Public Service Announcement - Availability of Federal Funds

The Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA) is announcing the availability of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). These Grant Programs includes the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG); Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP); Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA) and the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program which are under the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and a Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant program under the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

A brief description and amounts available for each award under individual programs are listed below, less planning and administrative costs stipulated under each program and are allotted to CJPA as the Designated State Administering Agency (DSAA) for these programs in the CNMI.

I. **Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant: FY 2013: $214,868.00**

The JAG Program allows states and territories to address local needs by supporting a broad range of activities that will prevent and control crime. JAG funds may be used for state and local initiatives, technical assistance, strategic planning, research and evaluation (including forensics), data collection, training, personnel, equipment, forensic laboratories, supplies, contractual support, and criminal justice information systems that will improve or enhance: law enforcement programs; prosecution, indigent defense and court programs; prevention and education programs; corrections and community corrections programs; drug treatment and enforcement programs; planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs; crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

Because states and territories are strongly encouraged to use JAG funding to support their existing statewide strategic plan, the CJPA Supervisory Council has established the following priority areas for the 2012 JAG grant funding cycle:

- Projects that will assist the Criminal Justice Information System in becoming fully operational.
- Evidence-based policing programs and strategies that will increase the capacity of law enforcement to provide effective public safety services.

Applications for continuation funding for critical criminal justice programs will be considered if current grants demonstrate successful implementation and are in compliance with federal and CJPA rules and regulations.

All JAG applications will require applicants to address a proposed project’s

- Relationship to a priority area;
- Successful implementation of previous and existing JAG grants;
- Prior compliance with federal and CJPA rules and regulations.
II. Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Program
The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) Grants are made available by the Department of Justice to fund programs that address Youth Development, Juvenile Justice System Improvements, and Juvenile Delinquency Prevention. The Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Program has four core requirements that must be maintained. They are: 1) Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders; 2) Sight and Sound Separation between juvenile and adult inmates; 3) Complete Jail Removal of juveniles from adult jails and lockups and 4) The Disproportionate Minority Contact issue. Beyond these requirements, these funds can be used for services targeted at juvenile delinquency prevention through education, training, recreation and other rehabilitative services.

1. Title II Formula Grant: FY 2013: $10,000 For Juvenile Justice Systems Improvement Programs; $14,500 For Delinquency Prevention Programs
This program supports state and local efforts to plan, establish, operate, coordinate, and evaluate projects directly or through grants and contracts with public and private agencies for the development of more effective education, training, research, prevention, diversion, treatment, and rehabilitation programs in the area of juvenile delinquency and programs to improve the juvenile justice system.

OJJDP encourages states to focus their Formula Grants resources on programs that will encourage and sustain compliance with the core requirements of the JJDP Act. States should give priority consideration to the following Formula Grant program areas: Alternatives to Detention, Compliance Monitoring, Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders, Disproportionate Minority Contact, Jail Removal, and Separation of Juveniles from Adult Inmates.

2. Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG): FY 2013: $16,000.00
The basic premise underlying the JABG program is that both offender-focused and system-focused activities promote accountability. For the juvenile offender, accountability means an assurance of facing individualized consequences through which he or she is made aware of and held responsible for the loss, damage, or injury perpetrated on a victim. Strengthening the juvenile justice system requires an increased capacity to develop youth competence, efficiently track juveniles through the system, and provide enhanced options such as restitution, community service, victim-offender mediation, and other restorative justice sanctions that reinforce the mutual obligations of an accountability-based juvenile justice system.

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III. **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Assistance Formula Program: FY2013:** $251,129.00

Established in 1984, the VOCA, Office for Victims of Crime oversee diverse programs that benefit victims of crime. The OVC through VOCA grant program provides funding to support state and territory victim assistance and compensation programs, which are the lifeline services that help victims to heal. Funds made available through VOCA assistance program is intended for agencies that provide direct service to victims of crime only. VOCA funds can support trainings designed to educate criminal justice and allied professionals regarding the rights and needs of crime victims. Included in this category, funds under this program is designed to provide direct services to victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assaults, survivors of homicide and other crime victims. New applicants must show on the application that they have a history of providing direct services to crime victims.

IV. **STOP Violence Against Women Act Formula Grant Program:**

The Office on Violence Against Women, a component of the U.S. Department of Justice, provides national leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women through the implementation of the Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP), VAWA. Established by legislation, funds through VAWA formula grant, are made available to support efforts in developing programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in state, local, and tribal partnerships among police, prosecutors, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders, and others. STOP-VAWA grant programs provide assistance for victims through protection and services that they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while simultaneously enabling communities to hold offenders accountable for their violence. In accordance with the STOP program requirements “CNMI Three Year Implementation Plan”, STOP-VAWA grant funds are made available to support law enforcement, prosecution, victim services, and the Superior Court in the CNMI.

Pre-qualified agencies mentioned below, must submit a complete application of how available funds will be used, including an implementation plan of how goals, objectives and activities will help meet the predicted outcomes of their respective programs.

Under the VAWA FY’ 13, in accordance with CNMI Implementation Plan, these categories and/or agencies are allotted at least the following amounts:

- **30% Non Profit, Non Governmental Victim Services;** of which at least 10% is to be distributed to culturally-specific community based organizations; $166,100.00
- **25% Law Enforcement** (Department of Public Safety, Office of Adult Probation and Office of Parole); $138,416.00
- **25% Prosecution** (Office of the Attorney General); $138,416.00
- **5% Courts** (Family Court); $27,683.00
- **15% Discretionary;** maybe spent at the discretion of the state/territory to address statutory program areas. $83,050.00
V. Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP) Formula Grant: FY 2013: $18,765.00
The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), created by the Violence Against Women Act of 2005, is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. The SASP encompasses four different funding streams for States and Territories, Tribes, State Sexual Assault Coalitions, Tribal Coalitions, and culturally specific organizations. Overall, the purpose of SASP is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault. Eligible Applicants for this grant are: Non-profit, non-governmental organizations

VI. Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program: FY 2013: $38,628.00
The primary purpose of the RSAT is to assist states and units of local government in developing and implementing residential substance abuse treatment programs within state and local correctional facilities in which prisoners are incarcerated for a period of time sufficient to permit substance abuse treatment. Funds under this program may be used to implement residential substance abuse programs that provide individual and group treatment activities for offenders in residential facilities operated by state and local correctional agencies. This program, which involves drug testing, calls for collaborative efforts among the Department of Corrections, Parole, Probation, and Division of Mental Health and Social Services. The intended recipient of this program is the Department of Corrections.

The available funds will be awarded by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System (CJPA Supervisory Council) through a sub-grant review process and plan consistent with the project description outlined in the program applications and accompanying strategies for the aforementioned DOJ programs. Sub-grant applicants under OJJDP funds will be awarded by the Youth Advisory Council (YAC) with the concurrence-approval of the Supervisory Council. Projects funded under these programs will be monitored and administered by the Criminal Justice Planning Agency.

All applications must be submitted to CJPA no later than 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 20, 2013. No application will be accepted after the deadline.

For Tinian and Rota Applications Only:
Complete and full applications submitted from Rota and Tinian will be accepted by fax following the deadline said above, including a “must” be submitted hardcopy via air waybill with the deadline said above stamped or recorded on the “executed on date and time” section of the air waybill. Incomplete application(s) send in by fax will not be accepted.

For more information and for interested applicants, please contact CJPA at 664-4550/4551/4553/4554/4556 or stop by the Office on Capitol Hill (Building #1314 or #1315) Also, the application format is available through the CJPA Web Site at www.cjpa.gov.mp. Please indicate and specify which grant and year you are applying for on the application. If necessary, please call the CJPA Office at 664-4550.

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