

Criminal Justice Improvement Committee 2014 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 PROJECT.**
- ❖ **NO IN-KIND MATCH OF ANY KIND WILL BE CONSIDERED OR ACCEPTED.**
- ❖ **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF CEILING CAPS FOR EACH PRIORITY. PROPOSALS THAT EXCEED THESE THRESHOLDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.**
- ❖ **VEHICLE PURCHASES, MAINTENANCE OR RENTAL/LEASES ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

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 - Funding six months only for equipment purchases/ Twelve months if overtime is included in the application

ONLY local law enforcement agencies that do not qualify for Direct JAG awards from the US Department of Justice are eligible to apply under this priority. 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.

First priority in the 2014 grant cycle will be given to agencies that did not receive Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funding from GCC in 2013 or that received a direct allocation from BJA under JAG Formula Grant in 2013. 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/jag13/13NC.pdf>

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.

Items prohibited 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. Priority will be given to those proposals which address the state safe school and human trafficking initiatives. Applicants must provide a curriculum prior to award demonstrating how this training will help support the criminal justice community and address any needs lacking in those communities. *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. SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT

Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 75,000 for one year

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals to address the multiple issues of prescription drug abuse, substance abuse treatment programs, re-entry programs and specialty courts. 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. A portion of the funding in this priority will be reserved for local correctional and detention facilities who conduct these types of programs. The Commission is also seeking projects that will work with Non-Residential Re-Entry programs. If an applicant is interested in applying for a specialty court to address their concerns of drug treatment, those proposals would also fall into this priority.

Prescription Drug Programs

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.

To be considered for continued funding, law enforcement agencies must apply annually and document distinct progress in the investigation, confiscation and seizure of illegal prescription narcotics, as well as successful criminal prosecutions.

Non Residential Re-Entry Programs

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.

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, and
- 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.

Substance Abuse Treatment and Specialty Court Programs

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals for dealing with intensive court-referred and community-supervised programs that deliver long-term substance abuse treatment to non-violent drug and/or alcohol-addicted offenders. Priority consideration will be given to start-up funding to establish specialty courts where none currently exist. The primary focus of these proposals will be to ensure that the needed services are provided to help those impacted by substance abuse, driving while impaired, and other social issues. These programs will work

with agencies that have experience in the field of substance abuse; and will focus on helping provide support services to clients.

Applicants must demonstrate effective collaborations between treatment programs and the justice system. The primary goal is to significantly break the cycle of addiction that gives rise to repeated law-breaking episodes. By enhancing the likelihood that the drug-driven offender will remain drug and crime free and socially responsible, the specialty courts seeks to reduce justice system, health system, and other societal costs associated with continuing drug use and criminal involvement. Proposals must provide a successful framework for providing a healthy living environment; decreasing reliance on social services, seeking reduced recidivism and prison admissions.

The successful applicant will build their program around at least four of the ten components outlined by BJA in their publication Defining Drug Courts: The Key Components which may be found at:

<https://www.ncjrs.gov/pdffiles1/bja/205621.pdf>.

All Specialty Court programs must have a signed endorsement from the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge or the Chief District Court Judge, the Clerk of Court, the Director of the Administrative Office of the Courts, and the District Attorney of the affected judicial district. First consideration will be given to state, municipal and county governmental agencies and regional Councils of Government.

4. 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 NC-Dex 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.](#)

5. GANG PREVENTION & INTERVENTION

Federal Funding Maximum: \$75,000 per year

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 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.

2014 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

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 have a must provide a:

- 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 further funds before the Executive Committee of the Governor's Crime Commission. Grant funds are intended to be seed money not a long-term commitment. Funding beyond two years may subject grantees to a graduated match requirement for which will be 100 percent in the fourth year.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FOR ALL GRANTEES!!

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE APPLYING FOR A GRANT THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S CRIME COMMISSION!!

- ❖ **NEW:** The DUNS and CCR numbers have been integrated into a new central registry named System for Award Management (SAM) at 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.nccrimecontrol.org/Pages/Default.aspx> Applicants will be unable to access the online application without a valid NCID user ID and password.