Grants and Planning Branch

- Maintains information on Federal and State resources that are available to assist in improving the criminal justice system.

- Seeks, applies for, and administers State and Federal criminal justice grants.

- Facilitates statewide coordination and planning with criminal justice agencies and service providers. These include:
  - Statewide Forensic Science Laboratory Services
  - Governor’s Committee on Crime
  - VAWA State Planning Committee
  - Victim Witness Coordinators
  - Correctional Program Checklist Coordinating Committee

- Participates in the following initiatives:
  - Hawaii Coalition Against Human Trafficking
  - Interagency Council on Intermediate Sanctions
  - Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI) Victim Service Team
  - Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification System

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We are the State Administering Agency (SAA) for the following Federal Grants*

The Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) - Formula Grants

Program funds all components of the criminal justice system, and may include multi-jurisdictional drug and gang task forces, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may also address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals and/or communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems, processes, and procedures.

The program areas include:
- Law Enforcement
- Prosecution, Courts and Public Defense
- Prevention and Education
- Corrections and Community Corrections
- Drug Treatment and Enforcement
- Planning, Evaluation and Technology Improvement

The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners - Formula Grant Program

funds are used to develop and implement substance abuse treatment programs in correction and detention facilities and to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for offenders. The goal of the RSAT Program is to break the cycle of drugs and violence by reducing the demand for, use, and trafficking of illegal drugs.

The Paul Coverdell National Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program provides federal funding to crime laboratories and medical examiner's offices to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. It supports efforts in eliminating a backlog in forensic science evidence including firearms examination, latent prints, toxicology, controlled substances, forensic pathology, questioned documents, and trace evidence.

The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Assistance Grant provides federal financial assistance to states to provide direct services to victims of crime. Funding for the program is provided by the Crime Victims Fund. The Fund is financed by fines and penalties paid by convicted federal offenders, not from tax dollars.

The Services-Training-Officers-Prosecutors (STOP) Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) - Formula Grant Program promotes a coordinated, multidisciplinary approach to victim advocacy and systems response to violent crimes against women. The STOP Program focuses on the implementation of comprehensive strategies that are responsive to the needs and safety of victims and hold offenders accountable. Eligible grant recipients include the police, prosecutors, Judiciary, and victim service providers.

We are the Administering Agency for the following State Grants*

The Victim Witness Assistance (VW) Program provides information, assistance, and support services to the victims and witnesses to crimes committed in the State of Hawaii.

The Career Criminal Prosecution (CCP) Program targets repeat offenders and aggressively prosecutes them to the fullest extent of the law.

*Eligible grant recipients are state or county government organizations. Grant funds are not awarded to private citizens.