**Comprehensive Law Enforcement Response to Drugs**

**Proposal Narrative**

*Category 3: Multi-jurisdictional large scale drug trafficking enforcement*

**Description**

Drug trafficking is the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, and sale of drugs (UNODC, 2016). Trafficking of drugs can be a violent enterprise due to the need to exhibit strength and force to competitors and rivals, as well as for retribution against lower-level distributors who do not sell (Blumstein, 1995; Johnson, 2003). Drug trafficking directly contributes to availability of illicit drugs, growing numbers of drug-users, and increasing numbers of drug-related hospitalizations and deaths, and can contribute to violent crime. Therefore, drug trafficking constitutes a major threat to public health and the well-being of society as a whole.

In order to combat drug trafficking, states use multijurisdictional drug task forces, which are made up of law enforcement officers from state, county, and local police departments to pool resources and more efficiently and effectively combat the drug distribution in multiple jurisdictions (Mazerolle, Soole, & Rombouts, 2007). Multijurisdictional drug task forces have been found to be more effective at making more serious drug arrests than non-drug task force law enforcement (Olson et al., 2002; McGarrell & Schlegel, 1993; Schlegel & McGarrell, 1991; and Myrent, 2013). Multijurisdictional drug task force cases also have been found to be more likely to result in convictions, less likely to have charges reduced, and more likely to result in a prison sentence compared non-multijurisdictional drug task force cases (Olson et al., 2002).

**Narrative Questions**

Please add your narrative to the questions listed below. Please do not delete the questions.

Before initiating your application, gather data to assist with your problem statement and performance measures. These data may include Index crime and crime rate data from Illinois Uniform Crime Reports, the Illinois State Police Criminal History Record Information program, and federal and state Threat Assessment Reports; hospital and treatment admission data; intelligence and informant data; and prosecutor, probation, and parole data. The key is to truly analyze the crime problems in your policing area and determine how your grant activities will impact goals and objectives.

**Program Summary**

1. Provide a clear, concise summary of the program stating the problems or needs to be addressed and outcomes to be gained.

**Problem Statement**

The statement of the problem is an important part of your application. Stating, *“We have seen an increase in heroin in the target area over the past year.”* does not quantify a problem. A more specific statement, such as, *“We have increased the seizure of heroin in the target area by 1,000 grams over the same period last year,”* helps clarify the extent of the problem being described. Problem statements should include data to assist reviewers in understanding the magnitude, frequency, and type of the problem you want to address.

Problem Statement – Description of the Service Area

1. List the geographic area to be served.
2. Please provide the population and urban/suburban/rural characteristics of the area to be served, as well as any other descriptive information relevant to the statement of the need.

Problem Statement - Current Status

1. Complete the data table.

Check these resources for several required data elements:  
ICJIA website: <http://www.icjia.state.il.us/research/overview#tab_research-tools>   
ISP’s Crime in Illinois report: <http://www.isp.state.il.us/crime/cii2015.cfm>

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| **Data Element** | **2013** | **2014** | **2015** |
| Population of counties served. |  |  |  |
| Ratio of law enforcement (LE) officers to population in county(ies) to be served. |  |  |  |
| Total number of funded and unfunded LE officers on Task Force by municipality. |  |  |  |
| Total number of drug arrests in counties to be served. |  |  |  |
| Total number of felony drug arrests |  |  |  |
| Total number of felony drug trafficking arrests |  |  |  |
| Total number of drug submissions to lab for testing in the counties to be served. |  |  |  |

1. Discuss the data completed in the table above. Provide details as to the nature and scope of the drug threat(s) in the area. How does the data demonstrate a need for the program?
2. Discuss other local data that is available that demonstrates scope of drug and drug related crime problems that were not discussed in Questions #4 and #4A.
3. Please explain strategies already being implemented to address the stated need.

Problem Statement - Unmet Needs

1. Describe unmet needs in the area to be served.
2. Describe the local resources available to meet the identified programmatic needs, and identify why the jurisdiction may lack adequate resources to implement the program without JAG funding.

**Project Implementation**

This section must address how program requirements will be implemented as detailed in the NOFO (See Program Requirements, page 6 in the NOFO).

1. Complete the Implementation Schedule.

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| **Task** | **Staff Position** | **Date of Completion** |
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| Submit quarterly Fiscal Report to the Authority |  | October 15, 2017  January 15, 2018  April 15, 2018  July 15, 2018 |
| Submit quarterly Progress Report to the Authority |  | October 15, 2017  January 15, 2018  April 15, 2018  July 15, 2018 |
| Complete BJA PMT reports through <https://bjapmt.ojp.gov> |  | October 15, 2017  January 15, 2018  April 15, 2018  July 15, 2018 |
| Complete all FINAL Fiscal and Program Closeout Materials |  | July 31, 2018 |

1. Clearly explain how your program will plan, organize, staff, direct and use the requested resources to address the problem.
2. Describe the program to be funded, discussing the necessary steps to build and operate the program in the upcoming budget year.
3. Please describe how the proposed program meets the program requirements outlined on page six of the NOFO, and addresses best practices described in the resource materials.

**Goals, Objectives, and Performance Indicators**

1. Complete the tables listed and provide a number or type of drug (as applicable) in the area marked with an XXX. Additional objectives may be added as deemed appropriate for the program, however, they must be measurable and within the scope and goal of the program.

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| **Goal**: Increase public safety and reduce the large social and economic cost of drug use through specialized enforcement and investigation of drug traffickers. | |
| **Process Objectives** | **Performance Measures** |
| Assign officers from member agencies by the first month of the program. | * Month member agency officers are assigned to the unit. |
| XX % of funded officers will complete specialized investigations training by the third month of the program. | * Percentage of funded officers completing specialized investigations training by the third month of the program. |
| Maintain a collaborative relationship with prosecution team by holding XXX meetings/trainings with prosecution teams. | * Number of meetings/trainings with prosecution. |
| Initiate and/or maintain cooperation and interaction with schools, community agencies, and citizen groups to develop crime solving and prevention strategies. | * Number of new & ongoing partnerships. * Number of outreach programs provided to community. |
| Conduct XXX investigations. | * Number of investigations initiated. * Number on-going. * Number completed. |
| XXX warrants will be issued. | * Number of warrants issued. |
| XXX consensual overhears will be issued. | * Number of overhears issued. |
| XXX informants will be enlisted. | * Number of informants enlisted. |
| XXX of undercover drug buys. | * Number of undercover drug buys. |
| **Outcome Objectives** | **Performance Measures** |
| Make an arrest in XX% of completed investigations of those unlawfully selling and/or possessing the drug. | * Number of arrests made by drug and charge. * Percentage of completed investigations resulting in at least one arrest. * Number of seizures by drug type * Value of currency seized. * Value of Drug(s) Seized by type. |
| XX% of arrests will be referred for prosecution. | * Number of arrestees referred for prosecution by drug and charge. |
| XX% of cases referred will be accepted for prosecution. | * Number of arrestees accepted for prosecution by drug and charge. * Number of arrestees Nolle Pros. |
| XX% of arrest will result in conviction. | * Number of convictions by drug, class of offense and sentence. |

1. Please describe how each objective will be accomplished.

**Project Management**

1. Please describe how project success will be measured, detailing how and when data will be collected and reported.
2. Describe a plan for coordination and supervision of the project activities.
3. Describe potential barriers and how they will be addressed.
4. Discuss a plan to sustain the program when federal funding ends.

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