

## **Criminal Justice Improvement Committee 2015 Funding Priorities**

### **Mission Statement**

*The mission of the Criminal Justice Improvement Committee is to encourage proactive and innovative programming and methodologies that improve the criminal justice system. Desired improvements include reducing and discouraging violent crime and associated problems, enhancing all aspects of criminal justice processing to include the incarceration and treatment of offenders and advancing justice system operations.*

- ❖ **ALL GRANT APPLICATIONS MUST PROVIDE A CASH MATCH OF 25% FOR EACH PROGRAM PRIORITY WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANTS.**
- ❖ **NO IN-KIND MATCH OF ANY KIND WILL BE CONSIDERED OR ACCEPTED.**
- ❖ **THE CJI COMMITTEE WILL NOT CONSIDER VEHICLE PURCHASES, INSURANCE OR VEHICLE MAINTENANCE.**
- ❖ **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF CEILING CAPS FOR EACH PRIORITY. PROPOSALS THAT EXCEED THESE THRESHOLDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.**

The Governor's Crime Commission will only consider a match waiver due to extreme hardship or extenuating circumstances. In order to be considered for a waiver, the following requirements must be met:

- Agencies must submit a detailed written justification for consideration.
- Must demonstrate that a true hardship does exist and document such a hardship.
- Agencies seeking modification of the match requirements should be prepared to be subjected to a much higher level of scrutiny during the review process.

Waivers will be contingent upon the availability of federal funding on hand, so only a limited number of waivers may be recommended in the application review process by the Governor's Crime Commission.

### **1. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANTS**

**Federal Funding Maximum - \$15,000 – 1 YEAR ONLY**

First priority in the 2015 grant cycle will be given to agencies that did not receive Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funding from GCC in 2014 or that did not receive a direct allocation from BJA under JAG Formula Grant in 2014. To determine your eligibility status, you may check with the GCC point of contact or go the federal web site at: <https://www.bja.gov/Programs/JAG/jag14/14NC.pdf>

Applications may include BOTH equipment purchases and overtime resources, with a minimum of \$3,000 and a cap of \$15,000 in federal funds per agency.

Agencies that submit multiple applications under this priority will be automatically disqualified. Overtime resources can be used for specially designated detectives and patrol officers involved in the investigation and disruption of street drug sales, pharmaceutical diversion investigations, gang activities, robbery, and/or homicide.

Among the items may be purchased with these funds: VIPER radios (ONLY), non-lethal weapons, weapon replacements, audio and video recording equipment for use with interrogations and interviews, hardware and software resources for lineups to comply with the statutory lineup identification procedures, and other similar functions relating specific law enforcement activities.

NOTE: Agencies applying for funds to purchase recording equipment for custodial interrogations must also meet Special Conditions which will stipulate that the agency:

- Will use these funds to purchase recording equipment and related technology for recording custodial interrogation of individuals by law enforcement.
- Has a written policy for recording interrogations of a category(s) of serious crimes determined by the agency. It must conform to best practices including requirements that the entire interrogation is electronically recorded;

the recording equipment is positioned to record both suspect and interrogating officer(s); and a system for cataloging and retaining copies of recordings for use in related judicial proceedings.

*Prohibited items include air cards, phone lines, and any other long term contractual services.*

## 2. **STATEWIDE TRAINING**

*Federal Funding Maximum \$50,000 for one year only*

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals for specialized statewide criminal justice training programs that encompass the advancement of strategic planning and staff development, with a particular focus on School Safety and the training of School Resource Officers. Applicants must provide a curriculum prior to award demonstrating how this training will help support school safety trainings for communities. These projects must meet a need lacking in their own community. *Applicants who have previously received GCC funding to support these programs will be highly scrutinized as potential award recipients during this cycle.*

Non-Profits that conduct this training must have a statewide impact that meets a criminal justice need; and should have a proven track record of successful criminal justice training of at least one year. Agencies must present a strategic lesson plan with fact-based training targeted for criminal justice providers, which must be uploaded into the GEMS system and submitted by the application deadline.

*The Office of Justice Programs released a directive in June 2012 mandating that all trainings follow the same conference guidelines and reporting standards. It may be found at <http://www.ojp.gov/funding/confcost.htm>. Subsistence and lodging expenses should be budgeted at the state per diem as a matter of standard policy whenever possible. Office of Management and Budget guidelines require any exceptions to budgeted per diems cannot exceed the federal per diem rate under any circumstances.*

## 3. **PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAMS**

*Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 75,000/year for one or two years\*\**

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals to address the multiple issues of prescription drug abuse, substance abuse treatment programs, and re-entry programs. This priority is intended to establish programs that will provide education, prevention, intervention and enforcement to intercept and disrupt the illegal use, possession and sale of prescription drugs. This priority will also consider proposals that support substance abuse treatment programs by established providers with an existing track record.

Applicants are being sought to address the premier drug issue among young people today – the abuse and diversion of prescription pharmaceuticals. Application should focus on one of these four areas:

- Prescription Fraud Diversion
- Prevention Education
- Disruption of Open Air Drug Markets that supply prescription based controlled substances.
- Investigations focused on “Doctor shopping,” prescription forgery, and straw purchases of prescription drugs.

Non-profit applicants may only conduct prevention education; and must possess a proven track record of at least one year of successful preventive education in the controlled substance abuse field. Their application must include other partners in their community, such as law enforcement, local pharmacists, local doctors, local human service providers, and other community groups to educate the community as a whole and across all disciplines.

Law enforcement applicants must have an educational component in their proposal that encourages pharmacists and doctors to enroll in the statewide prescription reporting system. A strategic lesson plan for fact-based preventive education targeted at prescription drugs must be submitted to the GCC prior to funding.

**\*\* Proposals under this program priority may apply for up to two years of funding only if Personnel are requested. This does not guarantee that these proposals will be recommended for funding as they are received. Applicants who request two years must still show a cash match for the duration of the project.**

#### **4. NON-RESIDENTIAL RE-ENTRY PROGRAMS**

*Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 75,000/year for one or two years\*\**

A limited number of Non Residential Re-Entry applications will be selected based upon their focus on substance abuse outpatient treatment and vocational training for individuals previously incarcerated; and based on one or more of these four strategies:

1. Define Success as Recidivism Reduction and Measure Performance: *Risk reduction and behavioral change strategies that measure performance against the standard of recidivism reduction, substance abuse, employment, victim restitution and other reintegration outcomes.*
2. Engage Partners to Expand Intervention Capacity: *Coordination between support organizations enhancing the capacity of supervision agencies to help keep offenders crime- and drug-free.*
3. Engage Informal Social Controls: *Incorporate offenders' support networks into the assessment, case planning, and supervision process, and be trained to recognize where these networks exist and how to engage them. Use*
4. Earned Wages: *Research indicates that positive reinforcement and actual working apprenticeships – when applied along with sanctions for violations - are powerful tools in the offender change process.*

Eligible applicants should possess a proven track record of successful re-entry programming of at least one year. Priority consideration will be given to applicants who can best articulate their plan to reduce recidivism and hold offenders accountable for their actions, cutting substance abuse and unemployment and restoring family bonds.

Prior approval of referral contract agreements or signed working Memoranda of Agreement with the NC Department of Public Safety – Division of Adult Correction (NCDPS-AC); NC Department of Health and Human Services (NCDHHS) and the NC Department of Public Safety – Division of Juvenile Justice (NCDPS-JJ) to provide substance abuse treatment services to offenders, either prior to or post release.

Programs that provide individual and group treatment activities for offenders must:

- Provide direct substance abuse treatment in areas set apart from the general correctional population.
- Focus on specific substance abuse problems of offenders with a strong history of being involved in violent, sexual offenses and domestic violence crimes.
- Develop the offender's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to help solve the offender's substance abuse and their related problems.

*All Non Residential Re-Entry programs must have an approval or endorsement letter with from the NCDPS-CA, NCDHHS, and NCDPS-JJ when applicable). These will represent endorsements of the program concept and the implementing agency only. It will not be considered an endorsement of any specific application.*

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## **5. GANG PREVENTION & INTERVENTION**

*Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 75,000/year for one or two years\*\**

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals for programming to enhance the anti-gang efforts of law enforcement and develop gang prevention and intervention initiatives in North Carolina. Priority consideration will be given to programs engaged in the following:

- Multi-Jurisdictional Programs with multiple law enforcement partners that are working with collaborative projects that focus on suppression and intervention.
- Focusing on the influence of international and multi-national drug and gun cartels in local communities.
- Establishing a central position such as Community Resource Coordinator to place gang-involved individuals or those at-risk with viable programs/services within their community
- Improving employment (employability and job opportunities/ placement), education, and housing
- Programs that take a multidisciplinary approach to gang reduction. Suggested collaborative partners include schools, service providers, faith community, law enforcement and community representatives.

Memoranda of Agreement will be required specifying the participants at the federal, state, regional and local levels (i.e. schools, service providers, faith community, law enforcement and community representatives); their roles and responsibilities in multi-jurisdictional and collaborative programs; and a mutually agreed upon structure for executing the objectives of the grant.

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## **6. SPECIALTY COURT PROGRAMS:**

*Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 75,000/year for one or two years\*\**

### **Adult Drug Courts and Mental Health Courts**

The Governor's Crime Commission has provided federal funding assistance in the past for a small number of Specialty Courts. These have been either to establish new court services or enhanced existing court services, coordination, and offender management and recovery support services. The purpose of this solicitation is to provide some financial help for the coordinator of these programs. These grants would help support the salary of a court program coordinator and a few additional aspects of this program. For purposes of this solicitation, an "adult drug court and an adult mental health court" is a court program managed by a multidisciplinary team that responds to the offense and treatment needs of offenders who have either drug addictions, mental health problems, or non-violent offenses.

Eligible Drug and Mental Health Court models must include one of the following types: **Adult/Juvenile Drug Courts; Driving While Intoxicated/Driving Under the Influence (DWI/DUI) Courts; Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Courts; Veteran's Treatment Courts; Teen Courts; and Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts.** Court programs that combine or propose to combine the above-referenced drug court models (meeting the requirements of such) with other court programs or dockets are also eligible for funding consideration.

A drug court program [logic model](#) that is available from the National Institute of Justice can be used as a template for these programs.

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## **7. STATEWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE**

Federal Funding Maximums - Local Governments \$60,000 and State Agencies \$120,000 (One year only)

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals for programming that will support technology initiatives to enhance the readiness and effectiveness of a department's day-to-day operation using technology resources to ensure a safe working operation for its employees and clients and to make sure that all North Carolina data integration projects are interoperable.

All state and local justice integration projects must leverage existing regional or state-controlled databases, but may not conflict with or attempt to duplicate CAPTURES or CJLEADS. All such projects must meet the criteria and protocol established by the aforementioned data integration projects. Stand-alone system will not qualify.

***UCR Non-Compliance** - First priority will be given to agencies currently not reporting UCR data to support data reporting at the incident level. Funds may purchase hardware, communications and required software licenses to support a web-based record management system OR to fund hardware and communications to submit crime data directly to CAPTURES. [Click here view table of agencies not reporting UCR.](#)*

*\*\* The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee will work more closely with state agencies in addressing their needs during the 2015 Funding Cycle. The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee will make efforts to work with the three large state agencies, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Public Safety to determine how to appropriate the percentage of the total JAG allocation that is established for State Agencies. The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee will work with the Chief Executive Officers of those three agencies in order to determine the highest priority for those agencies.*

## **8. SPECIAL ASSISTANT UNITED STATES ATTORNEY (SAUSA)**

Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 75,000/year for one year only per district attorney's office

The Governor's Crime Commission has provided grant funding for the Special Assistant United States Attorneys (SAUSA) since 2006. As the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) dollars have diminished over the years, funding these SAUSA initiatives have taken a larger sums of the federal allocation that has been awarded to the state. If a local District Attorney's office is interested in applying for a SAUSA position, it will be required to work with the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys. The Conference will recommend no more than a total of 6 SAUSA positions to be considered for funding. There will be no more than 2 SAUSA positions per district (Western, Middle, and Eastern). Applicants interested in this program should first make contact with the staff of the North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys.

### **2015 GRANT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, RESTRICTIONS, AND LIMITATIONS**

No application or proposal is guaranteed an award at any time during the grant review or recommendation process. Funding is subject entirely to the availability of federal funds and the priority placement of grants within a competitive process. Applicants must meet all eligibility requirements, restrictions, and limitations.

**Please review them carefully before submitting the application:**

### **EQUAL TREATMENT REGULATIONS**

All organizations receiving financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Justice are bound by the Equal Treatment Regulations codified at 28 C.F.R. pt. 38. With limited exceptions, these regulations prohibit the inclusion of inherently religious activities (such as worship, religious instruction, or proselytization) in the specific programs or services that are being funded.

A religious organization that participates in the funded programs or services will retain its independence from Federal, State, and local governments and may continue to carry out its mission, including the definition, practice, and expression of its religious beliefs, though it must not use funding to support any inherently religious activity. In providing services, funded organizations shall not discriminate against a program beneficiary or prospective program beneficiary on the basis of religion or religious belief.

## **NON-PROFIT GRANTEES**

While highly recommended that first-time non-profit applicants apply through a local unit of government, they may receive direct funding under this program description provided they present at the time of application a cost-efficient plan clearly showing a cash match of 25% already in place.

A preliminary site-visit assessment by GCC is required of any new applicant (or previous applicant at the discretion of the GCC management) prior to the application being considered for funding

All Non-Profits must provide:

- Grantee Website URL
- Brief Grantee Description – NO MORE than 500 characters (does include spaces), and
- Verification of their Non-Profit Status at the time of submitting their application (such as a current 501(C)(3) certification and a valid federal tax identification number)

## **SUSTAINABILITY** (Not Required for Equipment-Only Grants)

All applicants must submit viable and detailed long-term sustainability plans to secure funding for program continuation after the end of the grant period. A sustainability plan does not include further GCC funding. Repeated applications from a single program may require the grantee to present their case for continued funding before the Executive Committee of the Governor's Crime Commission. Criminal Justice Improvement grant funds are intended to be seed money not a long-term commitment. Funding beyond two years may be subject grantees to a graduated match requirement for which match funding will be 75% the third year and operate with no grant funding the fourth year.

### **IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL GRANTEES!!** **THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE APPLYING FOR A GRANT** **THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION!!**

- ❖ The DUNS and CCR numbers have been integrated into a new central registry named System for Award Management (SAM) at [www.sam.gov](http://www.sam.gov)

If you previously had a DUNS or CCR number, please be sure your information is up to date; the SAM registration must be updated annually.

- ❖ **NCID:** The Governor's Crime Commission has implemented a new grants management system that makes it necessary for applicants to register with the North Carolina Identity Management Service (NCID) at <http://gems.ncdps.gov/Pages/Default.aspx> Applicants will be unable to access the online application without a valid NCID user ID and password.
- ❖ Please download the **GEMS Grant Application User Guide for Criminal Justice Improvement and Juvenile Justice Projects** found on the Grant Enterprise Management System (GEMS) homepage to assist with the preparation and submission of the grant application.