



American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 City of Levelland, Texas

U.S. Department of Justice, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) \$56,013.81

The City of Levelland Police Department was awarded \$56,013.81 from the U.S. Department of Justice through the Texas Office of the Governor, Criminal Justice Division.

The funding will be used to update technology in the Levelland Police Department in the form of video equipment including a server. The current patrol vehicle in-car video systems are over five years old and are Video Home System (VHS) based which is a technology that is no longer in use and incompatible with current viewing technologies. The department will purchase nine hard drive based cameras which will provide for better quality video and a technology that is compatible with current viewing systems. Also, the department is in need of a safer and more effective way to store evidence from the cameras. In order to address this issue, the department will purchase a server which will be located at the law enforcement building. With the push of a button, the evidence from the in car camera will be transferred to the server which will be safely located at the law enforcement building. The lack of this updated equipment has been identified as a public safety/law enforcement need by the City of Levelland.

While the Levelland Police Department has been unable to fund this project internally, this project is necessary and long overdue. With the assistance of the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act, the Police Equipment Enhancement Project can be implemented and in turn create a safer Levelland for its citizens and visitors.

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