

## 2015 JAG Program Narrative

Applicant: City of Olympia (WA) Police Department

Grant Number: BJA-2015-4167

Project Title: Fingerprint System Replacement

Project Identifier: AFIS (Automated Fingerprint ID System)

Project Goals: To obtain live scan fingerprint scanning equipment so that the department may increase its ability to fingerprint criminal suspects, employment applicants, and others within the community so that the department can detect and track criminals or people unsuited to provide services to vulnerable populations.

### Program Narrative:

The City of Olympia currently has one fingerprinting system located at the City Jail. This equipment is the Department's sole system for scanning and transmitting fingerprint. It is used both for policing purposes and to perform professional background checks that are mandated by the State of Washington to help protect vulnerable populations. Fingerprint data is shared through the Washington State Patrol with NCIC and other law enforcement agencies.

Because the equipment is used during the jail booking process of suspects, the equipment is located within the secure confines of the Jail. When the equipment is used for non-criminal purposes, civilians must enter the secure of the jail which is a security concern. In addition, the Jail is located at an address separate from the Police Station. Those needing fingerprints for civil purposes must travel to the Jail after submitting application paperwork at the Station. Staff must also travel to the Jail to perform the fingerprinting. This is both inconvenient for our citizens and inefficient for our staff.

The Olympia Police Department seeks to add fingerprinting equipment at the Police Station. However, the City of Olympia lacks funding to do so due to significant budget constraints it has experienced for several years. The Olympia Police Department intends to use the grant funds to purchase a second machine and is able to fund its maintenance and use in its current operating budget.

The total cost to add fingerprinting equipment is approximately \$14,000. The JAG funding will be used to fund this equipment with the City of Olympia contributing the additional funds that are needed.