

**Richard L. Swearingen**  
Commissioner

February 20, 2018

Mr. Jon Adler  
Director  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Bureau of Justice Assistance  
810 Seventh Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20531

Re: Request for Byrne/JAG Emergency Funds – Parkland

Director Adler:

The Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) is requesting United States Department of Justice (DOJ), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) support through the allocation and award of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Precipitous Increase in Crime emergency funds for the State of Florida.

Statement of Need

On February 14, 2018 at approximately 2:19 p.m. an armed gunman entered the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida and began what has now been described as the second most deadly school shooting in the United States. First responders from Broward County Sheriff's Office, Coral Springs Police Department, and many other local, state, and federal agencies responded to the scene in cooperation with paramedics and firefighters from the area. Local law enforcement was able to apprehend the suspect in Coral Springs after he took the lives of 17 students and staff, and injured approximately 14 others.

In addition to the initial response, law enforcement agencies continue to work tirelessly to process the crime scene, conduct investigations, and perform around-the-clock supervision and monitoring of the suspect. Agencies do not have excess funds available to absorb the increased costs resulting from this incident.

Rough Order of Magnitude

An exact amount is unable to be determined at this time, other than local agencies stating they are experiencing "significant costs." For this reason, I am requesting an initial amount of \$1,000,000 to reimburse units of state and local government for personnel/overtime for response, investigative, intelligence, and custody/supervision activities, as well as costs for operating and capital expenses related to this incident. This amount may be revised at a later date through a supplemental request pending receipt of more definitive information from our state and local law enforcement partners.

I appreciate your consideration and assistance with this request. Please contact me at (850) 617-1264 with questions or for additional information regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

  
Petrina Tuttle Herring  
Bureau Chief

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