

Exhibit B - BSO Scope of Sub-Award use

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**BROWARD SHERIFF'S OFFICE
POMPANO BEACH DISTRICT**

2018 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant



Homeless Outreach

SPENDING PLAN

**Date:
August 15, 2018**

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JAG Funds

\$111,951.80

GOALS:

1. Provide crisis interdiction to reduce chronic homelessness for individuals, veterans and families
2. Connect eligible homeless individuals and families with social and health services
3. Increase awareness and connectivity with the community on crime problems and to partner with local businesses, homeowners, veterans, religious institutions, homeless coalitions, and nonprofit organizations
4. Provide de-escalation training to sworn personnel and promote de-escalation as an important strategy to diffuse potentially volatile situations

OBJECTIVES:

Goal 1: Provide crisis interdiction to reduce chronic homelessness for individuals, veterans and families

- Deputies will identify risk and protective factors to prevent episodes of homelessness for at-risk populations in the City of Pompano Beach.
- Deputies will identify military veterans that are homeless and in need of housing, government services and benefits.
- Deputies will provide, disseminate, and promote the use of evidence-based homelessness prevention and early intervention programs and strategies.
- The deputy will increase positive reinforcement (verbal recognition of positive behavior) and ensure that best policing practices are exercised.

Goal 2: Connect eligible homeless individuals and families with social and health services

- Deputies will interact with individuals that are experiencing homelessness, provide and inform them of the services that are available to help improve their Quality of Life.
- Services to be provided will include but not limited to shelter, health care, detox facilities, housing, psychological services, food, transportation and reunification to family members.
- The deputies will build trust, rapport and empathy within the homeless community.
- Deputies will continue their partnership with the Homeless Coalition at a minimum of once a week.
- Literature will be provided in the form of a pocket card called the, "Homeless Survival Guide." The guide will explain where to receive social service benefits and what transportation methods are available to them.

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Goal 3: Increase awareness and connectivity with the community on crime problems and to partner with local businesses, homeowners, veterans, religious institutions, homeless coalitions, and nonprofit organizations

- Deputies will be working closely with businesses and homeowner associations providing them with information regarding the homeless. This partnership brings an understanding of the needs and problems associated with homelessness so they can work together to improve the community and provide the homeless the help they need.
- The Broward Sheriff's Office Pompano Beach District Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) has established partnerships with the City of Pompano Beach, local homeless coalitions, the Broward Outreach Center, St. Laurence Chapel, local churches, business owners, homeowners associations, nonprofit organizations and veterans groups and will continue to support these partnerships.
- The Broward Sheriff's Office Pompano Beach District Homeless Outreach Team deputies will continue to develop strategies to track crime and the homeless population and assess their needs on a regular basis to ensure the best policing practices are exercised.
- The grant funds will be utilized by having additional deputies that will be specifically assigned to only Homeless Outreach tasks releasing them from traditional Law Enforcement duties. These deputies will make a difference in the homeless community by their continued presence, compassion for the unfortunate and implementation of programs and educational tools that will address their immediate needs. This assistance will not only enhance their quality of life but also assist to break the homeless cycle and reduce the chances of the homeless becoming a victim of a crime.
- The Deputies will also encourage business and community members to get involved in creating a safer environment and eliminating the fear of homelessness and victimization of the less fortunate. The Deputies along with our community partners have implemented a system of programs designed to educate the community and will continue providing literature to all involved. This will help in teaching the members of the community that living in and maintaining a safe community is vital and that their contributions are necessary.

Goal 4: Provide de-escalation training to sworn personnel and promote de-escalation as an important strategy to diffuse potentially volatile situations

- A hallmark of our Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) class is instruction in de-escalation techniques to diffuse potentially volatile situations. This instruction teaches the deputy to lessen confrontation by communicating appropriately. This skill is used with all homeless encounters. Since a significant portion of the homeless population in the City of Pompano Beach have some form of

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mental illness, deputies trained in de-escalation techniques have the skills to bring a mutually successful end to any encounter. The deputies will also increase their knowledge and skills as they relate to mental illness and substance abuse during class instruction.

- The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) training class curriculum includes instruction in strategies for non-confrontational encounters and rapport building by means of de-escalation, with individuals experiencing homelessness. The Broward Sheriff's Office Pompano Beach District Homeless Outreach Team Specialists will serve as the district's liaisons to the homeless community. The deputies will be involved in, but not limited to, activities related to addressing the homeless population in the City of Pompano Beach, the social services community, and the continuum of care. The deputies on overtime will conduct regular follow-up assessments on individuals experiencing homelessness to ensure that their needs are met along with the community's needs.
- As HOT deputies complete their mandated training, the skills they learned will lead to successful non-confrontational interaction with the homeless, building trust between the deputy and the homeless individual. Once this trust is established it leads to program acceptance, shelter enrollment and ultimately reduces the cycle of homelessness and possible victimization.

PROJECT IDENTIFIERS:

- **Community Based Programs**

In the City of Pompano Beach there are numerous community based programs to assist law enforcement with homelessness. Some of these outreach programs provide not only basic needs such as food, clothing, personal hygiene but also job training and placement. Others provide mental health care along with faith based programs.

- **Community Policing**

Deputies will continue to reach out, not only to local businesses but also homeowners, and religious institutions and ask for their spirit of cooperation in working to address the homeless population.

- **Crime Prevention**

Numerous times deputies have come in contact with homeless individuals that have become victim(s) of crimes. Homeless outreach deputies have garnered a level of trust from the homeless population

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which in turn gives the individual a comfort level to report the crime to the deputy. This level of trust has afforded the homeless to reach out to deputies providing pertinent information on unsolved crimes.

PROGRAM NARRATIVE:

DESCRIPTION OF THE ISSUE

A homeless person is an individual without permanent housing who may live on the streets; stay in a shelter, mission, single room occupancy facilities, abandoned building or vehicle; or in any other unstable or non-permanent situation. (National Health Care for the Homeless Council, 2017).

The cause of homelessness stems from a myriad of challenges including, but not limited to, a loss of employment; lack of affordable housing; health problems; medical problems; mental illness; substance abuse; domestic or family issues; evictions; economy; and, gambling.

With more than 2,318 homeless individuals in Broward County (2018 Point-in-Time Homeless Count), nearly half of them are in or transient through the City of Pompano Beach. The homeless population in Pompano Beach has increased drastically with the closings of two homeless shelters located within Broward County and adjacent to the City of Pompano Beach. This population also fluctuates seasonally, swelling during the winter months. The City of Pompano Beach also has a significant homeless population that are US military veterans. These veterans are eligible for services thru the VA. Deputies are the catalyst that connects both the veterans and the VA.

The local Broward Outreach shelter in the City of Pompano Beach has only 239 beds. These beds are not enough to house all of the homeless overnight. This has greatly overwhelmed the City of Pompano Beach's law enforcement services and ultimately has resulted in more arrests than what could be offered in services through a solutions-based initiative. In fact, more homeless individuals and families are in far worse condition than their initial crisis; this has served as a catalyst toward chronic homelessness (Broward County Outreach, 2013). The homeless population has also had an impact on the quality of life of not just those who are affected by homelessness, but also by the people who are the neighbors of those same homeless individuals.

In 2017, the Broward Sheriff's Office Pompano Beach District handled 3275 calls for service involving the homeless, of which 1,314 of the calls were at homeless shelters. Examples of the calls for service include

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but are not limited to the following: 2 Shootings, 1 Stabbing, 7 robberies, 7 suicides/attempted suicides, 38 mentally ill persons, 4 sexual assaults, 11 lewd and lascivious, 52 assaults, 588 Trespassers, 61 medical calls, 830 disturbances, 3 death investigations, and 539 suspicious incidents/persons. This is an obvious strain on public safety resources here in the City of Pompano Beach. Moreover, police agencies from around Broward County and local hospitals send the most unfortunate to the homeless shelter which is housed in Pompano Beach. However, this facility is at capacity daily with a waiting list. Oftentimes, these individuals are released on site with no means of support or assistance.

PROJECT DESIGN AND IMPLEMENTATION

In 2015 the Broward Sheriff's Office Pompano Beach District initiated a Homeless Outreach Team (HOT). The team's main objective is to provide direct outreach services to the homeless in order to reduce the prevalence and duration of homelessness in Pompano Beach. These deputies are able to connect with people experiencing homelessness to provide and inform them of the services that are available and to help improve their Quality of Life. They provide a continuum of care that will allow a person to break the homeless cycle and reduce the chances of becoming a victim of violent or non-violent crime. The services that are offered include shelter, health care, detox facilities, housing, and reunification to family members. The Homeless Outreach Team currently consists of two sworn deputies that work in this capacity on a full time basis allowing them to build trust, rapport and empathy within the homeless community. This trust allows the HOT deputies to gather information on street crimes, as well as direct people towards services they desperately need.

Additionally, the HOT deputies work closely with businesses and homeowner associations providing them with information regarding the homeless. This partnership brings an understanding of the needs and problems associated with homelessness so they can work together to improve the community and provide the homeless the help they need. Partnering with BSO is the City of Pompano Beach, Florida Department of Children and Families, Broward Partnership for the Homeless, Broward Housing Solutions, Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Coalition for the Homeless, Broward Crime Commission, Broward 211, St. Laurence Chapel, Pompano Homeless Coalition, Community Action Team and Calvin, Giordano Code Compliance.

CAPABILITIES AND COMPETENCIES

Currently, the homeless population in the City of Pompano Beach is estimated to be approximately 550 persons. This population also fluctuates seasonally, swelling during the winter months. The 2018 COPS Hiring Grant funds would be used to fund deputies that will augment the HOT Team and more effectively address the homeless population within the City of Pompano Beach.

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Because of the population and diversity of the City of Pompano Beach and its uniqueness (Beach area resorts, urban and industrial locales), the awarded grant funds will be utilized for deputies in an overtime capacity to work with the homeless population. The homeless outreach deputies' responsibilities will be directed at reaching out and addressing their immediate needs. They will also take a more proactive approach in coordinating with all our community partners to assertively involve these groups in our homeless outreach and identified crime problems. Our focus will be geared toward more effective outreach in the locations and corridors that have experienced increased homeless populations and the crime associated with them. We will continue with our communications between the homeless population, the community and our outreach deputies. This continued assistance will not only enhance the quality of life but also assist to break the homeless cycle and reduce the chances of someone becoming a victim of a crime.

Homeless Outreach Deputies will also be provided the most advanced technology available to ensure prompt response time, analysis of data and information, crime reporting accuracy and communication procedures to enhance agency transparency. The homeless outreach deputies will utilize innovative approaches that produce positive results to ensure the reduction of crime and increase the safety for the homeless and the community as well.

PLAN FOR COLLECTING DATA REQUIRED FOR PERFORMANCE MEASURES

The City of Pompano Beach will submit quarterly performance metrics through the BJA's Performance Measurement Tool.

- Overtime usage
- Number of Field Contacts completed
- Referrals for housing
- Referrals for medical
- Referrals for VA assistance
- Referrals for mental health
- Homeowners Association meetings
- Business Contacts
- Homeless Coalition meetings
- Food give-a-way
- Bus Tickets given out

DISCLOSURE OF HIGH RISK STATUS: OUR AGENCY DOES NOT HAVE A HIGH RISK STATUS WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OR ANY FUNDER.

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DISCLOSURE of LOBBYING: OUR AGENCY HAS NOT ENGAGE IN ANY LOBBYING ACTIVITIES TO SECURE FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE FOR EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FUNDING.

DISCLOSURE OF PENDING APPLICATIONS: OUR AGENCY DOES NOT HAVE ANY PENDING APPLICATIONS WITH ANY FEDERAL OR STATE FUNDING AGENCY TO RECEIVE FUNDING FOR THE SAME PROJECT UNDER CURRENT CONSIDERATION.

LOCAL GOVERNING BODY REVIEW: The city of Pompano Beach will forward proof that this application will be reviewed by its Commission.

NATIONAL INCIDENT-BASED REPORTING SYSTEM (NIBRS) 3 PERCENT SETASIDE

At this time, we are not NIBRS compliant. Three percent of our total award less administrative costs is \$1,810.92. This amount will be set aside and will be used towards technology that will meet these requirements.