

***Project Title:*** FY2024 JAG – Countywide (JAG-C)

***Project Goals:***

Clewiston Police Department (CPD)

The Clewiston Police Department is the primary law enforcement authority for the City of Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida. Clewiston is a 4.68 square mile rural community located 60 miles west of West Palm Beach, Florida and 60 miles east of Fort Myers, Florida, with a residential population of 7,198 ([City-data.com](https://www.city-data.com/city/Florida/Clewiston-FL.html)).

- The City of Clewiston seeks to utilize the Federal Fiscal Year 2024 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG-Countywide) Program to enhance its patrol capabilities by acquiring an all-terrain utility vehicle and a golf cart. This project is an ongoing part of modernizing our patrol fleet, enhancing capabilities to search in an off-road scenario, creating new ways to reach our community through community policing efforts, and enhance our employee recruiting and retention efforts, ultimately ensuring a safer community.

***Strategies:***

- The City of Clewiston will assign a project manager that will oversee the purchasing of the maintenance contract, equipment and training, in compliance with grant guidelines and procurement standards.

***Project Identifiers***

- Purchase of an all-terrain utility vehicle
- Purchase of a golf cart

***Budget Narrative:***

The City of Clewiston Police Department intends to use the funds obtained through this grant to purchase the following items:

We are seeking funding to acquire 1 all-terrain utility vehicle and 1 golf cart. These vehicles are intended to enhance the operational capabilities, response efficiency, and community engagement efforts of the police department, particularly in areas not accessible by traditional patrol vehicles. A small portion of the funds are being used to purchase VHF radio equipment to support the city's Emergency Operations Center's (EOC) VHF back-up radio system.

The acquisition of a police golf cart will provide significant advantages in patrolling high-foot-traffic. An all-terrain utility vehicle is critical for expanding police presence and emergency response in off-road or rugged areas, including parks and trails, construction zones, swampy areas, and disaster response zones.

The addition of a police golf cart and a UTV will significantly improve the department's mobility, visibility, and public service capabilities. These vehicles support strategic goals for community policing, emergency readiness, and efficient deployment of resources. They represent a cost-effective investment with high operational and public safety returns.

Total Requested – \$000.00

Approved Amount – \$29,688.00

Any amounts over the approved Grant Funding for shipping or freight delivery will be covered by internal Police Department funding methods.