

PROJECT ABSTRACT

Grant: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistant Grant Program 2016
Agency: City of Palmdale
Project Title: Enhanced Traffic Enforcement
Project Identifiers: Hiring of Personnel, DWI, Policing, Impaired Driving, Traffic Enforcement
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The City of Palmdale proposes utilizing the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Recovery Grant (JAG) funds to continue to contract for two additional motorcycle deputies.

Palmdale has experienced a 10% increase in collisions from 2014 to 2015. Speed and DUI related collisions account for 19% of the total collisions throughout the city in 2015. Although statistics show a decrease for 2015 in alcohol-related collisions of 4% from 2014, these DUI collisions account for approximately 5% of the total reported collisions for 2015, of which 44% of the DUI crashes resulted in injuries or fatalities. The two deputies will be utilized for directed traffic enforcement efforts to help reduce total overall collisions in the City by 4%, reduce speed related collisions by 4%, reduce DUI related collisions by 5% and reduce the percentage of DUI related collisions involving an injury or fatality from 15% by the end of 2017.

The deputies will also be available to respond to calls for service and will work in coordination with the City's Neighborhood Services Department to identify high-risk areas and other areas of concern (such as school zones). Additionally, they will be responsible for conducting DUI checkpoints and neighborhood traffic operations to reduce speed.

The City will establish separate accounts to track and record all expenditures related to the JAG Recovery Grant. Additionally, the City will comply with all reporting requirements outlined in the grant.