Criminal Justice Improvement Committee

Grant Writing Workshop Breakout

September 2019
Mission Statement

“The mission of the Criminal Justice Improvement (CJI) 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.”
2020 Funding Priorities

- Local Law Enforcement Block Grants
- Statewide Training for the Prevention and Response to School Violence

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN GEMS NO LATER THAN JANUARY 31, 2020 BY 12 NOON!!!
Local Law Enforcement Block Grants
Federal Funding Maximum: $24,500/$10,000 Minimum (One Year Only)

Who May Apply?

- Law enforcement agencies that do not qualify for Direct JAG Awards from the U.S. Department of Justice. First priority will be given to those that did not receive a block grant.

What Does the LLEBG Fund?

- EQUIPMENT ONLY!!!
- NO OVERTIME REQUESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.
- Audio/visual recording equipment to bring agencies into compliance with custodial interrogation standards. Hardware and software to comply with statutory line-up ID procedures.
VIPER Radios (only), replacement and non-lethal weapons and similar items vital to basic law enforcement.

**Points to Remember:**

- Items prohibited include air cards, phone lines, and any other long term contractual services. No vehicles or aircrafts may be purchased or leased. No unmanned aerial vehicles (Drones).
- No vehicles that must be registered with the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles can be purchased.
- Agencies that submit multiple applications will be automatically disqualified.
- 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.
Bulletproof Vest Purchases

Law enforcement agencies purchasing vests must certify that they have a written “mandatory wear" policy in effect for at least all uniformed officers while on duty. There are no requirements regarding the nature of the policy.

- Certification of the policy must be received by GCC within 30 days of grant implementation & prior to their purchase.
- Bulletproof Vests must be American made.
- A Concept and Issues paper and a Model Policy can be obtained from the BVP Customer Support Center at vests@usdoj.gov or toll free at 1–877–758–3787.
In 2018, North Carolina, like other states, found itself in the position of responding to school shootings. Several efforts emerged as a result of these shootings, including a request by Department of Public Safety Secretary Erik A. Hooks that the Governor’s Crime Commission establish a Special Committee to develop recommendations to strengthen school safety with a “whole of community” / “whole of government” approach. Announced on April 19, 2018, the Special Committee on School Shootings (SCSS), comprised of representatives from law enforcement, juvenile justice, courts, schools, state agencies, and other stakeholders, held five meetings and two public forums in 2018.

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The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee will be accepting applications for state agencies, local agencies, and non-profits to apply for Statewide Training projects that will emphasize school safety needs, with the focus being on how to prevent and respond to these horrific incidents. These applications will be for one year only. These applications will still need to be reviewed and scored by the committee and non-profits who apply must show and prove a prior successful track record in their training curriculums. Applicants can apply for up to $200,000 per year for one year only but must be able to show the statewide impact of this training.
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Programs at a Glance
Total Number of Programs: 212
- 31% Effective
- 59% Promising

North Carolina Department of Public Safety
General Information

**to be included in all Project Narratives**

- Explanation of budget items should be provided in the Project Narrative.

- Provide an estimation of the number of participants for the Training projects and the impact that it will have statewide.
Why Seek Alternative Funding?

- The decreasing number of Federal JAG dollars to NC each year.

- CJI funding priorities change from year-to-year.

- CJI funding is intended to seed new programs.

- CJI funding may not be available to grantees after two or three grant cycles. Grantees are expected to have independent funding.

- Funding is competitive, not all applications are funded.
Choosing a Project Name

The project should be structured as follows:
Organization/Jurisdiction – Project Name – Fiscal Year

Examples:

2020 – Mayberry Police Department – Taser Project
-or-
2020 – Department of Justice – Training Project
Budget Detail Tips

- All budget items must be explained or justification made for expenditure in the project narrative.
- Do not include rent and utilities unless this project requires an expansion of office space or new office rental.
- Personnel requests must be directly involved with project function and not oversight of overall agency operations. No indirect costs.
- Printing costs must be itemized.
Office Supplies

- You do not have to itemize all office supplies in the budget detail, but all items to be purchased should be listed in the project narrative or budget narrative attachment.

- Refrain from using “etc.” We need details.

- Print cartridges, toner, software and other higher priced items (under $5000) should be itemized under the supply category, but is not considered “general office supplies”.

- Item with a unit cost of $5000 and greater should be budgeted under the equipment cost category and must have a property control record.

- “General office supplies” line item should have quantity of 12 to allow for monthly reimbursement against line item.
Rent and Utilities should not be included in the project unless new space must be acquired to implement the project.

Justification for rent and utilities must be made within the Project Narrative. Failure to adequately justify rent and utilities will result in the removal of these line items.

When seeking program space, the grantee should be prepared to cover costs at the end of the project period.
Questions???