
**2014 Byrne Justice Assistance Grant
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Program Narrative (Revised)**
Delaware Criminal Justice Council
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Statewide Priorities, Planning and Program Needs:

The Delaware Criminal Justice Council is state criminal justice planning agency for Delaware and oversees the use of Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds in Delaware. Delaware's Byrne JAG strategy is developed with the assistance and direction of the Drug and Violent Crime Advisory Committee, a subcommittee of the Criminal Justice Council. The Drug and Violent Crime Advisory Committee sets the State's priority areas under Byrne JAG and determines which projects will best address those priorities. The day-to-day administration of the Byrne JAG Program, including the management, monitoring and evaluation of subgrantees is the responsibility of the Criminal Justice Council staff.

The Delaware Criminal Justice Council submitted a three year plan in 2011 which stated the Drug and Violent Crime Advisory Committee (DVCAC) has determined that Byrne JAG funds should be used to support core criminal justice operations and objectives. The Drug and Violent Crime Advisory Committee continues to act under the reasoning and needs explanation submitted under the three-year plan submitted in 2011.¹ Accordingly, the DVCAC broadly defines core criminal justice operations and objectives as (1) law enforcement, (2) case processing, and (3) corrections. Case processing includes the operations of the prosecution, defense, and court operations since all three together process cases from arrest through conviction. The corrections core includes correctional drug treatment and support for correctional and detention facilities and staff. Some of the major noted gaps and innovative new

¹ By reference, the Delaware Criminal Justice Council includes the research and needs assessment provided in the 2010 five year plan within this application.

projects the Byrne JAG funds sought to address with FY13 funds, and will continue with FY14, were violence and shootings in the City of Wilmington, recidivism, juvenile prevention and education programs, correctional officer retention and training, gang enforcement, and technology advances for the courts, law enforcement and the criminal justice system overall.

In 2013, the most recent year that stats are available, the State of Delaware reported the following preliminary crime figures as compiled by the Statistical Analysis Center (SAC):

| Violent Crime | Murder | Forcible Rape | Robbery | Aggravated Assault | Property Crime | Burglary | Larceny Theft | Motor Vehicle Theft |
|----------------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------|---------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| 21,486 | 44 | 268 | 1,421 | 3,090 | 30,292 | 6,327 | 22,327 | 1,438 |

An additional concern the DVCAC faced were the numbers of shootings in the City of Wilmington. In 2013 the City of Wilmington had 125 shootings with 92 victims and 18 of them homicides. Other issues of concern was sex offender notification, the continued increase in gang activity statewide and the ability to meet the demands of rapidly changing technology along with case processing.

Delaware’s 2013 Award:

State Administrative Agency (CJC) = \$1,081,017

1. Direct recipients from BJA = \$560,295
 - a. New Castle County = \$209,317
 - b. Wilmington City = \$225,942
 - c. Newark City = \$23,148
 - d. Dover City = \$48,375
 - e. Middletown City = \$12,873
 - f. Laurel Town = \$10,160
 - g. Milford City = \$19,743
 - h. Seaford City = \$10,737

Grand Statewide Total = \$1,641,312

The Criminal Justice Council (CJC) has a policy in place for funding and monitoring programs. When funding becomes available, concepts for projects are solicited. CJC staff reviews the concepts and recommendations are made to the DVCAC. The DVCAC then votes on which projects to fund and the CJC Board gives the final approval. All approved projects are eligible for three years of Byrne JAG funding and are encouraged to seek alternative funding to continue the program beyond that time period. Once a project is approved, CJC staff sends a letter requesting a subgrant application from the agencies. Even though a program is approved for three years of funding, each award is made on a yearly basis. Having a subgrant application submitted each year gives both the agency and CJC the opportunity to review the progress and needs of the project and modify it accordingly. Twelve programs (not including the administration funds) are eligible to receive continuation funding through Byrne JAG. The following chart provides an overview of how many programs and how much funding was provided to each of the six Byrne JAG purpose areas and combination of the areas for the FY13 new projects.

FY 2013 Projects

| Purpose Area | Number of Programs | Amount of Funding |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Law Enforcement | TBD | \$72,916 |
| 2. Prosecution, Defense and Courts | 3 | \$225,000 |
| 3. Prevention & Education | 2 | \$90,620 |
| 4. Corrections & Community Corrections | 6 | \$447,959 |
| 5. Drug Treatment | 0 | \$0 |
| 6. Planning, Evaluation & Technology Improvements | 3 | \$245,601 |
| Combination programs law enforcement & technology | 0 | \$0 |
| Combination programs courts & technology | 0 | \$0 |

The Criminal Justice Council is the fiscal agent for these funds and subgrants the money to identified agencies. If the funds are used for program continuation, an application will be solicited from the appropriate agency thirty days prior to completion of the existing grant. Once an application is received, it goes through the Criminal Justice Council’s review process. The sub-grants are then awarded, and the agency must complete a fiscal and programmatic report each quarter of the year. The reports contain measurable goals, implementation, performance and impact objectives. The Criminal Justice Council grant monitors conduct quarterly site visits and verify all documentation regarding the program.

Strategic Planning – Funding Priorities

During the Spring Criminal Justice Council Meeting, the Board of Directors voted to make the focus of the annual retreat a strategic planning session to identify gaps and set funding priorities for the new available Byrne Justice Assistance Grant. For Fiscal Year 2014, funding will be to continue programs begun in FY 13. Please see below the breakdown of continuation funding and the estimate for new funding (law enforcement).

FY 2014 Funding (estimate)

| Purpose Area | Number of Programs | Amount of Funding |
|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Law Enforcement | TBD | \$22,895 |
| 2. Prosecution, Defense and Courts | 3 | \$225,000 |
| 3. Prevention & Education | 2 | \$90,620 |
| 4. Corrections & Community Correc. | 6 | \$447,959 |
| 5. Drug Treatment | 0 | \$0 |
| 6. Planning, Evaluation & Technology Improvements | 3 | \$239,821 |
| Combination programs law enforcement & technology | 0 | \$0 |
| Combination programs courts & technology | 0 | \$0 |

Coordinated Efforts

The Delaware Criminal Justice Council is made up of the key criminal justice agencies in the state of Delaware. The Council, chaired by the Lt. Governor, membership includes representatives from the State Police, Wilmington Police, Delaware Department of Corrections, the U.S. Attorney, the Attorney General, the Public Defender, the Judiciary, Department of Health and Social Services, the Medical Examiner's Office, the New Castle County Police, the Delaware Police Chief's Council, the Division of Drug Abuse, Alcoholism and Mental Health, the Bureau of Prisons, the Administrative Office of the Courts, Wilmington Mayor's Office, and four representatives from community groups/organizations from across the state. The Drug and Violent Crime Advisory Committee, chaired by the State Public Defender, is made up of representatives from the Attorney General, the Public Defender, the Administrative Office of the Courts, the State Police, the Department of Health and Social Services, the U.S. Attorney's Office and community organizations.

Through the direction of the Council and the Drug and Violent Crime Advisory Committee, Byrne funds will be coordinated to meet specific core needs of the criminal justice system. The Criminal Justice Council is the SAA for Delaware and administers over \$15 million dollars from 13 Federal funding sources (i.e. JJDP, VOCA, VAWA, RSAT, Weed & Seed, NIJ). Council staff has an opportunity to coordinate efforts to ensure that there is no duplication of services and to optimize funds for the most effective use possible. The broad range of federally authorized purpose areas under the Byrne Program allow Delaware to fill many of the gaps that cannot be met through other, more specific, funding sources.

Selected Programs

The matrix below shows the continuation funding that will occur with 2014 Byrne JAG funds as discussed above. The budget numbers below represent the number of months of funding each program needs to continue through June 30, 2015.

Please See following Funding Chart

GRANT PROGRAM:

Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) / Byrne Fiscal Year: 2014 AMOUNT: \$1,026,295

| FY 2014 Administration Programs | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------------------|---|--------------|--------------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Applicant Agency | Program Title | Description | Funding Year | No. FTE Positions | Federal Requested | Match Provided | BJAG Purpose Area |
| Criminal Justice Council | CJC Admin. | Administer and monitor grant programs. | Ongoing | 3 (S) 1.0 (C/S) | \$ 102,321 | N/A | Admin |
| Criminal Justice Council | SENTAC /JRI | Provides staffing and supplies for SENTAC. Activities include maintain and distribute the benchbook, conducts meetings and annual conference. | Ongoing | 1.0 (S) | \$ 50,000 | N/A | 6 |
| Statistical Analysis Center | C.J. Record Improvement | Support staff to maintain and gather data for improvement of the criminal justice system. | Ongoing | 0.85 (S) | \$ 87,500 | N/A | 6 |

| FY 2014 State Continuation Programs | | | | | | | |
|--|---|--|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Applicant Agency | Program Title | Description | Funding Year | No. FTE Positions | Federal Requested | Match Provided | BJAG Purpose Area |
| Department Of Justice | Reentry and Community Coordinator | Provide a coordinator to facilitate both interagency and intercommunity communication | 2 | 0 | \$75,000 | N/A | 2 |
| Office of the Public Defender | Juvenile Sex Offender Registry | Provide an attorney to handle juvenile cases for those who are eligible for relief from mandatory sex offender registration | 2 | 0 | \$75,000 | N/A | 2 |
| AOC / Courts | Problem Solving Court Database Project | Create a database collection platform for Delaware's problem solving courts | 2 | 0 | \$75,000 | N/A | 2 |
| Dept of Corrections | Criminal Intelligence Sharing-DOC Analyst Assigned to DIAC | Hire an Intelligence Analyst to focus on Security Threat Groups within corrections and assign the analyst to DIAC | 2 | 0 | \$37,500 | N/A | 4 |

| FY 2014 Non- Profit Continuation Programs | | | | | | | |
|---|--|--|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Applicant Agency | Program Title | Description | Funding Year | No. FTE Positions | Federal Requested | Match Provided | BJAG Purpose Area |
| The Way Home, Inc. | Meeting the Needs- Expanding Way Home Case Management needs | Add to the agency's case management staff to serve inmates re-entering the community | 2 | 0 | \$66,915 | N/A | 4 |
| The Hospitality School, Inc. | Culinary Arts and Restaurant Training with Job Placement for the Purpose of Reducing Recidivism | Provide culinary training focused on ex-offenders. | 2 | 0 | \$69,933 | N/A | 4 |
| Dover Interfaith Mission for Housing, Inc. | Re-entry Opportunity and Recidivism Prevention | Provide shelter, job placement, case management and counseling to former inmates | 2 | 0 | \$97,900 | N/A | 4 |
| Rick Vanstory Research Center | Re-entry Services Program | Provide case management, mental health counseling and substance abuse treatment to homeless former inmates. | 2 | 0 | \$115,711 | N/A | 4 |

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|--|--|---|-----------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <p>Courageous Hearts Equine Assisted Psychotherapy and Learning Center</p> | <p>Equine Assisted Learning Power Tools for Living Program</p> | <p>Provide therapeutic equine activities for at risk youth. Program teaches youth to interact with and care for horses and offers mental health counseling.</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>\$39,690</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>3</p> |
| <p>Boys and Girls Club at Oak Orchard/Riverdale</p> | <p>Stop It Before It Starts Prevention Program</p> | <p>Facilitate 2 programs: “Positive Action” on bullying, substance abuse and suicide for 8-13 year olds and “Courage to Speak” on drug abuse prevention for parents.</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>\$50,930</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>3</p> |
| <p>Victim’s Voices Heard</p> | <p>Victim Impact: Listen and Learn/ Stand Down: Courage to Change</p> | <p>Implement 2 programs at correctional institutions. One focuses on victim impact awareness and the other on setting and working toward re-entry goals.</p> | <p>2</p> | <p>0</p> | <p>\$60,000</p> | <p>N/A</p> | <p>4</p> |

| FY 2014 New Law Enforcement Programs | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------|--|---------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| Applicant Agency | Program Title | Description | Funding Year | No. FTE Positions | Federal Requested | Match Provided | BJAG Purpose Area |
| TBD | TBD | New LE Funds will be competitively bid via the Criminal Justice Council Grants Management process | 1- Time | 0 | \$22,895 | N/A | 1 |
| Totals | | | | | \$1,026,295 | | |

**** (S) = State employee (F) = Federal employees (L) = Local employees (P) = Private/nonprofit employees (C/S) = Casual Seasonal**