

NC Department of Public Safety
Governor's Crime Commission

PROPOSED
2022 CRIMINAL JUSTICE IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE PROGRAM PRIORITIES
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The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee will fund projects through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program – State Solicitation

- ❖ NO MATCH WILL BE REQUIRED ON ANY PRIORITY.
- ❖ NO UNMANNED AERIAL VEHICLES (UAV'S) OR DRONES WILL BE FUNDED.
- ❖ VEHICLE PURCHASES FOR ANY TYPE OF VEHICLE (ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE, FOUR WHEELERS, GATOR, AND/OR TRAILERS) THAT REQUIRES NORTH CAROLINA DMV REGISTRATION ARE NOT ALLOWED.
- ❖ MAINTENANCE OR RENTAL/LEASES ARE NOT ALLOWED.

1. LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANTS

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

Grant funding under this priority is ONLY available to local law enforcement agencies.

Applications may include ONLY EQUIPMENT PURCHASE with a minimum of \$10,000 and a cap of \$24,500 in federal funds per agency. No OVERTIME or PERSONNEL REQUESTS WILL BE ALLOWED. General Equipment and Training requests will support law enforcement functions and activities. Agencies that do not receive a direct grant from BJA will be given a higher priority in the consideration of these requests.

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, Narcan 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. Law enforcement agencies may also use these funds to support psychological testing of new and already hired officers. **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 phone lines, unmanned aerial vehicles, any vehicle purchases that require DMV registration, and any other long-term contractual services.

2. STATEWIDE ACCREDITATION PRIORITY

Federal Funding Maximum (State Agency) - \$ 400,000 – Up to 2 Years

Federal Funding Maximum (Local Agency) – UP TO \$ 50,000 – Up to 2 Years

(Local Agency grants are based on the size of the agency).

The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee realizes the importance of both the National Commission on Law Enforcement Accreditation (CALEA) standards and the importance of the statewide North Carolina Law Enforcement Accreditation (NCLEA) standards for all law enforcement officials. It is imperative that law enforcement officers, regardless of agency size and community wealth, be trained in sound criminal justice policies, procedures, and live training scenarios. National and Statewide accreditation standards are one practical way to help ensure that local law enforcement staff are trained to the highest standards. As such, the Criminal Justice Improvement Committee is seeking applications for statewide training for law enforcement officials, as well as, applications for establishing accreditation standards and ensuring those standards are met by every law enforcement agency in our state.

State Agencies who are tasked with ensuring that these standards are met on a statewide basis may apply for up to \$400,000 to ensure that these programs will continue to work with law enforcement agencies in achieving this standard.

Local Law Enforcement Agencies may apply for up to \$ 50,000 (based on size of agency) to help support their agency achieve either or both the National and the State Standards. Expenditures must be explicitly documented to show that there are used to support agency efforts to achieve these standards. Funds can be used to pay for the accreditation fees, support for officer overtime to allow release time - which must be documented by time and activity sheets, supplies needed to support the accreditation efforts (which must be separate than supplies for general use), for assistance in reviewing and improving agency policies and procedures and for any other cost that can be documented for the accreditation efforts. Any other items that are listed in the application that do not have a direct connection and impact on achieving accreditation status may cause this application to be not considered for funding.

3. CRISIS INTERVENTION TRAINING - NEW
(Local Law Enforcement Agencies – Required Applicant or Partner)
Federal Funding Maximum (Regional Application) - \$ 200,000/year – Up to 2 years
Federal Funding Maximum (Local Agency) - \$ 75,000/year – Up to 2 years

The Criminal Justice Improvement Team is seeking applications from Law Enforcement Agencies that are seeking to utilize the Crisis Intervention Team Model in their law enforcement efforts. The Committee is also seeking to fund efforts by the North Carolina Justice Academy and/or other community partners to broaden and enhance the Crisis Intervention Model as implemented in North Carolina. The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee is seeking applications for law enforcement agencies who are seeking support to ensure that their officers complete CIT training. The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee will also be considering applications for a regional team approach to CIT Training. These applicants must demonstrate and ensure that their project will provide CIT training and implementation support in at least 3 counties or more for consideration as a regional project. Applicants may apply for registration costs, supplies, and travel to ensure that officers and other staff (e.g., dispatchers, advocates or other staff interacting with the public) are able to partake in this training.

4. MENTAL HEALTH/LAW ENFORCEMENT PILOT PROJECT - NEW
(Local Law Enforcement Agencies – Required Partner)
Federal Funding Maximum: \$ 75,000/year for Small Category
Federal Funding Maximum: \$ 120,000/year for Middle Category
Federal Funding Maximum: \$ 225,000/year for Large Category

NOTE: The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee is seeking to fund 3- 5 Pilot Programs in this priority. The Small Category will be for jurisdictions with a population of 50,000 or less, the Middle Category will be for jurisdictions with a population of 50,000 – 200,000, and the Large Category will be for jurisdictions of a population of 200,000 or more. Applicants can apply for up to two years of funding in accordance with the stated federal funding maximum for their jurisdiction.

The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee is seeking to fund no more than five (5) Pilot Programs for mental health diversion and co-responder projects. Agencies are asked to demonstrate a collaborative and unified effort in their community approach to the growing problem of mental health. Models that can be used include those that are promoted by the National Alliance on Mental Illness and these pilot projects must show an association between local law enforcement agencies, mental health service providers, and local government support to ensure that these pilot projects can be self-sustaining once the grant funds have been expended. Memorandums of Agreement and/or Memorandums of Cooperation with other partners are required to help ensure that the community is unified to bring these services to the community.