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TO: Interested State and County Government Agencies

FROM: Shaleigh Tice, Grants and Planning Branch Chief

SUBJECT: Solicitation of Applications for the FY 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice

Assistance Grant (JAG)

Applications from state and county government agencies are being solicited for funding under the FY 2019 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program that is administered by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), U.S. Department of Justice. Approximately \$915,455 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 seven (7) authorized JAG Federal program areas:

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

Applications should also focus on the following State priority areas:

- Violent Crimes
- Recidivism/Reentry
- Forensic Science
- Behavioral Health
- Drugs, specifically

- > Drug Enforcement
- > Prevention and education
- > Training

For this year's JAG solicitation, a new component has been added to the scoring process. Scoring incentives have been implemented to support proposals that include in their narrative, how the project: 1) is an evidence-based program; 2) incorporates multi-agency collaboration with details of what the collaboration will include; and/or 3) addresses the intersection between the criminal justice system and homelessness.

As in past years, <u>all applications must be submitted through the agency head</u> – 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 2019 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 February 25, 2021

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