

**PROJECT ABSTRACT**  
**2016 Edward Byrne Memorial JAG**

**APPLICANT:** City of Durant, OK

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR DISPARITY FUNDING:**  
Bryan County, OK

**PROJECT:** Purchase and Installation of HVAC (Heat and Air) System at Durant Police Department firearms range training facility.

**PROBLEMS TO ADDRESS:** Because the current on-site classroom facility is not climate controlled, most lecture based educational training must be conducted at an off-site facility. Students must then relocate to the practical exercise facility (firing range) that is located almost five miles between the two sites. Logistically, this causes challenges and delays in training. By providing a climate controlled system at the current on-site training facility will eliminate both of these issues.

**TARGETED AUDIENCE:** Law Enforcement agencies throughout Bryan County, local National Guard Unit and community based program opportunities.

2010 US Census: 15,856 - Minimum Average Daily Pop.: 25,000  
( Population influx due to commercial and medical hubs, Choctaw Nation Headquarters and Resort, state university, lake traffic and major US Hwy and State Highways)

**PROJECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES:**

**Goal 1:** Increase utilization of the classroom for educational purposes, in conjunction with practical range exercises

Provide lecture in a climate controlled setting prior to range practical

**Goal 2:** Enhance monthly law enforcement training programs

Utilize on-site climate controlled facility

**Goal 3:** Enhance Firearms Range Use

Climate controlled facility would encourage more firearm training for the Durant Police Department, Bryan County Sheriff's Department and all local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement agencies, as well as, the local National Guard Unit.

Encourage opportunities for community based public safety educational programs

**PROJECT STRATEGY:** Install a new HVAC system and being utilizing the facility

Purchase and install the HVAC system through grant and city procurement process upon grant award.

**PARTNERSHIPS:** Durant and Bryan County approved MOU

**ANTICIPATED OUTCOMES WITH IDENTIFIERS:**

Training - Use of Force

Education (Firearms / defensive tactics)

Officer Safety (Tactics and firearms)

After School (Future Farmers of America Skeet and Trap Team)

Community Based Programs (Public self-defense training)

**PERFORMANCE MEASURES:**

The Durant Police maintains a scheduling calendar to track agency and groups utilizing the facility. The Durant Police Department Range Master will continue to track the utilization of the facility and provide monthly and quarterly reporting to meet the JAG grant requirements.

**DOLLAR AMOUNT REQUESTED:** \$ 11,995

**ESTIMATED CASH MATCH:** Durant Police Department will provide all necessary costs over the grant award for a successful project.

**CITY OF DURANT, OK**  
**2016 EDWARD BRYNE JAG**

**Project Narrative**

The progressive rural City of Durant, situated in the heart of southeast Oklahoma, is surrounded by farming communities, 15 miles from the Texas state line and 90 minutes north of Dallas. As the county seat of Bryan County and headquarters for Choctaw Nation, the City of Durant has one of the highest growth rates in the State of Oklahoma, with continued growth due to the influx of people moving into the area for families, jobs, social services or a rural lifestyle.

With 42 full time sworn officers and 12 reserves, including the chief and assistant chief , the Durant Police Department (DPD) is the largest department within a 50 mile radius in Oklahoma. The DPD serves within the Durant city limits of 26.8 sq miles with a 2010 US Census population count of 15,856. Additionally, the DPD has agreements with Choctaw Nation, as well as Denison and Sherman, Texas areas and does provide mutual aid upon request of the agency needing assistance.

Due to many growth factors, there is an approximate daily population average of 25,000 residents within the Durant PD emergency response area, and many factors double this number on a regular basis. Two major US Highways intersect throughout the city limits. Durant is home to Southeastern OK State University and identified as a medical, service and commercial center for southeastern Oklahoma, drawing in thousands of additional people each day from surrounding communities, as well as from other bordering counties. Choctaw Nation has made extensive development, including a large resort, which attracts thousands of visitors daily, and over 15,000 for special events occurring each month. With one of the largest manmade lakes only 15 minutes away, the seasonal daily population surges during April thru October. The Durant area is well known as a tourist destination, and the daily population regularly soars to 50,000 or more.

With the significant influx of people locating in and around the City of Durant, and the national, state and local security concerns, it is imperative to enhance firearms training initiatives. The seven year facility is in a prime location; however, with the lack of funds, the building has remained basically a shell and is not climate controlled. There are hundreds of law enforcement personnel from federal, state, local and tribal agencies, who would benefit from an improved facility. The Range Master will continue to track those individuals, agencies and community groups who utilize the facility to reflect the anticipated increased participation for reporting purposes.

The requested 2016 Edward Byrne JAG funds will be utilized towards the purchase and installation of a new HVAC system to provide a better facility to encourage range and classroom training. The City of Durant Police Department will provide necessary locals funds as cash match to ensure the project is successfully completed.

The City of Durant and Durant Police Department appreciates the funding opportunity to implement the long-awaited new HVAC system. With professional grant management experience, both the City of Durant and the Durant Police Department will appropriately manage the 2016 Edward Byrne JAG Program, and collect performance measure data to be utilized for the required reporting and project management.

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**2016 EDWARD BRYNE JAG**  
**BUDGET NARRATIVE**

**Purchase and Installation of a new HVAC System at the Durant Police Department Firearms Training Center.**

GRANT REQUEST \$11,995

CASH MATCH (unknown at this time)

The estimated cost of the new HVAC is between \$12,000 to \$14,000 . The City of Durant and Durant Police Department are committed to provide local cash match to ensure the HVAC system is purchased with cost efficiency procurement and completely installed successfully.

**City of Durant, OK**

**June 30, 2016**

**Review Narrative**

On June 29, 2016 - The City of Durant's City Council approved submission of the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application.

On June 30, 2016 - The City of Durant has provided a city website notice for public review. This information is attached. In addition, the 2016 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application will be placed on the website for citizen's review, upon completion of the application on June 30, 2016 before 5:00 PM.

The notice states the public review will be available through August 1, 2016.

**City of Durant, OK**

**June 30, 2016**

**Disclosure of Pending Applications**

The City of Durant nor the Durant Police Department do not have any pending applications submitted within the last 12 months for federally funded grants or subgrants (including cooperative agreements) that included requests for funding to support the same project being proposed under this solicitation and will cover the identical cost items outlined in the budget narrative and worksheet in the application under this solicitation.



# Durant Police Department

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David R. Houser, Chief of Police

## MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

WHEREAS the CITY OF DURANT owns and maintains a POLICE FIRING RANGE located at 1620 Blanchard Road in Durant, Oklahoma.

WHEREAS the POLICE FIRING RANGE is under the care and control of the DURANT POLICE DEPARTMENT and is the only public safety range in Bryan County.

WHEREAS the DURANT POLICE DEPARTMENT offers MONTHLY TRAINING and STATE MANDATED yearly qualification opportunities at the police firing range for the BRYAN COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT and other local, state and federal agencies free of charge.

WHEREAS the POLICE FIRING RANGE classroom is in need of a heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC) unit to FURTHER the offering of these TRAINING initiatives.

WHEREAS the CITY OF DURANT and BRYAN COUNTY both share in the value obtained from the upgraded classroom facility to further continuing education training in order to increase officer safety, officer awareness, officer capabilities and meet state mandates.

WHEREAS the disparate parties identify that application to the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program FY 2016 is a joint application and identifies the CITY OF DURANT as the applicant and fiscal agent for the joint funds.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, the City of Durant and Bryan County have signed this memorandum of understanding agreeing that both parties receive benefit from the improved training facility.

CITY OF DURANT

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Stewart Hoffman  
Representative Printed Name

Mayor  
Title

6-29-2016  
Date

BRYAN COUNTY

Handwritten signature of Ron Boyer.

Ron Boyer  
Representative Printed Name

Chairman  
Title

6-30-2016  
Date



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**APPLICATION ATTACHMENT**

**FY 14 - 15 Audit Information**

**May be reviewed at the following link:**

**[http://www.sai.ok.gov/audit\\_reports/search\\_results.php?action=search&searchtext=Durant&submit=Search](http://www.sai.ok.gov/audit_reports/search_results.php?action=search&searchtext=Durant&submit=Search)**