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TO: Interested State and County Government Agencies

FROM: Shaleigh Tice, Grants and Planning Branch Chief *ST*

SUBJECT: *Solicitation of Applications for the FY 2012 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)*

Applications from state and county government agencies are being solicited (for projects to be considered) for funding under the FY 2012 *Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program* that is administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Justice. Approximately \$833,500 is available.

The purpose of the JAG grant is to allow states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system.

Applications must fall under one (1) of five (5) authorized JAG purpose areas.

- Law enforcement programs
- Prosecution and court programs
- Corrections and community corrections programs
- Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs

Applications should also focus on one of the following priority areas:

- Evidence-based initiatives;
- A comprehensive response to sex assault or elder abuse;
- Reducing drug threats and drug related crimes;
- Reducing property crime;
- Incorporating multi-agency collaboration to improve the criminal justice system;
- Reducing recidivism rates;
- Improving re-entry efforts;
- Improving forensic science capabilities;

- Improving records management systems and integrated justice information sharing;
- Reducing juvenile offenses utilizing a coordinated response; and
- Improving language access within the criminal justice system.

As in past years, all applications must be submitted through the agency head – e.g., director, chief of police, prosecuting attorney, administrative director of the courts, etc. If an agency submits more than one application, the agency must rank the applications from high to low priority with “1” being the highest priority.

The application deadline is: 4:00 p.m. on September 3, 2013

If there are questions, please contact Jennifer Cullen, Criminal Justice Planning Specialist at (808) 586-1389 or Jennifer.M.Cullen@hawaii.gov.