



Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office

Prepared by Scotts Bluff County
for Nebraska Crime Commission SFY 2025 JAG Task Force

Primary Contact: Theresa Briggs



Opportunity Details

Opportunity Information

Title

SFY2025 JAG Task Force

Description

This solicitation is for applicants who wish to apply for competitive funds under the Nebraska Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Grant Program (Statutory Authority § 10151-10726). JAG supports a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system.

The purpose of this FY 2025 JAG Task Force Special Solicitation is targeted for task forces only.

JAG task forces work to combat crime in a specific area by combining efforts from federal, state, and local law enforcement. They may focus on fighting drugs, gangs, weapons, or violent crime.

See the SFY 2025 JAG Task Force Funding Announcement for further details.

Awarding Agency Name

Nebraska Crime Commission

Agency Contact Name

Chris Carlile

Agency Contact Phone

402.417.3673

Agency Contact Email

christine.carlile@nebraska.gov

Manager

Chris Carlile

Additional Users

Announcement Type

Initial Announcement

Public Link

<https://ne.amplifund.com/Public/Opportunities/Details/ffd9e54a-c4d8-4371-a3ed-12d11b95ba17>

Funding Information

Funding Sources

Federal Or Federal Pass Through

Award Information

Award Period

01/01/2025 - 06/30/2025

Award Type

Competitive

Submission Information



Submission Window

10/25/2024 8:00 AM - 12/06/2024 5:00 PM

Submission Timeline Type

One Time

Submission Timeline Additional Information

Access to the application within AmpliFund closes at the time and date of the deadline indicated on the cover page of this document. No applications or attachments will be accepted once the system closes. It is recommended that the application submission process be completed 72 hours prior to the deadline to avoid delays that may result from technical difficulties. If you are encountering any technical issues with the system, submit a ticket to the AmpliFund Help Desk to inquire (support@amplifund.zendesk.com). AmpliFund help desk hours are Monday-Friday 7am-7pm (Central Time).

Allow Multiple Applications

Yes

Technical Assistance Session

Technical Assistance Session

No

Eligibility Information

Eligibility Type

Public

Additional Eligibility Information

To be eligible for JAG funding, the applicant must be one of the following:

- A unit of local government (i.e., city, county, town)
- An Indian tribal government which has its own law enforcement
- A state operated criminal justice program

Additional Information

Additional Information URL

<https://ncc.nebraska.gov/grant-apps>

Additional Information URL Description

See the SFY 2025 JAG Task Force Funding Announcement at the URL listed above for further details.



Project Information

Application Information

Application Name

Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office

Award Requested

\$60,000.00

Cash Match Requirement

\$0.00

Cash Match Contributions

\$0.00

In-Kind Match Requirement

\$0.00

In-Kind Match Contributions

\$0.00

Total Award Budget

\$60,000.00

Primary Contact Information

Name

Theresa Briggs

Email Address

theresa.briggs@scottsbluffcountyne.gov

Address

1825 10th Street
Gering, NE 69341

Phone Number

(308) 436-4544



Project Description

SFY 2025 JAG Task Force - Application Form

Funding Announcement Information

Please reference the SFY 2025 JAG Task Force Notice of Funding Opportunity below for full details on the solicitation and instructions for completing the application.

SFY 2025 JAG Task Force NOFO.pdf

Program Information

Project Title:

WING Drug Task Force

If Awarded, These Funds Will:

Expand or enhance an existing project not funded under the Applicable Grant Program in the previous year ▼

Purpose Area(s) of Proposed Project

- ☒ Law enforcement program
 - ☐ Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement program
 - ☐ Drug treatment and enforcement program
 - ☐ Mental health program or related law enforcement and corrections program
 - ☐ Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives
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Applicant and Contact Information

Applicant Information

The applicant must be the agency that will receive and disburse the grant funds.

Type of Agency:

Government Agency ▼

Applicant Legal Name:

Scotts Bluff County Sheriff's Office

Applicant Federal Employer ID:

476006506

Applicant SAM UEI:

ym6jak4am8p9

Applicant Street Address

1825 10th Street



Applicant City

Gering

Applicant State (XX):

NE

Applicant Zip Code (XXXXX-XXXX):

69341

Applicant Phone Number (XXX-XXX-XXXX):

3084364544

Is the physical address listed above different than the physical address listed in your SAM Registration?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Upload a PDF copy of the applicant agency's current and active SAM registration:

EntityInformation_20241016-110932.pdf

Project Point of Contact (PPOC)

The Project Point of Contact (PPOC) is the primary point of contact for the project. The PPOC is responsible for overall project management and correspondence with the Crime Commission. The PPOC cannot also be the Financial Point of Contact or the Authorized Official.

PPOC Name:

Theresa Briggs

PPOC Title:

Administrative Assistant

PPOC Phone Number (XXX-XXX-XXXX):

308-436-4544

PPOC Email Address:

theresa.briggs@scottsbluffcountyne.gov

PPOC Mailing Address:

1825 10th Street

PPOC Mailing City:

Gering

PPOC State (XX):

NE

PPOC Zip Code (XXXXX-XXXX):

69341

Financial Point of Contact (FPOC):

The Financial Point of Contact (FPOC) is responsible for financial reports and fiscal oversight of the project. The FPOC cannot also be the Project Point of Contact or the Authorized Official.

FPOC Name:

Lisa Rien

FPOC Title:



Management Accountant

FPOC Phone Number (XXX-XXX-XXXX):
3084366718

FPOC Email Address:
lisa.rien@scottsbluffcountyne.gov

FPOC Mailing Address:
1825 10th Street

FPOC Mailing City:
Gering

FPOC State (XX):
NE

FPOC Zip Code (XXXXX-XXXX):
69341

Authorized Official:

The Authorized Official is an individual representing the applicant agency who possesses the authority to sign contracts and agreements on behalf of the agency. The Authorized Official is typically considered to be the City Mayor, the County Board Chair, or Designee through Tribal Resolution. The Authorized Official cannot also be the Project Point of Contact or the Financial Point of Contact.

Authorized Official Name:
Mark Harris

Authorized Official Title:
Board Chairman

Authorized Official Phone Number (XXX-XXX-XXXX):
3084366718

Authorized Official Email Address:
mark.harris@scottsbluffcountyne.gov

Authorized Official Mailing Address:
1825 10th Street

Authorized Official Mailing City:
Gering

Authorized Official State (XX):
NE

Authorized Official Zip Code (XXXXX-XXXX):
69341

Community or Service Area Description

Areas served by this project (Counties/Cities/Statewide):



The WING Drug Task Force serves the 11 counties in the Nebraska Panhandle: Sioux, Dawes, Sheridan, Box Butte, Morrill, Garden, Deuel, Cheyenne, Kimball, Banner and Scotts Bluff

Geographic size of the service area indicated (square miles):

14181

Identify whether the service area is designated as rural, urban, and/or frontier. Provide an explanation if there is more than one designation and include the percentage of each designation within the service area.

Rural

Complete the two tables below for the service area described above, utilizing US Census data available at:

<http://www.census.gov/quickfacts/table/PST045215/00>

Table 1 (Race): *

	Number	Percent of Population
American Indian/Alaska Native	1397	1.68%
Asian	554	.68%
Black/African American	554	.68%
Hispanic or Latino	11942	14.4%
Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander	36	.04%
White Non-Latino/Caucasian	65480	78.97%
Multiple Races	2725	3.28%
Some Other Race	228	.27%
TOTAL POPULATION (Should Equal 100%):	82916	100%

Table 2 (Ethnicity): *

	Number	Percent of Population
Hispanic or Latino	11942	14.4%
Not Hispanic or Latino	70974	85.6%
TOTAL (Should Equal 100%):	82916	100%

Complete the chart for service area described above, as applicable to the proposed project. Do not repeat populations identified in above table. Add populations as needed.

Table 3 (Marginalized / Underserved Populations):

	Number	Percent of Population
LGBTQ+	0	0
Elders (55+ years)	0	0
Veterans	4882	0
Persons w Mental Health Issues	0	0



	Number	Percent of Population
Persons w Substance Abuse Issues	0	0
Limited English Proficiency Individuals	0	0
Rural	0	100%
Undocumented	0	0
Person with Disabilities	0	0
Deaf or Hard of Hearing	0	0
Homeless	0	0
Low to No Income	0	13.92
Child and Youth	0	21.13%

Supplemental Funding

Provide information on the entire operating budget and sources of funding for the victim services program in the most recently completed 12-month budget. Complete the chart to show total program income from all sources as well as other funds available to this project. Applicants who are State, County, or City entities with much larger scopes should complete information based on where the proposed project will operate from such as a division, department, unit, etc. All other applicants or lead agencies should complete information based on the agency's total budget.

Budget Period - From:

7/1/2024

Budget Period - To:

6/30/2025

Agency's total operating budget:

\$0.00

Funding sources and amount received (should add up to match the agency's total operating budget): *

	Amount Received
VOCA	
JAG	
STOP	
SASP	
RSAT	
OTHER FEDERAL	
STATE	
LOCAL	



	Amount Received
OTHER	

If OTHER FEDERAL funding is listed above, please describe below:

WING/HIDTA Grant 24HD09

If STATE funding is listed above, please describe below:

If LOCAL funding is listed above, please describe below:

If OTHER funding is listed above, please describe below:

Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications

Applicants are to disclose any pending applications, submitted within the last 12 months for federally and or state funded grants that include requests for funding to support the same project proposed under this solicitation and will cover identical cost items outlined in the budget in the application under this solicitation. Mark none if there are no pending applications.

Must Include:

- Federal or state funding agency
- Agency point of contact information (name, phone, email)
- Solicitation name
- Project or application name

List of Pending Applications:

HIDTA

Brenda Daley, (402) 320-1447, bdaley@midwest-hidta.gov

WING/HIDTA Grant 24HD09

Project Narrative

Project Period

SFY 2025 JAG Task Force will have a 6 month project period of January 1, 2025 to June 30, 2025.

Select which applies to the proposed project:

- ☒ Yes, proposed project starts 01/01/2025 and ends 06/30/2025.
- ☐ No, proposed project WILL NOT start and/or end on these dates. The alternate start and end dates are included below.



Project Summary

Provide a concise statement highlighting the major aspects of the proposed project (150 words or less).

The major aspects of the proposed 11-county project area encompass a 3-pronged approach to drug and violent crime reduction. 1) Taking offenders off the streets through arrests and successful prosecutions, visits with youth on diversion, probation or parole; 2) Rapid investigatory response is the core of WING's operational philosophy, leveraging intelligence resources, built on expertise of officers and curtails the criminal activity before it spreads; 3) Removing resources needed for violent crime, collaborate with community groups, law enforcement action towards problem properties. Currently we use hot spot practices to target drug and violent crime problems in the project area. The project fits into the 2025 JAG Task Force Funding Opportunity by utilizing intelligence-based policing and educating at risk youth.

Problem Statement

A concise description of the social problem(s) the project will address. Include local crime rate information/data. If the project is a statewide effort, statewide crime rates are acceptable. Discuss any lack of available services and barriers victims and survivors experience when accessing needed services and help.

Utilizing the investigators assigned to the WING project in conjunction with state and community stakeholders to reduce drug related problems, violent crime, recidivism and improve living conditions in a specific sections or "hot spots" in the project area. Focus on violent crime reduction and decreasing the demand for drugs through our three-pronged approach of arrests and successful prosecutions, curtailing criminal activity before it spreads, and collaborating with community groups to remove resources needed for violent crime. Work closely with probation and drug court to divert qualifying drug offenders into drug court specifically those eligible in our hot spots. Utilize information sources such as reports of drug endangered children, probation information, drug court, and crime rates to determine project effectiveness.

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According to the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA), drug abuse is costly and a major public health problem that impacts society on multiple levels. Directly or indirectly, every community is affected by drug abuse and addiction, as is every family. Drugs take a tremendous toll on our society at many levels. NIDA states the cost of substance abuse in America is \$820 billion annually, with \$193 billion of this being attributed to illicit drug use and \$78.5 billion in opioids. Our experience indicates that a majority of homes where child abuse occurs, drugs are present.

WING has continually worked Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's) in cooperation with the FBI, and our personnel are FBI Deputized for federal drug cases. DTO's often have ties to other areas, and we routinely work with task forces across Nebraska and surrounding states. We also work with federal agencies including Homeland Security, the Drug Enforcement Administration, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and US Marshals.

Description of Services

a) Indicate the population(s) to be served:

WING serves the entire population of all 11 counties in the Panhandle of Nebraska with a total population of nearly 82,000. Scotts Bluff County is centrally located in the project area, with the largest population. The cities of Scottsbluff and Gering are located in this county. It is a shopping hub, and has a significant minority population. International drug trafficking organizations have found it easy to blend in to the established population. In prior years the team has dismantled/disrupted many drug trafficking organizations with connections to foreign cartels. Midwest HIDTA has also identified Scotts Bluff County as a high intensity drug trafficking area. Although low level marijuana enforcement is not a task force priority, it is still an illegal drug, and our agents will respond to assist uniformed officers and work cases deemed significant.

Evidence from arrests and seizures, interviews with offenders and cooperating sources, and data from Rocky Mountain HIDTA provide overwhelming evidence that Colorado is now the primary source for illicit drugs in our area.



Denver and the Colorado front range cities including Greeley, Fort Collins and Boulder are known source cities with significant drug trafficking organizations and gang activity. They are a short drive from the project area and are the major metropolitan influence for western Nebraska.

Along the Interstate 80 corridor are the cities of Sidney and Kimball. Sidney's workforce comes from the states of Colorado and Wyoming which can include people bringing illegal contraband into the state. With the sale of Cabela's there was a socio-economic shift from professional laborers to blue-collar demographics moving from the front range of Colorado for lower cost housing and cost of living. Kimball is in the heart of the Department of Defense, Sentinel Missile Project which is projected to see a significant increase in the construction labor force in the next 10 years. It is projected to start in 2025, with an estimated 2,500 to 3,000 added laborers in construction trades living near Kimball, basically doubling the population.

Along highway 385 are the cities of Alliance and Chadron. Alliance is a railroad town housing a large Burlington Northern/Santé Fe rail yard. With the reduction in hauling coal and other items, rail service jobs have been lost which has put a strain on the community. Chadron is a college town with approximately 3,000 students annually. The college brings in new residents every semester.

b) List the services the project will provide along with a brief description.

WING will continue working with an emphasis toward evidence based practices. These practices include gathering and disseminating intelligence, controlled buys, search warrants, surveillance, working with local law enforcement and developing CI's (Confidential Informants). WING also regularly assists local law enforcement in the investigation of violent crimes. Project personnel will be actively engaged in disrupting drug activity in project area "hot spots." By working with state and community stakeholders our personnel will work toward improving the living conditions of these areas.

WING will continue as an active participant in the Scotts Bluff County Adult Problem Solving Court as well as assist District 12 Probation with searches of participant residences, whether in the "hot spot" areas or not. WING investigators are assigned Nebraska Child Abuse/Neglect hotline cases within the project area that identify controlled substances as a child endangerment issue.

c) Describe any best practices that will be used for the criminal justice project.

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d) In addition to JAG funded employees included in the proposed budget, describe any other individuals that will be supporting the project.

The WING Drug Task Force does not have any JAG Funded employees. These funds will be used to reimburse overtime and training expenses for member agencies participating in WING operations.



SFY 2025 JAG Task Force - Document Uploads

SFY 2025 JAG Task Force Required Uploads

SFY 2025 Certified Assurances

Download the SFY 2025 Certified Assurances Form provided below and have it completed by the Authorized Official listed on the application. Attach the completed form below.

SFY2025 DA Task Force - Certified Assurances.pdf

Completed SFY 2025 Certified Assurances:

Certified Assurances.pdf

Organizational Questionnaire

Download the Organizational Questionnaire form provided below and have it completed by the Financial Point of Contact listed on the application. Attach the completed form and any corresponding documentation below.

Organizational Questionnaire.pdf

Completed Organizational Questionnaire:

Organizational Questionnaire.pdf

Board of Directors or Tribal Council List

Provide a complete list of Board of Directors or Tribal Council Membership. List should include board title, term served, professional position/organization, and contact information.

Board of Directors or Tribal Council Membership List:

WING Advisory Board.docx

Organizational Chart

Provide an Organizational Chart that reflects the current leadership structure of the applicant agency.

Organizational Chart:

WING Organizational Chart.docx

Letters of Support and Memorandums of Understanding

Letters of Support are required to demonstrate coordination and cooperation in the communities to be served by the proposed project. Letters may be from law enforcement agencies, criminal justice agencies, and/or other victim service organizations and community stakeholders.

- Letters should be specific to the application and the proposed project.
- Letters should be on agency letterhead and signed by an agency lead. It is acceptable for agencies that serve



multiple counties to have a Letter of Support that is signed by all county agency leads.

- Letters from employees or Commissioners of the Nebraska Crime Commission will not be accepted.
- All letters must remove or redact identifying information of any crime victims.
- At least three letters are required for a complete application. No more than five letters will be accepted.

Memorandums of Understanding (MOU) are required of an agency when an application for funds includes an explicit non-financial collaboration with partnering organizations. If applicable, combine all MOU agreements related to this project into one PDF and upload as a single file below.

Letter of Support 1:

Alliance Letter of Support.pdf

Letter of Support 2:

Cheyenne County Letter of Support.pdf

Letter of Support 3:

County Attorney Letter of Support.pdf

Letter of Support 4:

Nebraska State Patrol Letter of Support.pdf

Letter of Support 5:

MOU:

Memorandum of Understanding.pdf

Job Descriptions

Attach job descriptions for all employees included in the proposed budget as a single document.

Job descriptions should outline the position's Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA) classification (i.e., exempt or non-exempt), necessary qualifications, primary responsibilities, and specific job duties related to the project. The percentage of time spent on overall tasks should also be indicated.

Job Descriptions:

WING Drug Task Force Job Descriptions.docx

Agency Policies

Attach agency policies that are applicable to the proposed project. If no policy is submitted, the Crime Commission will default to the policy of the State of Nebraska. The following policies may be required, depending on the scope and budget of the proposed project:

- **Personnel Policy (regarding leave)**
- **Travel Policy**
- **Capitalization/Equipment Policy**

Personnel Policy (regarding leave):

2015 WING Guidelines.pdf

Travel Policy:

2015 WING Guidelines.pdf

Capitalization/Equipment Policy:

2015 WING Guidelines.pdf

Is your agency requesting indirect costs for the proposed project?



Is your agency requesting indirect costs for the proposed project?

- ☐ Yes
☒ No

Other Attachments

Provide any other needed attachments corresponding with the application here, such as a copy of agency bylaws if needed to confirm the Authorized Official listed.

Attachment 1:

Attachment 2:

Attachment 3:



Budget

Proposed Budget Summary

Expense Budget

	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
Personnel			
Overtime	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Subtotal	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$50,000.00
Other Costs			
Training	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Subtotal	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Total Proposed Cost	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00

Revenue Budget

	Grant Funded	Non-Grant Funded	Total Budgeted
Grant Funding			
Award Requested	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00
Subtotal	\$60,000.00		\$60,000.00
Non-Grant Funding			
Cash Match		\$0.00	\$0.00
In-Kind Match		\$0.00	\$0.00
Subtotal		\$0.00	\$0.00
Total Proposed Revenue	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$60,000.00

Proposed Budget Detail

See attached spreadsheet.

Proposed Budget Narrative

Personnel

See the SFY 2025 JAG Task Force Announcement for specific details on allowable expenses and submitting the budget. Please use whole numbers.

Overtime

Overtime reimbursement for WING Investigators



Other Costs

See the SFY 2025 JAG Task Force Announcement for specific details on allowable expenses and submitting the budget. Please use whole numbers.

Training

Training for personnel assigned to the WING Drug Task Force



Performance Plan

Proposed Performance Plan

Strategy #1 (SFY 2025 JAG Task Force)

Goal Name	Goal Type	Goal Details
Identify Drug Trafficking Organizations	Numeric	Number to be Achieved 3
Controlled Buys	Numeric	Number to be Achieved 72
Community Presentations	Numeric	Number to be Achieved 3

Proposed Performance Narrative

Strategy #1 (SFY 2025 JAG Task Force)

Identify 2-5 goals or objectives that clearly state what is planned for the project's activities and achievements. Goals must be measurable and state what will be done utilizing the grant funds, what will be measured, and within what timeframe. Goals will need to have a goal type identified for the goal to be properly reported on and tracked.

Identify Drug Trafficking Organizations

The WING Drug Task Force will identify 3 Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's) during the grant cycle. Grant funds will be used to cover a cost of the investigator's overtime for surveillance and other investigative activities.

Controlled Buys

The WING Drug Task Force will use grant funds to cover the cost of overtime for WING investigators conducting controlled buys of illicit drugs and/or contraband.

Community Presentations

The WING Drug Task Force will conduct community presentations to help educate the community on the dangers of drug use. The grant will cover the cost of overtime for investigators conducting these presentations.