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AN EVALUATION  
OF THE  
TOWN OF EAST KINGSTON  
"Increased Police Services"

GRANT NUMBER

77-I-A1600 C03

PROJECT PERIOD

January 21, 1977 - January 31, 1978

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SUB-GRANTEE Town of East Kingston

PROJECT TITLE Increased Police Services

PROJECT DIRECTOR Edward J. Morrill, Chief of Police

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GRANT BUDGET

<u>Item</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Fed.</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Local</u>
Personnel Services	\$5,500	\$2,604	\$146	\$2,750
Consultant Services				
Travel and Subsistence				
Construction and Renovation				
Rental				
All Other				
Indirect Costs				
Total Cost	\$5,500	\$2,604	\$146	\$2,750

PREVIOUS PROJECT HISTORY

<u>Grant Period</u>	<u>Total Funding</u>	<u>Fed.</u>	<u>Percentage State</u>	<u>Local</u>
Sept. 5, 1975 - Nov. 4, 1976	\$5,000	\$4,500	\$250	\$250

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DATE: February 6, 1979

ACQUISITIONS

## PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The award of this grant provided for the second year of funding for increased police services in the town of East Kingston. During the period of this project, East Kingston had a population of 960. The police department, consisting of Chief Edward Morrill and three officers, operated on a part-time basis. The town has over twenty miles of town and state roads, which prior to the original project implementation in 1975, were patrolled primarily at night. During the day, dispatch services were provided by the Rockingham County Sheriff's Department in Exeter, eight miles away. The second year project continued to provide forty-five additional hours per week of patrol time during the daytime. According to Chief Morrill, this was necessary to combat the incidence of such crimes as breaking and entering and vandalism which were occurring primarily in the daytime hours. During the first year of the project the incidence of reported vandalism decreased from the previous year number of seventy-five to fourteen. The incidence of reported crimes of breaking and entering, however, rose to eleven from the previous year's level of five. The objective of the second year project, as stated in the grant application, was to continue the reduction of the incidence of these crimes.

## PROJECT OPERATION

During the project period the East Kingston Police Department continued its expanded police patrol coverage by providing wage and benefits for forty-five hours per week over what was provided for from the town's financial resources. This was accomplished as it had been during the previous grant period. Chief Morrill scheduled himself for patrol duty from 3:30 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. on weekdays. Two additional regular officers were scheduled between 8:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m.

These officers worked together as a team in the town's police cruiser; Chief Morrill believed that this was the most efficient way to meet the objective of reducing crime. Prior to implementation of the original project in 1975, patrol coverage was only able to be provided on an "as needed" basis on weeknights and from 8:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m., on Saturdays.

During the second year of the expanded police coverage the number of reported crimes of breaking and entering remained virtually constant; there were thirteen during subject project period compared with eleven during the first year. The reported incidence of vandalism, however, increased from fourteen during the first year of expanded patrol coverage to twenty-five during the second year. This figure, however, is well below the number of seventy-five reported vandalisms during the year of 1975, the year preceeding the original grant period.

Chief Morrill did not intend to apply for third year funding to continue the project past the second year expiration date of January 31, 1978. It was assumed that the town of East Kingston would provide for the continuation of the expanded patrol coverage through its own resources. The town, however, failed to provide for this in its 1978 budget which resulted in the loss of the additional forty-five hours per week coverage. Chief Morrill's records indicate that during 1978 the number of reported breaking and entering crimes rose to eighteen (38% increase) and reported vandalisms increased to fifty-three (112% increase). The chief attributes this rise to the loss of the additional patrol hours even though the number of regular officers increased from three to four during this period. Chief Morrill feels that the increase in crime is due to the fact that the daytime coverage, provided under the grant is not now able to

be provided. Because of the increase in the crimes of breaking and entering and vandalism experienced in the year since subject project expiration, Chief Morrill has applied to this Commission for third year funding to once again provide additional police patrol hours to help combat these crimes.

#### CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The evaluator is of the opinion that the current practice of scheduling two East Kingston Police Officers during periods of cruiser patrol is not the most efficient or effective utilization of available police resources. East Kingston now has four regular officers, in addition to the Chief available for patrol duty. This is a 25% increase in the department during the grant period. It appears that the effective scheduling of these resources would provide the police exposure and deterrence to crime that Chief Morrill feels is his objective in applying for third year funding for increased police services. For this reason it is recommended that the application submitted for continuation of increased police services be denied.



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