

**STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA APPLICATION FOR
FY 2014 EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM**

SAA Responsibilities

In each state and territory, the Governor or other Chief Executive Officer designates an agency (the State Administering Agency or SAA) to apply for and administer these funds. In South Dakota, the Governor has designated the Secretary of the South Dakota Department of Public Safety as the SAA. The Office of Attorney General (OAG) applies for and administers the funds. The SAA and OAG are responsible for:

- Coordinating JAG funds among state and local justice initiatives.
- Preparing and submitting the state JAG application.
- Coordinating efforts to develop a strategic plan to guide JAG spending under this appropriation.
- Administering JAG funds including establishing funding priorities, distributing funds, monitoring subrecipients' compliance with all JAG special conditions and provisions, and providing ongoing assistance to subrecipients.
- Complying with all reporting requirements as described in the Reporting

Requirements:

- Once an award is accepted, SAAs must submit quarterly financial status (SF-425) and annual programmatic reports through GMS, quarterly performance metrics reports through BJA's Performance Measurement Tool (PMT), and Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act

(FFATA) reports through the FFATA Sub-award Reporting System (FSRS) as necessary.

- Ensuring that subgrantees are aware of and in compliance with all programmatic and financial rules through the usage of special conditions and subgrantee monitoring.
- Passing through a pre-determined percentage of funds to local jurisdictions as well as administering the pass-through of funds from “less than \$10,000 jurisdictions” to the state police and/or jurisdictions that were not eligible for a direct award.

Purpose Areas

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 such areas as:

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution 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)

Program Narrative

JAG funds available to South Dakota will be used to continue to fund state and local initiatives in the following priority purpose areas: law enforcement; prosecution and court; and corrections and community corrections programs. The need has been determined from a historical basis of what has been funded in the past, the annual state budgeting process, and available funds.

LAW ENFORCEMENT

The State Multi-Jurisdictional Drug Task Force Program provides one of the means for effective targeting and sharing of personnel, time, equipment, and intelligence information. This Drug Task Force Program is the highest priority for continued funding to provide support to local jurisdictions.

PROSECUTION AND COURT

The workload of some local prosecutors has been lessened through the establishment of the Attorney General's Statewide Drug Prosecution Program. The goal of the Statewide Drug Prosecution Program is to enhance enforcement and prosecution efforts in their assistance to State and local law enforcement agencies while bringing the full impact of State law to bear on specifically targeted narcotics trafficking conspiracies and offenders. Emphasis is placed on a formal mechanism whereby investigative and prosecutorial resources can be allocated, focused, and managed against targeted drug traffickers. Continuation of this program will provide the means to place prosecutors in specific geographic areas, and offer training to increase the effectiveness of prosecution.

CORRECTIONS AND COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

It is the intention of the South Dakota Department of Corrections (SDDOC) to utilize Byrne funds to provide staff and resources for compliance with Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Standards. The Department of Corrections Prison Rape Elimination Act Program will consist of a comprehensive effort to prevent sexual abuse and sexual harassment of offenders and to respond to incidents consistent with the requirements established by the U.S. Department of Justice. The program will include adult and juvenile correctional facilities as well as programs under contract to provide residential services to the Department of Corrections.

Local input is solicited for JAG through the Notice of Application Review process. Other stakeholders in the JAG planning process include the SD Department of Public Safety, Office of Attorney General Division of Criminal Investigation, SD Department of Corrections, and Governor's Bureau of Finance and Management. The Secretary of Department of Public Safety (SAA), along with the Secretary of Department of Corrections and SD Chief Financial Officer/Commissioner of the Bureau of Finance and Management are all part of the Governor's Cabinet which lends the opportunity to coordinate criminal justice/juvenile justice efforts.

The South Dakota Criminal Justice Initiative Work Group was formed by Governor Dugaard, Chief Justice Gilbertson, and legislative leadership to identify what is driving the prison population, explore innovations within our state and across the nation, and recommend policies that will reduce crime and corrections spending. The stakeholders expressed not only an interest but a desire for changes that would improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the criminal justice system.

Leadership requested technical assistance from the Public Safety Performance Project of the Pew Center on the States. As a result, South Dakota was selected to join the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI), a collaboration between the Department of Justice's Bureau of Justice Assistance and Pew. See www.psia.sd.gov for links and the most recent information on this planning process.

Subgrant recipients will abide by all reporting, monitoring and evaluation requirements of the State Administrative Agency (SAA). Reports of program activities, project status, and progress in meeting stated goals and objectives will be submitted as required by the SAA. The SAA will submit quarterly financial status reports and an annual programmatic report through the OJP Grants Management System (GMS). In addition, there are JAG Programmatic Measures required. They are customized dependent on activity type within each purpose area. Grantees and subgrantees will report on performance measures for only those activities funded by JAG. These programmatic measures will be collected quarterly 30 days after the end of the quarter in the BJA online Performance Measurement Tool (PMT).