

Application: 0000000282

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Public Safety and Violent Crime Reduction Strategies

Summary

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Organization Information

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Organization Name:

ROME, CITY OF

Address:

Street:	601 BROAD ST
City:	ROME
State:	Georgia
Zip Code:	30161

Organization Website:

WWW.ROMEPOLICE.COM

Application Contact Person:

Full Name:	RODNEY BAILEY
Title:	MAJOR
Email:	RBAILEY@ROMEPOLICE.COM
Phone:	706-238-5103

Organization Authorized Representative:

(person with authority to execute grant agreement)

Same as above	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
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Organization's SAMS Number/ Unique Entity Identifier (UEI):

██████████

SAM.gov expiration date:

Sep 19 2023

Please enter the Tax Identification Number (TIN)/ Employer Identification Number

██████████

How many years has the organization conducted the program for which it is requesting funding?

15

What percentage of the organization's budget is grant funded?

1

Project Information

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Which project type best describes your project?

Equipment and Technology

Zip Code Location of project performance

Enter zip code of primary project location

30161

Zip codes for the target neighborhood/project boundaries, population of the target area. Please separate each zip code with a comma.

30161, 30165, 30162

Dollar amount of ARPA grant funds requested

\$ 1,103,836.00

Is this project new or a continuation of an existing project?

New

How many program staff persons are dedicated to this project?

2

Does the organization have administrative staff (ie. Accountants, Executive Director, Grant Administration) dedicated to this grant?

No

Has the organization secured funding for administrative staff for this project?

No

How does your organization intend to sustain this program/project after initial grant funds expire?

This project will be sustained through departmental budget planning.

Proposal Narrative

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Proposal Title:

Please input the title of your project

Technology Upgrade

Project Start Date:

Feb 1 2023

Anticipated Completion Date: (Please note that projects that will extend beyond the program deadline will not be considered for funding)

Feb 1 2025

Proposal Summary

A proposal summary (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project including the purpose of the project, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries. This summary should be written in the third person and will be made publicly available on the OPB website if the project is awarded.

The City of Rome Police Department is seeking to expand on technology by adding Axon Fleet LPR cameras, Axon Body Worn Cameras, and Axon Evidence Room Cameras. The purpose of the project is to migrate all digital evidence into one source for efficient investigation and prosecution of criminal cases. This project will also add 65 Automated License Plate Readers to our system to aid in tracking criminal activity and gang movement within the city. The migration to Axon will also merge with our current FLOCK Safety Cameras and aid all law enforcement agencies with data to track criminal activity associated with traffic movement to and from the Rome jurisdiction. The City of Rome Police Department was founded in 1834 and is responsible for ensuring the safety of its 36,000 citizens as well as visitors to the community. The City of Rome is approximately 31 square miles. The City of Rome has 96 officers allotted to serve the community.

Description of the Issue

Applicants must describe the project to be implemented with grant funding. This section must include responses to the following:

- State the problem that was caused or exacerbated by the pandemic based on the program category in which you are applying (e.g. gun crime decrease in law enforcement staffing).
- Provide statistics to support the problem statement above;
- Applicants should use January 27, 2020 as the ARPA recognized start of the pandemic.
- Applicant data should demonstrate that the problem began during the pandemic or was exacerbated by it.

The City of Rome Police Department has measured a significant increase in gun related criminal activity. This increase has been measured from 2019 and compared to the onset of the COVID Pandemic in January 2020 until present date. The Rome Police Department Records Division has tracked a 63% increase in entering autos where a handgun was stolen. Recovered stolen firearms are up 39% to include two stolen handguns that were located on Rome High School students at the beginning of the 2022 school year. Arrests were made in both cases. The stolen firearms and entering autos are suspected be connected to gang activity involving middle and high school age offenders. It is believed the increase in gang activity is directly related to and exacerbated by the pandemic due to schools keeping problem students on home-based learning and thus on the streets to commit more crime. Documented calls involving shooting of persons have increased 68% and homes stuck by gunfire is up 63%. Murder rate is up 50% with a total of 3 murders in 2021 and 2022 as compared to 2 in 2019, 1 in 2020. Reckless conduct involving a firearm is also up 64% in 2020, 2021, and 2022 in the City of Rome.

Project Design and Implementation

Provide a description of the proposed activities and how the activities will engage with the community and any community partners that will be involved, if applicable. Applicants should identify the program objectives and describe the vision for the target population, specifically how this vision will address the problems identified in the Description of the Issue section and the broader impact to communities or jurisdictions. Ensure each objective is measurable and identify strategies to achieve the objectives. State if the proposed approach is evidence-based and, if so, provide supporting research references.

This project will be implemented in three phases. Phase one will be the addition of the Axon Body Worn Cameras. This will include a Signal Sidearm attachment for auto recording when a weapon is un-holstered and thus increasing the oversight of officers in the field. Phase two will include the transition to Axon Evidence Room video recording. Phase three will be the replacement of all current fleet cameras with Axon Fleet cameras. Axon Fleet cameras will add Automated License Plate Reader capabilities to all fleet cars.

All three phases of the project will work to centralize digital evidence and aid in prosecution of criminals. The centralization of evidence to one cloud source will reduce manpower the department currently deploys to meet the demand for digital evidence for prosecution and meet the following objectives:

1. Capture all video evidence available in the field using a body worn camera. The Axon cameras will allow for centralized evidence storage and more efficient and quicker prosecution of criminal cases.
2. Add Axon video cameras to criminal investigation interview rooms. The addition of new equipment will capture suspect interviews and provide for centralized digital storage.
3. Add Axon LPR Fleet cameras to all fleet vehicles. This will add investigative capability to track mobile suspects and have officers alerted to suspects involved possible criminal activity. The Axon LPR cameras will integrate into our current FLOCK Safety cameras and merge all data for investigative purposes. This project will aid local, state, and federal agencies in criminal investigations and prosecutions.

Capabilities and Competencies

Applicants should demonstrate their capabilities to implement the project and the competencies of the staff assigned to the project to include the financial management of funding. The applicant should detail the level of support for the project, as well as the expertise of the individual(s) who will be responsible for managing the project. Applicants should also demonstrate their experiencing managing projects with federal funding.

This project will be fully implemented by Axon. Axon is the manufacture of all equipment and are a full-service provider. The manufacture will supply, install, and train all employees on the equipment system. In addition to the manufacture, the City of Rome Technology Services will be available for on boarding all equipment and to maintain connectivity as needed. The City of Rome finance department will oversee the financial management of the grant funding. The City of Rome has received numerous state, federal, and local grants and is experienced with large grant projects and funding.

Plan for Collecting the Data Required

Applicants should describe the process for measuring project performance, identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurement, and how the information will be used to guide and assess the program. Successful applicants will demonstrate understanding of [performance data to be collected and reported](#).

For each project goal, applicants should identify the criteria that will determine how and if the objectives have been successfully met and one or more specific measurable outcome(s) and the data sources that will be used to determine whether the outcome was accomplished.

Major Rodney Bailey will be designated at the grant manager for this project. He will be responsible for collecting and submitting the performance measures data.

Project goal 1 – Data will be collected to show improvement on how digital evidence is stored, sorted into categories, and the efficiency of prosecution as related to criminal cases. Measure the efficiency of how data is retrieved for prosecution as related to number of hours tasked to the evidence tech.

Project goal 2 – Data will be collected to show improvement on how digital evidence is collected as it relates to criminal interviews. Data will be calculated by number of cases where the digital evidence is used in a prosecution.

Project goal 3 – ALPR data will be captured by the system to show how many times a hit is manufactured by the system and used in prosecution of a criminal case.

Budget: All budget items must be related to the purpose of addressing the negative impacts of the coronavirus pandemic.

Applicants should submit a budget that is complete, reasonable, cost effective, and is an allowable use of the funding under the chosen category.

The budget must be based on quoted estimates and calculations, not rounded estimates. (All budget totals will require validation based on the calculation provided in the uploaded version so please ensure that you retain the documentation for the basis of all calculations in the requested budget.

Budget Category	Amount
1. Personnel	\$X
2. Fringe	\$X
3. Travel	\$X
4. Equipment	\$X
5. Supplies	\$X
6. Contracts/Consultants/Subawards	\$X
7. Other	\$X
Total	\$X

Note: The application will also require a detailed budget breakdown using our detailed budget worksheet. Please download the detailed budget worksheet here and upload in the document section of the application. Instructions for the detailed budget worksheet can be found here: <https://opb.georgia.gov/document/document/budget-worksheet/download>.

Personnel

0

Fringe

0

Travel

0

Equipment

1106836.00

Supplies

0

Contracts/Consultants/Subawards

0

Other

0

Budget Total

1106836.0

Budget Narrative

A Budget narrative that explains the estimated costs by line item or category in the budget. Budget narratives should explain how the costs associated with each line item or category relate to the implementation of the project as outlined in the proposal being submitted. Budget narratives must explain how the costs associated with each line item or category relate to the implementation of the project as outlined in the proposal being submitted. If your proposal contains multiple projects or sub-awards, you can provide a breakdown per project as well in your budget narrative. Budget narratives must respond to the following: Provide a description of the position, equipment, supply, travel, etc. requested on each line and how it is related to carrying out the objectives and goals of the project. Your narrative must provide granular detail on what the proposal will fund and how it aligns to your project. (Minimum 250 words, Maximum 500 words)

Migration to the Axon body worn cameras, interview room cameras and mobile Fleet cameras with Automated License Plate Readers is a 5 year program contract for equipment, licenses, installation and training. We are requesting 3 years of the 5 year contract be funded by this grant program. The remaining 2 years of contract payments will be made up from city funding.

\$486,720.00 - 65 Fleet 3 Advanced mobile patrol car cameras with ALPR integration services - Includes warranty and user licenses (3 year contract fee) - the addition of 65 ALPR being deployed throughout the city will assist in criminal investigations to target gang activity, entering auto suspects, and vehicles driven by suspects involved in the increased shootings within the city. The Fleet 3 car cameras will allow for supervision to see a live feed for decision making and assisting officers in the field. Supervisors will have the capability to monitor a vehicle pursuit in real time to help them make better judgement calls on continuing or terminating a pursuit. The ALPRs will also integrate into the FLOCK Safety cameras that are deployed within the city and allow access for outside jurisdictions to investigate criminal activity and connect leads for criminal cases. The Axon systems will also store all digital evidence in the cloud and provide for quicker evidence gathering and sharing of information for prosecution.

\$617,116.00 - 85 Axon Body 3 cameras with signal side arm and equipment for 4 criminal interview rooms (3yr contract fee) - The Axon Body 3 cameras will add additional oversight of officers in the field. Supervision will have the capability of a live feed video to assist officer in decision making in the field. The signal sidearm equipment will activate all body cameras in the area of a scene once a firearm or Taser is removed from a holster. This will improve police transparency and public relations through the capture of all video evidence on a call for service. The 4 interview room cameras will capture all video and audio evidence of interviews, centralize and categorize the evidence into evidence.com for efficient criminal case file building and sharing for prosecution.

Match Funds

Applicants plan for leveraging funds, if any, from other sources to maximize impact. Please include details regarding the total project costs if match is a part of the proposal, the amount of match, and how match funds will be used and a breakdown of grant funds to be used versus total project costs. ***If no match is provided, please enter \$0.***

Example:

OPB Grant Request: \$2,000,000

Local Match: \$1,000,000

Total Project Costs: \$3,000,000

Explanation: Local match will be made up of \$1,000,000 funds from the city's general fund.

\$655,510 local match to complete the final 2 years of the contract. Funds to be provided by city's general funding.

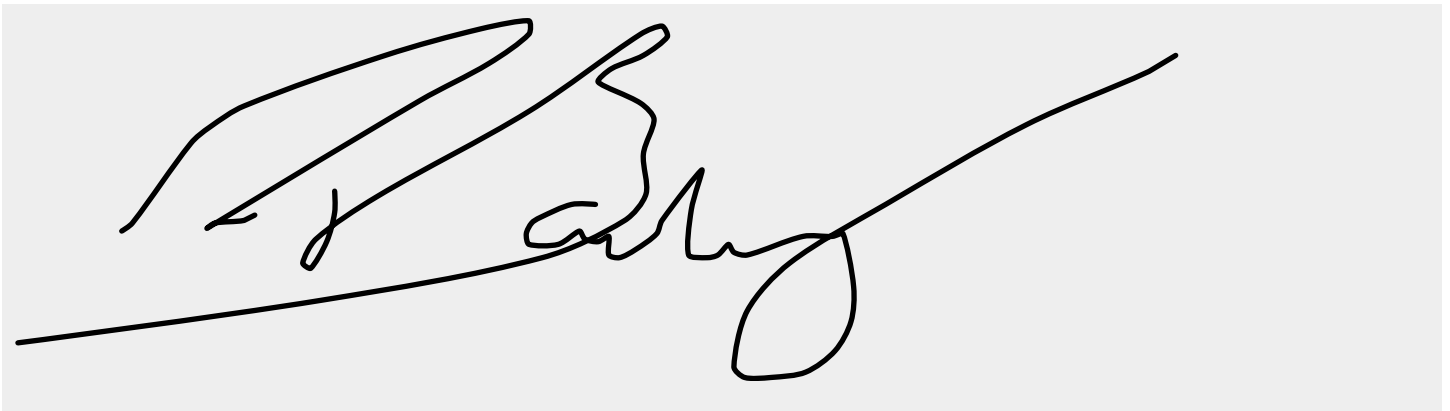
Signature

General expectations include but are not limited to understanding and following the rules and regulations outlined for CSFRF in:

- [Department of US Treasury Final Rule](#);
- Department of US Treasury Final Rule FAQs;
- [Policy Requirements including 2CFR 200](#) ;
- OPB's Program, Reporting, and Compliance Requirements as well as the Terms & Conditions Agreement for the respective grant award; and
- The grantee's own organizational policies and procedures.
- Additionally, as a grantee, you are required to:
 - Fulfill the project expectations of your award;
 - Ensure financial and performance benchmarks are met; and
 - Strictly adhere to your project's objective, budget, and timeline.

By submitting this application, I understand that I am submitting a proposal for a grant that is structured as a reimbursement method of payment for all projects with the exception of water sewer infrastructure and broadband infrastructure. Additionally, I attest that I understand the responsibility to comply with applicable state, local, and federal policy requirements including 2 CFR 200 subpart D competitive procurement requirements.

Please click below to sign.

A large, stylized handwritten signature in black ink on a light gray background. The signature is cursive and appears to be the name 'J. B. [unclear]'. It is written over a thin horizontal line.

After signing above, please submit your application.