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Juvenile Accountability Block Grants

JABG

Number: 16.523

Agency: Department of Justice

Office: Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Program Information

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Authorization (040):

Public Law 107-273.

Objectives (050):

To provide States, units of local government, and Indian Tribes as defined by Section 102 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994, with funds to develop programs to strengthen and promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system. To survey the field and identify projects that would benefit from research, demonstration, and evaluation in the 18 purpose areas identified in the JABG Program. To provide training and technical assistance to States, units of local government, and Indian Tribes so they may develop programs outlined in the 18 program areas to promote greater accountability in the juvenile justice system.

Types of Assistance (060):

FORMULA GRANTS; PROJECT GRANTS

Uses and Use Restrictions (070):

Program Areas include: (1) Developing, implementing, and administering graduated sanctions for juvenile offenders. (2) Building, expanding, renovating or operating temporary or permanent juvenile correction, detention, or corrections facilities. (3) Hiring juvenile court judges, probation officers, and court-appointed defenders and special advocates, and funding pretrial services (including mental health screening and assessment) for juvenile offenders, to promote the effective and expeditious administration of the juvenile justice system. (4) Hiring additional prosecutors so that more cases involving violent juvenile offenders can be prosecuted and case backlogs reduced. (5) Providing funding to enable prosecutors to address drug, gang, and youth violence problems more effectively and for technology, equipment and training to assist prosecutors in identifying and expediting the prosecution of violent juvenile offenders. (6) Establishing and maintaining training programs for law enforcement and other court personnel with respect to preventing and controlling juvenile crime. (7) Establishing juvenile gun courts for the prosecution and adjudication of juvenile firearms offenders. (8) Establishing drug court programs for juvenile offenders that provide continuing judicial supervision over juvenile offenders with substance abuse problems and the integrated administration of other sanctions and services for such offenders. (9) Establishing and maintaining a system of juvenile records designed to promote public safety. (10) Establishing and maintaining interagency information-sharing programs that enable the juvenile and criminal justice systems, schools, and social services agencies to make more informed decisions regarding the early identification, control, supervision, and treatment of juveniles who repeatedly commit serious delinquent or criminal acts. (11) Establishing and maintaining accountability-based programs designed to reduce recidivism amount juveniles who are referred by law

CONTACT INFORMATION

Website:

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Regional or Local Office:

None.

Headquarters Office:

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Assistance Types:

A - FORMULA GRANTS

B - PROJECT GRANTS

Applicant Eligibility:

14-State (includes District of

Columbia, public institutions of higher education and hospitals)/ 50-Law, Justice, and Legal Services

15-Local (includes State-designated Indian Tribes, excludes institutions of higher education and hospitals/

50-Law, Justice, and Legal Services

22-Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments/ 50-Law, Justice, and Legal Services

23-U.S. Territories and possessions (includes institutions of higher education and hospitals)/ 50-Law, Justice, and Legal Services

Beneficiary Eligibility:

14 - State, 15 - Local, 20 - Public nonprofit institution/organization, 23 - U.S. Territories, 36 - Private nonprofit institution/organization, 38 - Other private institution/organization

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referred by law enforcement personnel or agencies. (12) Establishing and maintaining programs to conduct risk and needs assessments of juvenile offenders that facilitate effective early intervention and the provision of comprehensive services, including mental health screening and treatment and substance abuse testing and treatment, to such offenders. (13) Establishing and maintaining accountability-based programs that are designed to enhance school safety. (14) Establishing and maintaining restorative justice programs. (15) Establishing and maintaining programs to enable juvenile courts and juvenile probation officers to be more effective and efficient in holding juvenile offenders accountable and reducing recidivism. (16) Hiring detention and corrections personnel and establishing and maintaining training programs for such personnel, to improve facility practices and programming. (17) Establishing, improving and coordinating pre-release and post-release systems and programs to facilitate the successful reentry of juvenile offenders from state and local custody in the community. (18) Hiring court-appointed defenders and providing training, coordination, and innovative strategies for indigent defense services. Not more than 10 percent of appropriated funds are available to support research, evaluation, and demonstration projects consistent with this program. Not more than 2 percent of appropriated funds are available for training and technical assistance. Not more than 2 percent of appropriated funds shall be made available to Indian Tribes on a competitive basis. Input will be solicited from the States to determine which of the 18 areas are most important and where the greatest needs are. This information will guide and provide insight for research, evaluation, and demonstration activities under this program.

Eligibility Requirements (080)

Applicant Eligibility (081):

Each State and territory (except Palau) is eligible to receive an allocation and award of funds for State and units of local government if the Governor certifies, consistent with guidelines established by the Attorney General.

In addition to being eligible for JABG funds as a unit of local government, American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes, as defined by Section 102 of the Federally Recognized Indian Tribe List Act of 1994 (25 U.S.C 470a), or a consortium of such tribes, are eligible for JABG funding through QJJD's Tribal Juvenile Accountability Discretionary Grant (T-JADG) program. QJJD awards cooperative agreements on a competitive basis.

Beneficiary Eligibility (082):

All States and territories are eligible to receive an allocation and award of funds for State and units of local government. Funds are available to public and private agencies, organizations, or individuals to apply for discretionary and training and technical assistance funds.

Credentials/Documentation (083):

Each applicant must submit a completed application, including signed assurances that it will comply with statutory and administrative requirements. For Research and Evaluation grants, costs will be determined in accordance with OMB Circular No. A-87 for State and local governments. OMB Circular No. A-87 applies to this program.

Application and Award Process (090)

Preapplication Coordination (091):

Preapplication coordination is required. Environmental impact information is not required for this program. This program is excluded from coverage under E.O. 12372.

Application Procedures (092):

OMB Circular No. A-102 applies to this program. OMB Circular No. A-110 applies to this program. Applicants must submit completed applications via the Office of Justice Programs, Grants Management System. The receipt, review and analysis of applications will follow Office of Justice Programs policies and procedures for the administration of grant applications. The State Relations and Assistance Division is subject to the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-110 and the Common Rule.

Award Procedure (093):

A letter with copies of the grant award is sent to the applicant agency upon approval by the Office of Justice Programs. One copy of the grant award must be signed by the authorized official and returned to

the Office of Justice Programs. Local units of government will receive JABG funds through the applicant agency subgrant award process. Each State and territory that receives monies under the JABG program must establish an interest-bearing trust fund to deposit program funds. Each State and territory (recipient) or unit of local government (subrecipient) that receives program funds must establish a coordinated enforcement plan for reducing juvenile crime, developed by an Advisory Board.

Deadlines (094):

Contact the headquarters or regional office, as appropriate, for application deadlines.

Range of Approval/Disapproval Time (095):

Formula grant applications will generally be approved within 2 to 4 months of receipt of a complete application. Discretionary grant applications also take 2 to 4 months.

Appeals (096):

Hearing and appeal procedures will follow 28 CFR, Part 18, of the Department of Justice Regulations.

Renewals (097):

Renewals are subject to appropriations.

Assistance Consideration (100)**Formula and Matching Requirements (101):**

Statutory Formula:

Matching Requirements: Percent: 10.%. Public Law 107-273 allocates 0.5 percent of the appropriated amount for each State and territory and of the total funds remaining, allocates to each State an amount that bears the same ratio as the population of people under the age of 18 living in each State for the most recent calendar year in which the data is available. The Program requires a cash match of 10 percent of total program costs; Federal funds may not exceed 90 percent of total program costs. (Each State and territory that receives money under the JABG program must establish an interest-bearing trust fund to deposit program funds.) Interest derived from the award does not have to be matched, but interest generated from the trust fund cannot be used to match the Federal award. Matching contributions need not be applied at the exact time or in proportion to the obligation of Federal funds. However, the full match amount must be obligated by the end of the 36 month project period. For discretionary grants, no match is required.

MOE requirements are not applicable to this program.

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance (102):

Formula and discretionary grant awards are made for 36 months. See the following for information on how assistance is awarded/released: Please contact the program office for more information.

Post Assistance Requirements (110)**Reports (111):**

Program reports are due on an annual basis. Cash reports are not applicable. Recipients are required to submit semi-annual Progress Reports. Recipients are required to submit quarterly Financial Reports. To assist in fulfilling the Departments responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), Public Law 103-62, and the GPRA Modernization Act of 2010, Public Law 111-352, recipients must provide data that measures the results of their work.

Audits (112):

In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-133 (Revised, June 27, 2003), "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," nonfederal entities that expend financial assistance of \$500,000 or more in Federal awards will have a single or a program-specific audit conducted for that year. Nonfederal entities that expend less than \$500,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A-133.

Records (113):

Recipients of federal funds are expected to retain documentation supporting all program transactions for at least 3 years after the closure of audit reports related to such funding. If any litigation, claim,

negotiation, audit, or other action involving records has been started before the expiration of the 3-year period, the records must be retained until completion of the action and resolution of all related issues, or until the end of the regular 3-year period, whichever is later.

Financial Information (120)

Account Identification (121):

15-0404-0-1-754.

Obligations (122):

(Formula Grants) FY 13 \$23,341,000; FY 14 est \$30,000,000; and FY 15 est \$30,000,000

Range and Average of Financial Assistance (123):

Public Law 107-273 allocates 0.5 percent of the appropriated amount for each State and territory and of the total funds remaining, allocates to each State an amount that bears the same ratio as the population of people under the age of 18 living in each State for the most recent calendar year in which the data is available.

Program Accomplishments (130):

Not Applicable.

Regulations, Guidelines, and Literature (140):

Office of Justice Programs' Financial Guide 2011 (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/financialguide/index.htm) and Post award Instructions (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/pdfs/post_award_instructions.pdf), applicable OMB Circulars, and Department of Justice regulations applicable to specific types of grantees, which can be found in title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations (28 C.F.R.).

Information Contacts (150)

Regional or Local Office (151) :

None.

Headquarters Office (152):

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Website Address (153):

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Related Programs (160):

Not Applicable.

Examples of Funded Projects (170):

Not Applicable.

Criteria for Selecting Proposals (180):

Criteria are established by the Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) 2007 Guidance Manual as established by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

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