

MULTIJURISDICTIONAL TASK FORCES

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

PROBLEM STATEMENT

Multijurisdictional task forces are vital elements in the statewide effort to combine all available resources to reduce crime. The major emphasis for these task forces is the investigation of illegal substance abuse, and associated criminal activity. Eligible applicants must have state and local law enforcement participation and a commitment from federal sources for joint criminal investigations. Task forces must have a Board of Directors that includes all participating agencies. Task forces must initiate or be members of a community coalition designed to bring all available resources together for crime-solving initiatives. Because most law enforcement authority is limited to specific jurisdictions, but criminal activity is not, it is possible for large criminal enterprises to commit crimes beyond the scope of power of a particular law enforcement agency. Addressing this problem requires cooperation among local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies, prosecutors, courts, corrections, service agencies and the community. Multijurisdictional task forces combine the talents and resources of a variety of organizations to eliminate jurisdictional and procedural barriers and enhance problem solving initiatives.

Agencies receiving awards for Multijurisdictional Task Forces must submit: (1) a written interagency agreements between all participating agencies defining activities and responsibilities; (2) a prosecutor statement demonstrating collaborative involvement with the team toward meeting the team goals and objectives; (3) a plan of intelligence sharing via computerized networking; (4) clearly formulated goals, objectives, and performance measures; (5) a monitoring and evaluation plan; (6) a plan for forfeiture sharing, including how funds will be used; and, (7) a commitment for staffing by all participating agencies.

All task forces receiving Byrne JAG funding must have a minimum of three jurisdictions involved with the team (active participants), and must have been in operation as a Multijurisdictional Task Force for a minimum of three years. The sworn officer strength paid for by local funds must remain constant after grant funding is added unless there is written documentation of budget reductions that cause a reduction in force due to other considerations besides the addition of grant funding. Without such documentation, grant funding must add to existing task force budget and/or personnel strength. In addition, there may not be two Byrne JAG funded task forces operating in the same jurisdiction.

GOALS, OBJECTIVES, ACTIVITIES, AND PERFORMANCE MEASURES

solving initiatives and increased use of crime analysis.

Performance Measures

Data driven problem-solving initiatives implemented, resolved, improved or continued. Increased crime clearance rates through team activities. Fugitive, parole, probation violations and sex offender registration violation cases cleared. Intelligence information shared leading to arrest and/or crime clearance. Firearms recovered and cases initiated. Criminal gangs identified, cases initiated and cleared. Major crime, cold case assists and clearance.

Goal #3

Work with citizen groups, schools, community and substance abuse prevention and treatment agencies to reduce crime and improve quality of life.

Objective #3

Cooperation and interaction with schools, community agencies, citizen groups, including participation on boards and committees, to develop crime solving and prevention strategies.

Activities

Activities are the result of Board of Directors and community-based committees' problem-solving initiatives. Teams will participate in the development and implementation of crime prevention strategies. Problem-solving initiatives will be defined in the application and reported on quarterly. The Board of Directors will submit a final report with an evaluation component at the conclusion of the grant year.

Performance Measures

Number of crime prevention, problem-solving strategies initiated. The extent of task force involvement with service agencies, local community and business groups, and school personnel in the regional area.