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Police would use federal grant to pay for power source that can be used during emergencies

Aug. 22, 2019 - The city of Hampton's Police Division is applying for a 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant that would be used to support emergency communications and the department's "real time" information center. The annual grant is awarded by the federal government based on a community's population and crime statistics. Hampton would use the \$49,820 grant to purchase an uninterrupted power source in the event of a large scale power outage or other electricity-related power issues. The public can comment on the application by emailing HamptonPoliceChief@hampton.gov and in person at upcoming City Council meetings. The grant program is named for New York City police officer Edward Byrne who was killed in the line of duty in 1988 while protecting an immigrant witness who agreed to testify against drug dealers. The program is administered by the Office of Justice Programs's Bureau of Justice Assistance, and provides federal criminal justice funding to state, local and tribal jurisdictions.



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