

Notice to the Board of the Fiscal Year 2022 California Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Application

Summary

This information item provides notice that the BSCC is applying for the 2022 federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Solicitation.

Background

The BSCC is the designated state administering agency for the JAG Program, which is federally funded through the Bureau of Justice Assistance (JAG). The JAG program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to states and local jurisdictions. BJA releases annual federal solicitations to states for the JAG Program, this application is in response to the 2022 federal solicitation. A copy of California's proposed 2022 JAG application is provided (Attachment 1) and a description of the federally required five-year strategic plan is described below. California's existing strategic plan will conclude on September 30, 2022.

In September 2020, the BSCC began the process of gathering information and data to inform an update to California's Multi-Year JAG State Strategy. In partnership with the National Criminal Justice Association, the BSCC gathered input from interested parties through a year-long public input process consisting of two virtual listening sessions, a written comment period, and a web-based survey. Findings from this information and data gathering process were documented in the *2021 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program: Findings from the Information and Data Gathering Process to Inform an Update to the Multi-Year State Strategy*. To reflect the information gathered through this year-long process, in 2022 the BSCC updated the Multi-Year State Strategy.

California will implement its updated Multi-Year State Strategy beginning with this round of JAG funding. The Multi-Year State Strategy will combine the information received from the most recent planning process with the Program Purpose Areas (PPA) that have been in place since 2013. Two new PPAs emerged from the most recent strategic planning process. And a third PPA has been one of the three ongoing PPAs since 2013.

A visual representation of the Multi-Year State Strategy is provided below:

California's Five-Year State Strategy for the JAG Program

- (1) Provides equal emphasis to Program Purpose Area (PPAs):
 - ▶ PPA 1: Law enforcement programs
 - ▶ PPA 2: Prosecution and court programs
 - ▶ PPA 3: Prevention and education programs
 - ▶ PPA 5: Drug treatment and enforcement programs
 - ▶ PPA 8: Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs
- (2) Considers the needs of small, medium, and large counties.
- (3) Bases funding on local flexibility, on the needs of the juvenile and adult criminal justice communities, and on input from a balanced array of stakeholders.
- (4) Requires applicants to:
 - a. incorporate evidence-based principles and programs for all funded projects.
 - b. demonstrate a collaborative strategy based on the community engagement model that involves multiple stakeholders in the project or problem addressed.
- (5) Funded programs should:
 - a. emphasize reducing recidivism, racial and ethnic disparities, and violence.
 - b. incorporate trauma-informed care and be culturally informed, competent, and responsive.
 - c. prioritize mental health needs and the avoidance of system involvement, within each PPA.
 - d. prioritize community-based organizations as service providers.

Staff are planning to submit California's 2022 JAG application, inclusive of the Multi-Year State Strategy, no later than the August 1, 2022 due date. The next steps in the JAG grant development process will be to update the RFP and bring it to the Board for approval at the September meeting.

Attachments

Attachment 1: 2022 California Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Application