well as child support courtrooms are located here as well. As a result of past incidents involving gunfire outside of these locations, the members of the Racine County Sheriff's Office are committed to increasing security and enhancing public safety in and around the these facilities.

Additionally, the City of Racine Police Department will enhance crime prevention, neighborhood safety and crime reduction by purchasing equipment for the Violent Crimes Task Force investigators. The City of Racine is experiencing homicides, gun crimes and overdose cases. With advances in technology, we seek to purchase software to assist detectives in their investigations by investing in Cellebrite forensic software. Many of our violent crimes and opioid cases have been solved via cellphone forensic software.

For more information about this award, please contact the OJP Office of Communications at 202-307-0703 or OJP.OCOM@ojp.usdoj.gov.