

## **ICJIA REQUESTS PUBLIC INPUT FOR PROMOTING SUCCESSFUL AND EFFECTIVE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAMMING**

The Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority (ICJIA), state administering agency for the federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), is seeking public input on its federal fiscal year 2013 JAG application.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program allows state and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. JAG funds have supported government programs that enabled the enforcement of Illinois drug laws, worked to decrease the likelihood of violent crime, and improved the criminal justice system and its outcomes.

### **JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PURPOSE AREAS AND PRIORITIES**

JAG funds can be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice in any of the following purpose areas:

- Law enforcement programs.
- Prosecution and court programs.
- Prevention and education programs.
- Corrections and community corrections programs.
- Drug treatment programs.
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

In its application for these funds, ICJIA will submit a program narrative, which outlines the following priorities. These priorities reflect trends and data presented at planning sessions for the development of the last multi-year strategic plan.

#### **1. Law enforcement program priorities:**

*Support programs that pursue violent and predatory criminals.*

*Support programs that provide law enforcement agencies throughout the state with necessary means to prevent, deter, or investigate crime through staffing, training, special projects, or equipment to improve public safety and quality of life.*

*Support projects that work to develop and implement multi-jurisdictional, cross-component, information sharing systems and technology.*

*Support programs that contribute to multi-agency collaboration, shared-services, consolidation or multi-disciplinary partnerships.*

#### **2. Prosecution and court program priorities:**

*Support prosecution efforts that focus on prosecuting violent and predatory criminals and drug offenders.*

*Support programs that contribute to the effectiveness and efficiency of the criminal justice court system at state and county levels in all facets: the judiciary, clerks, prosecution, defense, probation, and victim services.*

*Support projects that work to develop and implement multi-jurisdictional, cross-component, information sharing systems and technology.*

*Support programs that contribute to multi-agency collaboration, shared-services, consolidation or multi-disciplinary partnerships.*

### **3. Prevention and education program priorities:**

*Support proven or innovative prevention or intervention programs for juveniles and adults identified as at risk for involvement or already involved with the criminal justice system to provide services aimed to mitigate risk factors recognized as contributors to violent crime, illegal gun and drug use, gang affiliation, and other criminal behavior.*

*Support projects that work to develop and implement multi-jurisdictional, cross-component, information sharing systems and technology.*

### **4. Corrections and community corrections program priorities:**

*Support juvenile and adult re-entry programs and programs that enhance jail or correctional facility security and safety.*

*Support proven or innovative programs for those already involved in the criminal justice system, those incarcerated, or those on probation that are targeted to address recognized risk factors for recidivism by mitigating risk factors that contribute to criminal behavior.*

*Support projects that work to develop and implement multi-jurisdictional, cross-component, information sharing systems and technology.*

### **5. Planning, evaluation and technology improvement program priorities:**

*Support efforts to implement information sharing systems throughout the state that ensure each component of the criminal justice system has access to timely, complete, and accurate information necessary to informed decision-making throughout the criminal justice process.*

*Support research and evaluation efforts that focus on various criminal justice topics within the scope of JAG purpose areas.*

**6. Drug treatment and enforcement program priorities:**

*Support programs that provide substance abuse treatment and combat and disrupt criminal drug networks.*

**REQUEST FOR INPUT**

You are invited to comment on these priorities. All input will be considered. This is your opportunity to inform ICJIA of emerging criminal justice issues, crime problems, and possible interventions, and to help guide ICJIA's administration of JAG funding.

Submit comments by e-mail, fax, or U.S. mail. Submission of comments does not constitute an application for grant funding. **All comments must be received by May 31, 2013.**

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