

Criminal Justice Improvement Committee 2017 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.

- ❖ **NO MATCH WILL BE REQUIRED ON ANY PRIORITY.**
- ❖ **PLEASE TAKE NOTE OF CEILING CAPS FOR EACH PRIORITY. PROPOSALS THAT EXCEED THESE THRESHOLDS WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED FOR FUNDING.**
- ❖ **MAINTENANCE OR RENTAL/LEASES ARE NOT ALLOWED.**

****While no match will be required, please note that this will greatly diminish the number of grant awards that can be awarded in the 2017 Funding Cycle. This will make this year's grant solicitation process more competitive than in previous years. Also note that a grantee may apply for the maximum federal amount available in the cap set by the priority and may or may not be awarded the full amount based on committee review and score, discussion, past performance, and availability of federal funds.**

1. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANTS

Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 24,500 – 1 YEAR ONLY

Applications may include **ONLY EQUIPMENT PURCHASE** with a minimum of \$3,000 and a cap of \$24,500 in federal funds per agency. **No OVERTIME REQUESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.**

First priority in the 2017 grant cycle will be given to agencies that did not receive Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funding from GCC in 2016 or that did not receive a direct allocation from BJA under JAG Formula Grant in 2016. 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/jag16/16NC.pdf>

Agencies that submit multiple applications under this priority will be automatically disqualified.

Among the items may be purchased with these funds: Radios, non-lethal weapons, weapon replacements, audio and video recording equipment for use with interrogations and interviews, naran kits (naloxone), cameras for jail, courthouse security apparatus, hardware and software resources for lineups to comply with the statutory lineup identification procedures, and other similar functions relating specific law enforcement activities. **Agencies that are requesting body worn cameras must have a departmental policy on the use of body-worn cameras and a data storage solution plan which must be uploaded into the GEMS system and submitted by the application deadline.**

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. STATE AGENCY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE

This is for STATE AGENCIES ONLY. This will include the North Carolina Department of Public Safety, the North Carolina Administrative Office of the Courts, the North Carolina Department of Justice, and the North Carolina State Bureau of Investigation. The Federal Funding Maximums will be an allotted percentage of the State portion of the JAG Allocation and those percentages will be given to the Agency Heads prior to an application being submitted.

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals from the four state agencies listed above for programs and initiatives that will support their day to day operations to enhance the readiness and effectiveness of a department. This can include infrastructure, technology, contractual services, and equipment.

These applications will not be submitted for Committee review until communications have occurred between the Secretary of DPS, the Attorney General, the Director of AOC, and the SBI Director, and the Chair of the CJI Committee and Staff. This will help all parties in making the application process a more efficient and less labor intensive process.

3. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE SPECIAL INITIATIVES:

The Governor's Crime Commission will also seek proposals regarding the Governor's Office Initiatives. These will be applications that have been authorized by the Governor's Office that meet the Special Initiatives that requested to serves a statewide purpose and have a statewide impact. Initiatives in the past have included, Opiate Reduction Programs, Gang Prevention Programs, Veteran's Services, Safe School Initiatives, and Human Trafficking. These initiatives will be generated from the Governor's Office and communicated by the appointed Law and Order Administrator to the CJI committee and staff. The CJI committee and staff will then work with the appropriate agencies to ensure that an application is submitted.

4. STATEWIDE TRAINING

Federal Funding Maximum – Up to \$ 100,000 for one year only

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals for specialized criminal justice training programs that allow for statewide enrollment to encompass the advancement of strategic planning and staff development. Applicants must provide a curriculum prior to award demonstrating how this training will help support criminal justice issues and needs 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 within six month of the grant being awarded.

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.

2017 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 good sound proposal with outcomes and a sustainability plan.

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.

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

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.