



**WASHINGTON COUNTY YOUTH BUREAU/  
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**April 7, 2009**

**U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance**

- a. The date the applicant was notified of the availability of funding together with documentation thereof:**

March 6, 2009

- b. The program or position to be funded:**

Alternative Sentencing Agency  
Evidence-based programs and practices  
Data-driven

- c. The proposed funding source:**

Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)  
Program through the U.S. Department of Justice

- d. The length of the program:**

7/31/09-7/31/13

- e. The person or persons responsible for administration and reporting of the funding:**

Mike Gray, Director of Alternative Sentencing Agency

**f. The method of disbursement of the funds:**

Cost Reimbursement

**g. The amount of the local match or other non-grant funds needed to complete funding:**

None Required

**h. The source of any local match or other non-grant funds:**

N/A



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**Public Safety Committee  
Tuesday, April 7, 2009 @ 10:00 am**

1. **Capitol Project #73 Closeout** (Telephone, CAD, Mapping and Pictometry):

With the 911 telephone, CAD and Mapping systems complete, a certificate of project completion has been filed with the state for both round I and II of the "Expedited Deployment Grants". These grants were used to purchase the new 911 systems for the Emergency Communications Center. The Treasurer has advised me that after the final project reconciliation, an unused balance of \$5,969.83 by resolution, will be returned to the general fund.

2. **Capitol Project #52 Closeout** (Radio System):

With the new radio system complete, the above named capitol project will also be closed out.

3. **Radio System Testing on Colfax:**

Testing was completed on the Colfax tower on Tuesday March 21, 2009. This tower has proven to be a great asset to the new system. It has successfully plugged the communications "hole" that existed in the southern part of the county. I am happy to report that it has exceeded our expectations. See the letter from Supervising Dispatcher Glen Gosnell on the reverse side of this page. Glen and Supervisor Tim Hardy handled the testing of this site.

4. **CART Plan Approval** (County Animal Response Team):

The plan has been completed after several months of planning and meetings. The county attorney has reviewed it and offered a few suggestions in wording. These changes have been made and the plan is ready for approval by the board of Supervisors. To view the plan, I can provide an email copy if desired., or it can be reviewed in the Department of Public Safety.



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2 April 2009

To: William H. Cook, Director

From: Glen P. Gosnell, Communications Supervisor

Subj: Radio System

We conducted pager alert testing on 24 February 2009 on the Fire Alert and Local Government frequencies of the Burch Tower, Willard Mountain and Colfax Mountain. This test was conducted by activating pagers for D.P.S., Fort Edward Fire & EMS, Hudson Falls, Kingsbury and all departments south of the municipal center.

The data that I received in regards to the Colfax Mountain sight was very disheartening. The transmissions were very garbled depending on location, though the signal was strong. I contacted Wells Communications and they sent technicians up to Colfax and to the Municipal Center. After testing, they came to the conclusion that the microwave link between Willard Mountain and Colfax Mountain was set on a different protocol than the rest of the microwave system. This issue was corrected, which immediately corrected the garbled voice transmissions and issue of distorted pager tones.

Allowing time to get some use out of the site, I rescheduled another test on 24 March. The test was conducted again using the same parameters as before with the exception of the fire departments and rescue squads being testing separately.

The data which was received shows that the Colfax site has excellent reach throughout the county. Departments that we had previously dispatched using Willard and Burch with marginal coverage off of Burch we can now use Colfax. Colfax itself appears to have good pager coverage throughout the southern part of the county, and in the central part of the county some members are not able to tell the difference no matter what tower is being used.

I have advised the staff to begin using the Colfax Tower as the secondary tower for all countywide communications. I have attached the power readings that I took this morning from each site.

It is my opinion that placing a fifth site at Colfax was a wise choice. I used the site the other day for a structure fire in the Town of Jackson and had excellent communications with the units in the field on low band.

The site has also been a benefit for law enforcement in the Cambridge Valley. The only improvement we could make in this regard is to get the patrols to stay off MRD F-1 for routine car to car traffic since that station is repeated off of Burch.

In my opinion the system is working and it is time to move on.

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Permit Applications Jan. 1,2008 Thru March 31,2008 total 64

Permit Applications Jan. 1,2009 Thru March 31,2009 total 53\*

Includes 13 in Vill and Town of Granville. Began enforcing Code 1/1/2009

Submitted WRM 4/7/2009