**Comprehensive Law Enforcement Response to Drugs**

**Proposal Narrative**

*Category 2: Drug Prosecution*

**Description**

Narcotic prosecution units were designed to address the complexities of prosecuting drug trafficking crimes. For example, in drug trafficking cases, the prosecution needs strong evidence proving the involvement in a single enterprise to distribute narcotics, as well as an understanding of the drug trafficking organization, its day-to-day operations, and links to organized crime and overseas suppliers (Natarajan, 2006). These drug units work with police officers to provide prosecutorial oversight to those cases so that the evidence will withstand legal challenges and lead to a successful prosecution. While there is not enough research to draw conclusions about the impact of specialized narcotic prosecution units, research has examined other specialized prosecution units and have shown these units reduce the likelihood of case rejection (Pyrooz, Wolfe, & Spohn, 2011).

**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 cases filed for prosecution in the target area over the past year,”* does not quantify a problem. A more specific statement, such as, *“We have increased the number of prosecutions of heroin in the target area by 10 cases over the same period last year,”* helps clarify the extent of the problem being described. Problem statements should include data to demonstrate the magnitude, frequency, and type of the problem you want to address.

Problem Statement – Description of the Service Area

1. Please list the geographic area to be served.
2. 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. |  |  |  |
| Total number of drug submissions to lab for testing in the proposed counties to be served. |  |  |  |
| Number of Prosecutors in the proposed county(ies) to be served (funded and non-funded). |  |  |  |
| Total number drug cases referred for prosecution in the county(ies) to be served. |  |  |  |
| Total number of felony drug cases referred for prosecution  |  |  |  |
| Total number of felony drug trafficking cases referred for prosecution |  |  |  |
| Total number of drug cases initiated in the proposed counties to be served. |  |  |  |
| Total number of convictions by offense/drug type in the proposed area to be served.  |  |  |  |

1. Discuss the data completed in the table above. How does the data demonstrate a need for the program?
2. Discuss other local data that demonstrates the scope of drug and drug-related crime problems 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 5 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, 2017January 15, 2018April 15, 2018July 15, 2018 |
| Submit quarterly Progress Report to the Authority |  | October 15, 2017January 15, 2018April 15, 2018July 15, 2018 |
| Complete BJA PMT reports through <https://bjapmt.ojp.gov> |  | October 15, 2017January 15, 2018April 15, 2018July 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 five 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 XX. 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 narcotics use through specialized prosecution of drug traffickers.  |
| **Process Objectives** | **Performance Measures** |
| Hire specialized narcotics prosecutor by the first month of the program. | * Month specialized narcotics prosecutor is hired.
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| Attend XX specialized trainings to further educate prosecution unit staff with up-to-date laws and procedures.Hold XX trainings/meeting with law enforcement. | * Number of training sessions/seminars attended.
* Number of prosecutors attending.
* Number of training sessions/meetings held with law enforcement.
* Number of law enforcement officers attending trainings/meetings.
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| Provide prosecutorial support to XXX investigations targeting unlawful drug manufacture and distribution. | * Number of investigations of drug manufacture and distribution for which prosecutorial support is provided.
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| File charges in/accept for prosecution XXX cases, or XX% of drug manufacturing or distributions cases referred for prosecution. | * Number of cases referred for prosecution.
* Number of cases of drug manufacture and distribution for which charges are filed and accepted for prosecution.
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| **Outcome Objectives** | **Performance Measures** |
| Obtain a XX% conviction rate for drug manufacturing or distribution cases that were accepted for prosecution.  | * Number of cases in which a conviction was obtained.
* Number of offenders prosecuted for drug manufacturing or distribution by drug type and offense class.
* Number of offenders convicted of drug manufacturing or distribution by drug type and offense class.
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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.

**References**

Natarajan, M. (2006). Understanding the structure of a large heroin distribution network: A quantitative analysis of qualitative data. *Journal of Quantitative Criminology*, *22*(2), 171-192.

Pyrooz, D. C., Wolfe, S. E., & Spohn, C. (2011). Gang-related homicide charging decisions: The implementation of a specialized prosecution unit in Los Angeles. *Criminal Justice Police Review*, *22*(1), 3-26.