



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program FY2009 Local Solicitation CFDA #16.738**

#### **Overview of the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program:**

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by assisting state, local and tribal efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Jag) Program (42 U S C 3751 (a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system, from multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

The St. Mary's County Sheriff Office will receive \$29,055 in local solicitation.