

The City of Kenner
Department of Community Development

2009 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance
Grant (JAG)

Grant Application



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Overview of the JAG Program

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

The Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program awards are authorized by the 42 U.S.C. § 3751(a). Applicants for JAG Local awards are limited to units of local government appearing on the FY 2009 JAG Allocations List. The City of Kenner has been approved for local JAG awards for the past 10 years. The 2009 allocation awarded to the City of Kenner is \$42, 536.00.

Public Review and Comment

The City of Kenner, through publication is publishing its grant application and giving citizen the opportunity to review and comment. The summary of the proposed amendment is as follows. The detailed amendment by program year is available for review at the City of Kenner Community Development Department, 2100 Richard Wilson Drive (formerly 3rd Street) Kenner, LA 70062.

In accordance with federal guidelines, the City of Kenner is publishing this summary of its 2009 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG Program grant application for 2009 on its website Monday, July 6 and issuing a public notice in the local newspaper on Tuesday, July 14 so that affected citizens have the opportunity to examine its contents. All comments received will be considered prior to submitting the final narrative summary of public comment period to the Justice Department. The Grant application is available for review by the public at the City of Kenner Community Development Office Monday – Friday 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. thru August 10, 2009. All interested persons, agencies and groups wishing to comment can call Arleeta Terrell, Director, Community Development Department at 504-468-7588 or submit in writing their comments and concerns to the City of Kenner Community Development Department, 2100 3rd Street, Kenner, La. 70062.

CITY OF KENNER
FY 2009 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
& BUDGET DETAIL

The City of Kenner's Operation II Smart is a youth crime prevention and education program focusing on children in grades 2-8. It is administered through the department of Community Development.

Crime prevention is a primary component of our proposed programming, including anti-crime and anti-drug training, conflict resolution skills and other relevant topics. Tutoring will also be a part of the daily program. All programming will be conducted after school – a traditionally high-risk time period for crime by youths who are often not supervised by a working parent(s) at this time of day.

The programming will be carried out at three City owned Community Resource Centers, namely the Annie Washington Resource center, the Martin Luther King Community Center and the Hispanic resource center. Each facility is in close proximity to local schools and our program design will be delivered in collaboration with local law enforcement, i.e. the City of Kenner police department, an area faith-based organization, local and State social service providers and parents.

This program will directly benefit the City of Kenner and its citizen's long term. It will counsel, educate and assist at-risk youth in achieving higher grades in school and achieving a higher level of awareness and information relating to crime, crime prevention and drug abuse education. It will increase the probability of participating youth not engaging in future criminal activities, which will aid to avoid criminal associates as they grow and mature.

The need for the continued funding of the Operation II Smart program is expanding as this community continues to experience the fall-out of Hurricane Katrina. Many households in the targeted neighborhoods are still displaced and high rent cost continue to financially burden the households. Households are faced with increased rent and absent parents from the home because of the need to hold down multiple jobs. These factors result in the lack of needed supervision of youth during those critical after school hours. The lives of these children are in personal turmoil, as many homes have less than the required number of bedrooms and there is no space, privacy or quiet surroundings to successfully complete their homework.

The funds received will be used to pay the salaries of certified teachers at \$20.00 per hour; teaching assistants at \$12.00 per hour, and contracted services for special lectures, hand on exercises and a 6 week lesson on crime prevention and drug abuse by community partners. A small portion of the funds will be used for supplies and materials necessary in support of the programs. The funds allocated for contracted services will be used to pay our "Community partners" who are professional organizations and law enforcement personnel providing drug

prevention /education activities, guest lectures, supplies and materials necessary in support of the programs.

We have included an in-kind match on the application for the use of our city owned facilities including computers, our staff, and also a “local” in-kind match for the general fund dollars used to pay for staffing at the (3) three after school sites.

The proposed budget is as follows:

Operation II Smart 2009 budget	
Teachers/	\$ 32, 200.00
Teacher Aides	
Contracted Services	7,536.00
Supplies & Materials	<u>2,800.00</u>
TOTAL	\$42,536.00