

Recovery Act: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant

The following items will be purchased should the Tomah Police Department be awarded \$19,151.00 from the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant:

Mutual Aid Radio Communications (MARC) Radio Update

Primary Purpose area – Improve communications interoperability through improved/new radio technology.

Currently the Tomah Police Department has MARC channels located in its squad cars. Along with the MARC channels the Police Department has equipped all of its patrol cars with the required IFERN / IFERN 2 channels to communicate with other Emergency Services during a disaster or other time of need. The Tomah Police Department is the back up Public Answering Safety Point (PSAP) for the Monroe County Communications Center. However, at the present time the Tomah Police Department does not have any MARC communications system implemented in-house that can be used when it may be needed as the backup PSAP. The Tomah Police Department is requesting \$3,590.00 to be used towards purchasing MARC 1 and MARC 2 base station radios. These radios will allow the Monroe County Communications Center MARC 1 and MARC 2 communications when the need would arise to use our facility as the PSAP. The cost associated with this project is State of Wisconsin contracted prices for this equipment.

Although the money used to purchase these radios will not be preserving or creating jobs within the Tomah Police Department, the money is being spent locally thus stimulating the economy. The vendor for this program, Communication Services, is a company located in Wisconsin. Communication Services is contracted to work on the radio systems for the Tomah Police Department. The money provided to Communications Services for their labor will be preserving work for their company. A portion of the monies spent will be used to pay for their services, as well as the purchase of the base radios. The money spent for the radios will ultimately be paid to the manufacture thus stimulating the economy in the manufacturing industry.

Microsoft Office 2007 Standard Edition

Primary Purpose area – Improve the current computer technology software.

The Tomah Police Department is currently using several different Microsoft Office software systems throughout the Police Department. Several of these office systems date back to 2000 and have not been updated. At times, because of the differences in software, the computer systems are not compatible. Recently the Tomah Police Department installed a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VOIP) phone system. To take full advantage of this system an updated version of Outlook (which is part of MS 2007 Standard package) is needed. The Tomah Police Department will be purchasing Microsoft Office 2007 Standard Edition for 30 computers. This includes the computers

located in the police station as well as the Mobile Data Computers (MDC's) located in the police vehicles. The total cost of this project will be \$6,970.00. The cost associated with this project is State of Wisconsin contracted prices for this equipment.

Although the money used to purchase this software will not be preserving or creating jobs within the Tomah Police Department a portion of the money is being spent locally thus stimulating the economy. When the software is received, a local Information Technology Specialist will be loading the software on our systems. The IT Specialist is a contracted employee with the City of Tomah. The money paid to him will be stimulating and preserving his employment and his local Computer Technology business. The software will be purchased from CDW-G. CDW-G is a leading provider of technology products and services for business, government and education. The corporate offices of CDW-G are located in Illinois. However, CDW-G has regional representatives, shipping/receiving warehouses, and offices located through the United States. The money used to purchase the software will both stimulate CDW-G's business and the Microsoft Company.

Prescription Drug Drop Off Program

Primary Purpose area – Prevention program, drug treatment and enforcement program

During the later part of 2008 the Tomah Police Department conducted an investigation involving the illegal distribution and use of prescription drugs. During the course of the investigation, investigators purchased Oxycontin, Vicodin, Morphine and Sudoxone along with small amounts of Cocaine, Heroin and Marijuana. On January 16, 2009 the investigation concluded with the issuance of thirty-three arrest warrants, six search warrants and orders for the seizure of six motor vehicles. The investigation involved a multi-jurisdictional enforcement effort comprised of officers from the Tomah Police Department, the Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigations, the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, the Sparta Police Department, the Sauk County Sheriff's Department, and the Wisconsin State Patrol. As a result of this investigation the community became aware of a growing problem across the United States involving prescription drugs. With a growing concern for the misuse of prescription medication, and the overflowing medicine cabinets in the community, the Tomah Police Department partnered with Tomah Memorial Hospital co-sponsoring an Unwanted Medicine/Drug Drop Off Day to be held in April 2009. The Tomah Police Department is currently working on becoming a permanent site for the disposal and drop off site of unwanted medications and prescriptions. Included in this program will be the need to have a secure drop off container, similar to a post office mailbox, located outside of the Police Department. The cost of this will be \$1500.00.

The Prescription Drug Drop Off Program will be used to preserve positions within the Tomah Police Department. Officers have been assigned to research, develop and implement this program. Specifically, the money for this program will be used to

purchase the drop off container. The drugs taken in from this program will be transferred to the LaCrosse County Hazardous Waste Disposal Center. The Tomah Police Department will be paying the disposal center to destroy the products that are dropped off. This in turn increases productivity and stimulates revenue to the disposal center.

Tomah Police Department Canine Program

Primary Purpose Areas – Law Enforcement program, Prevention and education program, Drug enforcement program.

The Tomah Police Departments current K9, Sierra, will be retiring in mid 2009. K9 Sierra is a multi-purpose K9 working to locate drugs, able to track suspects and provide safety to the officers when dealing with a combative subject. The Tomah Police Department will be replacing K9 Sierra with a similar dog. The estimated cost to replace K9 Sierra will be approximately \$12,000.00. The City of Tomah does not have the funds available for this. The Tomah Police Department is currently involved in several community events and fundraisers to raise money for this program. It is anticipated that when the fundraising is complete it will be \$2091.00 short of the needed money. This money will be used for the purchase of the K9 and expenses related to the training of the K9 and the new K9 Officer.

The ability to continue the K9 programs preserves the K9 Officers position on the Police Department. The new K9 Officer will be required to attend K9 Officers training which is approximately 6 weeks long. During this time the officer will be staying in a motel, eating in restaurants and traveling to training. All of these businesses will see a benefit because of this. Locally the K9 will need to be seen by a veterinarian. Dog food will be purchased from local stores.

Forensic Evidence Drying Cabinet

Primary Purpose Areas – Law Enforcement program, Prosecution, and Drug Enforcement

The ever-increasing demand for the use of DNA in Law Enforcement investigations presents a problem as it relates to the recovery of substances containing DNA. In order to properly process these substances they must be dry and kept in a sterile environment to prevent cross contamination with other pieces of evidence. To properly process the evidence the substances should be dried in a Forensic Evidence Drying Cabinet. The Tomah Police Department recently constructed a new building, which contains an evidence processing area. In anticipation of the need for a Forensic Evidence Drying Cabinet, the evidence processing room was developed with this in mind. However, current funding is not available to complete this project. A Forensic Evidence Drying Cabinet will cost \$5000.00.

The purchase of a Forensic Evidence Drying Cabinet will stimulate the economy and produce revenues related to several different jobs and businesses. Initially the purchase of the cabinet will promote business and revenue for the manufacture of the cabinet. Because the Tomah Police Department will be able to properly process DNA substances, this will increase the number of cases that will be sent to the Wisconsin State Crime Lab, thus increasing their case load as well as the case load of the Monroe County District Attorneys office.