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*EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL  
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)  
PROGRAM*





# *JAG Purpose Areas*

- 1) **Law Enforcement;**
- 2) **Prosecution and Courts;**
- 3) **Crime Prevention and Education;**
- 4) **Corrections and Community Corrections;**
- 5) **Drug Treatment and Enforcement;**
- 6) **Planning, Evaluation and Technology Improvement;**
- 7) **Crime Victim and Witness (other than compensation); and**
- 8) **Mental Health Programs and Related Law Enforcement and Corrections Programs, Including Behavioral Programs and Crisis Intervention Teams.**





## *Prohibited Expenditures*

- Vehicles (excluding police cruisers), vessels (excluding police boats), or aircraft (excluding police helicopters);
- Luxury items;
- Real estate;
- Construction projects (other than penal or correctional institutions); and
- Any similar matters or items as identified by the Department of Justice.



## *Prohibited Food and Beverages Uses*

- All Food and Beverages Prohibited (except water provided at no cost).
- Does not Affect Direct Payment of Per Diem Amounts to Individuals in Travel Status under your Organization's Travel Policy.





## *Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Forces Eligibility*

- Must be comprised of law enforcement representatives from **five or more** counties;
- A reservation will count as a county;
- A county or reservation may belong to more than one jurisdiction;





## *Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Forces Eligibility*

- Must enter into a written inter-agency MOU agreement with all task force participants;
- Law enforcement from incorporated cities within the regional boundaries that are not active participants, must document their knowledge of the task force;



## *Multi-jurisdictional Drug Task Forces Eligibility*

- Must provide letters of support from local officials in the area where the task force operates (schools, city, county, etc.);
- The letters should address the impact and outcomes of the task force in the local communities or counties.



## *Funding*



- Subject to the final federal allocation amount and the availability of federal funds;
- MJDTFs - required 30% hard cash match;
- Match greater than 30% is not allowed in the application budget;
- Disclose additional local funds in the financial disclosure form;
- Funding period is normally from July 1<sup>st</sup> through June 30<sup>th</sup>.





## *Funding*

- Funding is considered on a year-to-year basis;
- Each project must submit an application every year through a competitive process;
- Continued funding is not guaranteed;
- MBCC will determine who will be funded and



## *Limitations and Funds Use*

- Purchase of equipment must be incidental, integral, and necessary for the project;
- Supplanting of funds is prohibited;
- State rates are to be used for calculating mileage, per diem, and lodging;
- Indirect costs are allowed with an approved indirect cost plan.



## *Limitations and Funds Use*

- Funds may not be expended or obligated prior to the start of the project period (typically July 1<sup>st</sup>).
- Salaries and personnel costs are allowable;
- time records must be maintained.
- Uniform allowances will not be permitted.



## *Confidential Funds*



- **Buy money, Purchase of Evidence - Purchase of Information** (PEPI or Confidential funds) no longer have a limit;
- **Line item transfers** can be requested during the project year from within your existing budget to increase PEPI funds;



## *Confidential Funds*

- ***If buy funds are part of your grant budget*** any activity using buy money must comply with federal and state guidelines.
- ***Regardless of the source of buy money***, all income including assets, seizures and forfeitures **must be reported** quarterly to MBCC.



## *Reporting Requirements*

- Submit all quarterly narrative, financial, and performance measures, in the prescribed format according to MBCC time frames.
- **All quarterly reports** are due to MBCC on or before the 10<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the end of the quarter (October 10<sup>th</sup>, January 10<sup>th</sup>; April 10<sup>th</sup>, July 10<sup>th</sup>).





## *Crime Data Reporting*

If a drug task force is awarded funds, a certification form must be completed and submitted to MBCC identifying the agencies responsible for reporting drug task force crime data within their jurisdictional area.





## *Crime Data Reporting*

**For more crime data information contact:**

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# *Special Conditions*



- Within 120 days of award, all task force officers will complete required online, internet-based task force training through the Bureau of Justice Assistance - Center for Task Force Integrity and Leadership;
- Copies of online certificates certifying officer training completion are required to be provided to MBCC;
- Ongoing programs task force agents are required to re-certify every four(4) years.



## *Special Conditions*

- Implementation of and compliance with the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) relating to clandestine methamphetamine laboratory operations, including the identification, seizure, or closure of clandestine meth lab operations;
- As a condition of receiving grant funds, responsible for all special conditions outlined within the grant award package.

# *Fiscal Important Notes*

- Forfeiture income/expenses
- Final report
  - 60 days after the project period end date.
  - Expenses must have been incurred by project end date.
- Equipment
- GAN extensions
- Desk Reviews



## *In conclusion ...*

- **Make sure your grant number is on every correspondence;**
- Do what you said you were going to do in your application;
- Complete and submit your quarterly reports on time;
- Continue building support for your program within your community.





## *MBCC Contact Information*

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