

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION
FOR
Community Policing and Community Prosecution Strategies
AMERICAN RECOVERY AND REINVESTMENT ACT OF 2009

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Increased demands for service, combined with decreased resources, have caused criminal justice agencies to determine more effective, efficient and equitable ways to deliver services and decrease crime. Traditional law enforcement strategies have often been fragmented and require very little input from community residents and service providers. The lack of coordination and cooperation between the criminal justice system and community often results in counterproductive efforts to address the needs of the community.

A coordinated community-police-prosecution strategy is needed to address the totality of community problems. These partnerships serve to address community problems in an efficient, cooperative manner. This strategy will serve to reduce crime and increase community satisfaction with the criminal justice system.

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This comprehensive approach is modeled after "weed and seed" initiatives, problem-oriented policing, community policing and community prosecution. It dictates a multi-level action plan. There are six basic elements in this plan: enforcement, problem-solving initiatives, prevention and treatment, neighborhood restoration, community prosecution and the allocation of resources through the use of crime analysis. While all elements of the comprehensive plan are important, projects should emphasize using a targeted problem-solving process to develop long-term resolutions to community problems. Special short-term targeted problem-solving projects also meet the criteria for this program area. Projects involving communities and multiple criminal justice agencies are encouraged and will receive priority, as will combined activities with probation and parole.

Eligible expenses include, but are not limited to: hiring, overtime, prevention efforts, program equipment and/or supplies specifically needed by and in support of the initiative and crime analysis support.

Awards under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 will be one-time awards, and accordingly, should propose project activities and deliverables that can be accomplished without additional grant funding. If desired, the award may be amortized over a three-year period.

All requests for personnel must describe if funding will:

- create a new position
- restore a previously funded position (including positions that were being removed from the budget)
- increase the status of a current position (from part time to full time)
- add overtime hours not previously funded to a position

Be sure to include the same information for any subcontractors.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Goal #1 **Implement long-term crime prevention strategies within the target area that reduce crime and increase community involvement and confidence in the criminal justice system.**

Objective #1 Decrease in the overall adult and juvenile crime rate and reduce the number of calls for service.

Activities Conduct a comprehensive analysis of community crime problems and underlying root causes. Develop a strategic plan defining the responsibilities of all criminal justice partners and service providers. Develop timelines for project activities.

Performance Measures Pre and post-measures of crime, prosecutions and calls for service in the targeted communities. Statistics on the change in caseloads for the police, prosecutor and court. Number of arrests and prosecutions within target area.

Goal #2 **Improving the operational effectiveness of law enforcement and prosecution through the use of crime analysis, vertical prosecution, community involvement and combined efforts.**

Objective #2 Grantees must build upon the capacity of an existing database system(s) that will become the basis of a clearinghouse for crime and geo-spatial data.

Activities Hold meetings with relevant stakeholders to identify possible sources of data that are available. The grantees must identify the types of data available and design a plan to merge or convert datasets into a larger database. Realign resources to increase time in targeted areas. Decentralize services for easier access and accountability. Combine resources to increase outputs.

Performance Measures Number of cases vertically prosecuted, number of arrests for targeted data-driven crimes, number of tips received from the community, number of successful prosecutions and number of new cases initiated.

This is a competitive grant and will be awarded based on merit, demonstrated need, data driven decision making and performance measures.

UNALLOWABLE EXPENSES AND ACTIVITIES

- Construction costs and/or renovation
- Costs in applying for this grant (e.g., consultants, grant writers, etc.)
- Any expenses incurred prior to the date of the contract
- Indirect costs rates or indirect administrative expenses (only direct costs permitted)
- Lobbying or advocacy for particular legislative or administrative reform
- Legal fees
- First class travel
- One-time events, prizes, entertainment (e.g., tours, excursions, amusement parks, sporting events)
- Management or administrative training, conferences (only pre-approved project-related training)
- Management studies or research and development (costs related to evaluation are permitted)
- Honorariums
- Fines and penalties
- Fund raising and any salaries or expenses associated with it
- Purchase of land
- Losses from uncollectible bad debts
- Memberships and agency dues, unless a specific requirement of the project (prior approval required)
- Contributions and donations
- Compensation to federal or state employees for travel or consulting fees
- Military type equipment such as armored vehicles, explosive devices and other items typically associated with the military arsenal
- Informant fees, rewards or buy money
- Animals (including related supplies and materials for animals)