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Notice to Board of Fiscal Year 2021 California Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application – Continuation of 2019-2022 Plan

Summary

This information item provides notice that the BSCC is applying for the 2021 federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Solicitation.

Background

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) is federally administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). Historically, the JAG Program provides federal funding to help address criminal justice needs. The BSCC is in year two of a three-year JAG state strategy that covers October 1, 2019 to September 1, 2022.

On January 26, 2018, the BSCC convened an Executive Steering Committee (ESC) comprised of subject-matter experts to consider updating the state strategy and Request for Proposals (RFP). During the meeting, the ESC heard presentations from JAG grantees and reviewed the results from the JAG 2013 Survey. At the time, the ESC determined that not enough time had passed to warrant a new assessment of the state strategy and that the strategy was still responsive to California's needs.

On November 8, 2018, the Board agreed to adopt the JAG 2013 Survey responses as part of the JAG RFP and the state strategy for the period covering October 1, 2019 - September 1, 2022. A synopsis of the three-year strategy is provided below:

California Three-year Strategy for the Byrne JAG Program

- (1) The strategy will honor responses from the California stakeholders in the survey with priority given to the survey supported areas of:
 - a) Prevention and Education
 - b) Law Enforcement
 - c) Prosecution, Courts and Defense
- (2) The needs of small, medium, and large counties will be considered.
- (3) Funding will be based on local flexibility and on the needs of the juvenile and adult justice communities and on input from a balanced array of stakeholders.
- (4) Applicants must demonstrate a collaborative strategy based on the Community Engagement Model that involves multiple stakeholders in the project or problem addressed.

(5) Some emphasis in the strategy will be given to the development of innovative and/or promising strategies to reduce recidivism.

The BSCC is applying for JAG funding to continue implementation of the JAG three-year cycle. BSCC staff has begun the process for updating the state strategy and will return to the Board in November 2021 with additional information.

Attachments

Attachment 1: 2021 California Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance