

## Criminal Justice Improvement Committee 2016 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.**
- ❖ **VEHICLE PURCHASES OR ANY VEHICLE (ALL-TERRAIN VEHICLE, FOUR WHEELERS, GATORS, AND TRAILERS) THAT REQUIRES NORTH CAROLINA DMV REGISTRATION, ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
- ❖ **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 2016 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 BOTH equipment purchases and overtime resources, with a minimum of \$3,000 and a cap of \$24,500 in federal funds per agency.

First priority in the 2016 grant cycle will be given to agencies that did not receive Local Law Enforcement Block Grant funding from GCC in 2015 or that did not receive a direct allocation from BJA under JAG Formula Grant in 2015. 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/jag15/15NC.pdf>

Agencies that submit multiple applications under this priority will be automatically disqualified. Overtime resources can be used for specially designated detectives and patrol officers involved in the investigation and disruption of street drug sales, pharmaceutical diversion investigations, gang activities, robbery, and/or homicide.

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, 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. STATEWIDE TRAINING**

*Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 150,000/year for one or two years\*\**

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.*

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**3. PRESCRIPTION DRUG PROGRAMS**

*Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 150,000/year for one or two years\*\**

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals to address the multiple issues of prescription drug abuse, substance abuse treatment programs, and re-entry programs. This priority is intended to establish programs that will provide education, prevention, intervention and enforcement to intercept and disrupt the illegal use, possession and sale of prescription drugs. This priority will also consider proposals that support substance abuse treatment programs by established providers with an existing track record.

Applicants are being sought to address the premier drug issue among young people today – the abuse and diversion of prescription pharmaceuticals. Application should focus on one of these four areas:

- Prescription Fraud Diversion
- Prevention Education
- Disruption of Open Air Drug Markets that supply prescription based controlled substances.
- Investigations focused on “Doctor shopping,” prescription forgery, and straw purchases of prescription drugs.

Non-profit applicants may only conduct prevention education; and must possess a proven track record of at least one year of successful preventive education in the controlled substance abuse field. Their application must include other partners in their community, such as law enforcement, local pharmacists, local doctors, local human service providers, and other community groups to educate the community as a whole and across all disciplines.

Law enforcement applicants must have an educational component in their proposal that encourages pharmacists and doctors to enroll in the statewide prescription reporting system. A strategic lesson plan for fact-based preventive education targeted at prescription drugs must be submitted to the GCC prior to funding.

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#### **4. JAIL INTERVENTION PROGRAMS**

*Federal Funding Maximum - \$150,000/year for one or two years\*\**

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals for jail intervention programs that will address the educational and life skill needs of the incarcerated population. This program will be for eligible inmates that wish to obtain their **General Educational Development** degree (GED) and to improve their life skills (interview skills, resume writing, anger management or addiction intervention classes) prior to being released from incarceration. These proposals will require a partnership between the local/regional jail and the local Community College serving the area and/or the local mental health provider. A signed Memorandum of Agreement must be attached with this grant proposal stating the duties and responsibilities of each party. The funding awarded may be used for an education coordinator and must be used on the education component of this program.

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#### **5. GANG PREVENTION & INTERVENTION**

*Federal Funding Maximum - \$ 200,000/year for one or two years\*\**

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals for programming to enhance the anti-gang efforts of law enforcement and develop gang prevention and intervention initiatives in North Carolina. Priority consideration will be given to programs engaged in the following:

- Multi-Jurisdictional Programs with multiple law enforcement partners that working with collaborative projects that focus on suppression and intervention.
- Focusing on the influence of international and multi-national drug and gun cartels in local communities.
- Establishing a central position such as Community Resource Coordinator to place gang-involved individuals or those at-risk with viable programs/services within their community
- Improving employment (employability and job opportunities/ placement), education, and housing
- Programs that take a multidisciplinary approach to gang reduction. Suggested collaborative partners include schools, service providers, faith community, law enforcement and community representatives.

Memoranda of Agreement will be required specifying the participants at the federal, state, regional and local levels (i.e. schools, service providers, faith community, law enforcement and community representatives); their roles and responsibilities in multi-jurisdictional and collaborative programs; and a mutually agreed upon structure for executing the objectives of the grant.

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**6. SPECIALTY DOCKET PROGRAMS:**

Federal Funding Maximum - \$200,000 /year for one or two years\*\*

**Court Programs**

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking solicitations to provide federal funding assistance for specialty docket programs. These programs are either to establish new court services or enhanced existing court services, coordination, and offender management and recovery support services. For purposes of this solicitation, an "adult drug court and an adult mental health court" is a court program managed by a multidisciplinary team that responds to the offense and treatment needs of offenders who have either drug addictions, mental health problems, or non-violent offenses.

To be considered for this program, a Memorandum of Understanding must be submitted with the application stating that the Senior Resident Superior Court Judge, the Chief District Court Judge, the District Attorney, the Clerk of Court, and the Sheriff of that county are co applicants on this proposal.

Eligible Drug and Mental Health Court models must include one of the following types: **Adult/Juvenile Drug Courts; Driving While Intoxicated/Driving Under the Influence (DWI/DUI) Courts; Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health Courts; Veteran's Treatment Courts; Teen Courts; and Tribal Healing to Wellness Courts.** Court programs that combine or propose to combine the above-referenced drug court models (meeting the requirements of such) with other court programs or dockets are also eligible for funding consideration.

A drug court program logic model that is available from the National Institute of Justice can be used as a template for these programs.

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**7. STATEWIDE INFRASTRUCTURE AND TECHNOLOGY IMPROVEMENT INITIATIVE**

Federal Funding Maximums - Local Governments \$200,000 / per year for one or two years and State Agencies \$ 400,000 /per year for one or two year.\*\*

The Governor's Crime Commission is seeking proposals for programming that will support technology initiatives and investigative techniques to enhance the readiness and effectiveness of a department's day-to-day operation using technology resources to ensure a safe working operation for its employees and clients and to make sure that all North Carolina data integration projects are interoperable.

All state and local justice integration projects must leverage existing regional or state-controlled databases, but may not conflict with or attempt to duplicate CAPTURES or CJLEADS. All such projects must meet the criteria and protocol established by the aforementioned data integration projects. Stand-alone system will not qualify.

***UCR Non-Compliance - First priority will be given to agencies currently not reporting UCR data to support data reporting at the incident level. Funds may purchase hardware, communications and required software licenses to support a web-based record management system OR to fund hardware and communications to submit crime data directly to CAPTURES. [Click here view table of agencies not reporting UCR.](#)***

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*\*\* The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee will work more closely with state agencies in addressing their needs during the 2016 Funding Cycle. The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee will make efforts to work with the three large state agencies, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the Department of Justice, and the Department of Public Safety to determine how to appropriate the percentage of the total JAG allocation that is established for State Agencies. The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee will work with the Chief Executive Officers of those three agencies in order to determine the highest priority for those agencies.*

**8. STATEWIDE BACKLOG INITIATIVE**

Federal Funding Maximums - Local Governments \$250,000/ per year for one or two years and State Agencies \$500,000 /per year for one or two year.\*\*

The Governor’s Crime Commission is seeking a proposal from the North Carolina Department of Justice (State Agency) to assist the North Carolina Crime Lab in alleviating the backlog of cases that are currently being housed. This project will allow the NC DOJ to explore other options to alleviate the backlog concerns, including working with other governmental facilities or private lab providers.

This priority will also seek proposals from local law enforcement agencies to help alleviate the backlog that may be impeding many of their cases from being process and resolved. Funding from this initiative could be used to either allow the local law enforcement agency to contract out this service for private chemical analysis (DNA, Drugs, Alcohol) and/or to contract out with existing governmental agencies that provide lab services. A Memorandum of Understanding must be submitted between the local law enforcement agency and the local district attorney to ensure that both sides are in agreement with this service.

**2016 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 GRANTEEES**

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](http://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.