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BYRNE-JAG PURPOSE AREAS 2022-25

A. Multi-jurisdictional task forces & Criminal Court Accumulated Cases

1. Monitor data involving criminal justice system data, including arrests, arraignments, Department of Correction (DOC) pretrial admissions, and admissions to the DOC sentenced population, and engage stakeholders through the CJPAC and other boards and commissions.
2. Support and coordinate inter-branch efforts among prosecutors, public defenders, the courts, and other criminal justice system stakeholders to help resolve accumulated cases.
3. Provide resources and assistance to strategies to utilize pretrial services, supervision, diversion programs, and other options to provide tailored responses to people with pending cases.
4. Analyze and document effective outcomes from these efforts and inform further criminal justice system improvements.
5. Funds to assist with stipends, overtime, technology, equipment, or other personnel costs incurred by state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies that participate in multi-jurisdictional task forces aiming to prevent and reduce any of the following: gun violence; trafficking of illegal firearms, ghost guns, and narcotics; motor vehicle theft; violent crime; and other crime challenges.



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B. Technology and data to improve victim services, forensic analysis, and increase public safety

1. Assess both gaps in and successful utilization of technology and data systems with emphasis on victim services and law enforcement since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic.
2. Identify case studies in which technology helped service providers reach victims using technology during periods of sheltering in place and social distancing and maintain essential operations despite disruptions caused by the pandemic.
3. Apply similar analysis to state and local law enforcement use of technology, such as National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN) machines to analyze bullet shell casings and rapid DNA analysis, to carry out investigations, especially those related to gun violence.
4. Use needs identified during the pandemic to inform support with technology and data needs and help inform future investments.
5. Support technology driven initiatives and pilot-projects seeking to improve data collection capabilities and public safety responses.
6. Bureau of Justice Assistance area of emphasis for Byrne JAG 2019 promotes the use of these funds to support law enforcement actions to fight the opioid epidemic such as addressing the supply of both diverted prescription drugs and illegal drugs, and supporting first responders when encountering overdoses. These funds can also be used for training and safety measures to prepare for potential encounters with synthetic opioids such as fentanyl. This may include covering the cost of providing naloxone to all officers and the cost of fentanyl detection testing. **(Byrne JAG 19 application funding only)**



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C. Workforce development strategies for people with criminal records

1. Partner with state-level efforts under the US DOJ Adult Reentry and Employment Services (ARES) grant, Connecticut Governor's Workforce Council, and other workforce-development efforts to support people returning the community seeking long-term, meaningful employment.
2. Support technology-driven initiatives to connect return citizens to workforce services, programs, and opportunities.

D. Strengthening community violence reduction strategies, and making improvements to behavioral health outcomes for people involved with the criminal justice system

1. Enhance the collection and use of real-time data involving crimes, arrests, and other front-end criminal justice system information.
2. Engage localized inter-disciplinary convenings of stakeholders, including law enforcement, community organizations, and others, to examine causes of heightened or rising levels of violence in their community and develop strategies to mitigate and contribute to long-term violence prevention.
3. Coordinate Byrne JAG funds in conjunction with other available state and federal grants to support evidence-based community violence intervention strategies.
4. Bolster the abilities of community violence interventions to collect data on program activities and associated outcomes to further understanding of intervention effects within communities.
5. Improve community capabilities connecting gun violence survivors with services addressing trauma and supporting survivors' long-term wellness.
6. Advance the ability of justice agencies to better identify, assess and support individuals with mental health needs entering the criminal justice system with low-



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level charges, including expansion of diversion programs, to connect suitable populations swiftly to effective treatment.

7. Support efforts within judicial districts, especially those with higher relative rates of people with mental health needs in supporting stakeholders around interdisciplinary strategies to improve public health and safety outcomes for those with high mental health needs.