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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 2014 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 2014 *Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program* that is administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Justice. Approximately $1,044,136 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 six (6) authorized JAG Federal program areas.

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

Applications should also focus on the following State priority areas:

- A comprehensive response to sex assault or elder abuse;
- Reducing drug threats and drug related crimes;
- Reducing property crime;
- Reducing recidivism rates or improving reentry efforts;
- Improving forensic science capabilities;
- Improving records management systems and integrated justice information sharing;
- Reducing juvenile offenses utilizing a coordinated response; or
- Improving language access within the criminal justice system.

Furthermore, if applicable, applications shall indicate if they are:

- An evidence-based initiative, and/or
- Incorporating multi-agency collaboration to improve 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. Please be sure to read the entire solicitation and use the 2014 forms found on our website at http://ag.hawaii.gov/cpja/gp/. All agencies also must provide their DUNS number, as well as indicate other funding sources the proposed project is seeking and the amount of funds being sought.

The application deadline is: ***4:00 p.m. on July 31, 2015***

If there are questions, please contact Dawn Martin, Criminal Justice Planning Specialist at (808) 586-1164 or Dawn.M.Martin@hawaii.gov.

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