

Public Notice

The United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance, has notified the City of Philadelphia that it is eligible for a formula grant through the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program. A copy of the solicitation for this 2012 grant can be found at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/12JAGLocalSol.pdf>.

These grant funds are designated for criminal justice projects. The United States Department of Justice recommends that local jurisdictions seeking JAG funding should engage in comprehensive criminal justice planning, bringing together system stakeholders, including law enforcement, courts, prosecutors, Defenders, and corrections officials.

In accordance with that recommendation, the Philadelphia Criminal Justice Advisory Board (CJAB) has created a Grants Subcommittee to provide recommendations relating to City criminal justice grant projects. This Subcommittee includes representatives from the key criminal justice stakeholders groups recommended by the United States Department of Justice.

The CJAB Grants Subcommittee recommended to the CJAB that the City of Philadelphia submit a grant application no later than May 14, 2012 to the U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance for JAG funding. The Grants Subcommittee has also identified projects for potential funding. The Subcommittee has sought to identify projects that are essential to protecting public safety and that help deliver essential criminal justice services more reliably and cost effectively.

These projects include Police Department initiatives (relating to filed operations, strategic intelligence, violence reduction, Operation Pressure Point, patrol, major crime warrant service, and criminal intelligence), expanding problem solving court initiatives as it relates to mental health and prostitution, and District Attorney initiatives related to technology upgrades, enhancements to the early case assessment bureau and a warrant court initiative.

Comments relating to this proposed application may be submitted online to the First Judicial District at JAG@courts.phila.gov.