OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS GRANTS

The Recovery Act includes $4 billion to assist state, local and tribal law enforcement and for other criminal and juvenile justice activities that help to prevent crime and improve the criminal justice system in the United States while supporting the creation of jobs and much needed resources for states and local communities. The Department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), which provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims, will administer $2.7 billion of this funding.

OJP has five component bureaus: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and the Office for Victims of Crime. Additionally, OJP has two program offices: the Community Capacity Development Office, which incorporates the Weed and Seed strategy, and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART).

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - $2 billion

The JAG Program, administered by OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. JAG grants support all components of the criminal justice system, including but not limited to, multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces; crime prevention and domestic violence programs; and courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives.

The procedure for allocating JAG grants is based on a formula of population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent of the allocation is awarded to the state and 40 percent is set aside for local governments.

The deadline to submit applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program: State Program is **April 9, 2009**; the deadline to submit applications for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program: Local Program is **May 18, 2009**.

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) State Crime Victim Compensation Program – $47.5 million

OJP's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) administers this formula grant program, which supplements states efforts to compensate crime victims. State crime victim compensation programs reimburse victims for crime-related expenses such as medical costs, mental health counseling, funeral and burial costs, lost wages or loss of support. Each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and any other possession or territory of the United States that has an established crime victim compensation program is eligible to receive a grant.

The deadline to submit applications for funding under this announcement is **March 20, 2009.**

Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program - $47.5 million

OVC administers this formula grant program, which supports services to victims of crime throughout the Nation. States and territories use these funds to support community-based organizations that help crime victims. The organizations provide services such as crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter,

criminal justice advocacy, and emergency transportation. States are required to give priority to programs serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands are eligible to receive a grant.

The deadline to submit applications for funding under this announcement is **March 20, 2009.**

National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance and Demonstration Program (NFG) - $5 million

Five million of the Recovery Act Grants for Victim Compensation and Assistance formula funding will be directed to discretionary grant projects, as required by statute. The funding will be used to make awards under the currently open National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance and Demonstration Projects (NFG) competitive grant solicitation. This competitive solicitation provides funding for training, technical assistance, and demonstration projects that are national in scope and address gaps in the field in the areas of training and technical assistance; or develop promising practices, models, or programs through demonstration projects.

The deadline to submit applications for funding under these announcements is **March 26, 2009.**

Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Formula Grant program -$50 million

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to cyber enticement and child pornography cases. The ICAC program is a national network of 59 coordinated task forces, representing more than 2,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies engaged in proactive investigations, forensic examinations, and effective prosecutions. This funding will be used to help state and local law enforcement agencies develop effective, sustainable responses to online child victimization and child pornography.

The deadline to submit applications for the Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Program Grants is **April 8, 2009.**

The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program - $225 million

Byrne Competitive Grants are available to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to assist victims of crime (other than compensation) and for youth mentoring initiatives. These grants help state and local communities improve the capacity of local justice systems and may be used for national efforts such as training and technical assistance. Applicants may be national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support the purpose areas of this grant program.

The deadline to submit applications for the Edward Byrne Competitive Grants Program is **April 27, 2009.**

Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program - $225 million

The Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program provides resources to allow eligible American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages to construct or renovate correctional facilities on tribal lands, with consideration given to the detention bed space needs and the violent crime statistics of the applicant tribe or village.

The deadline to submit applications for the Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program is **May 4, 2009.**

Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Competitive Grant Program -$125 million

This is a competitive grant program to provide assistance to law enforcement in rural states and rural areas, to prevent and combat crime, especially drug related crime.

The deadline to submit applications for the Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Competitive Grant program is **April 22, 2009.**

Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) - $40 million

This is a competitive grant program to provide assistance and equipment to law enforcement along

the Southern border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas to combat criminal narcotics activity stemming from the Southern border. By statute, $10 million of these funds is available for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to be administered for its Project Gunrunner program.

The deadline to submit applications for the Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) program is **April 17, 2009.**

How to Apply for Grants

OJP encourages all interested applicants to register to apply for funding. Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The CCR is a central repository of organizations working with the federal government.

Applications must be submitted through OJP's online Grants Management System (GMS). To access the system, please visit: https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov. Applicants should begin the process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time they have used the system. Each application requires a separate GMS registration. The registration process for organizations includes: (1) Obtaining a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (2) Registering your organization with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database; and (3) Registering with GMS prior to applying.

Most state agencies and units of local government (towns, townships, villages, parishes, cities, counties, and other general purpose political subdivisions of a state) have already established a DUNS number. First tier subawardees must also have a DUNS number and register with the CCR. Please check with your grants administrator or chief financial officer to see if your organization has a DUNS number. To obtain a DUNS number, call the Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) Customer Resource Center at 1-866-705-5711 or visit http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do.

To verify or renew a CCR registration, visit http://www.ccr.gov/. If your organization is not registered with CCR, identify a primary contact who should register your organization. Keep in mind that your organization must receive a DUNS number before it can register with CCR. Organizations must update or renew their CCR registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Please allow up to three weeks to complete the CCR registration process.

Contact OJP

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