Mission Statement

"The mission of the Criminal Justice Improvement (CJI) Committee is to encourage proactive and innovative programming and methodologies that improve the criminal justice system. Desired improvements include reducing and discouraging violent crime and associated problems, enhancing all aspects of criminal justice processing to include the incarceration and treatment of offenders and advancing justice system operations."

2021 FUNDING PRIORITIES

❑**Local Law Enforcement Block Grants**

❑**Statewide Training and Statewide Accreditation**

Local Law Enforcement Block Grants

Federal Funding Maximum: $24,500/$10,000 Minimum (One Year Only)

Who May Apply?

▸ Law enforcement agencies that do not qualify for Direct JAG Awards from the U.S. Department of Justice. First priority will be given to those that did not receive a block grant.

What Does the LLEBG Fund?

▸ EQUIPMENT ONLY!!!
▸ NO OVERTIME REQUESTS WILL BE ALLOWED.

▸ Audio/visual recording equipment to bring agencies into compliance with custodial interrogation standards. Hardware and software to comply with statutory line-up ID procedures.

Local Law Enforcement Block Grants
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▸ VIPER Radios (only), replacement and non-lethal weapons and similar items vital to basic law enforcement.

Points to Remember:

➢ Items prohibited include air cards, phone lines, and any other long term contractual services**…**No vehicles or aircrafts may be purchased or leased. No unmanned aerial vehicles (Drones).

➢ No vehicles that must be registered with the North Carolina Department of Motor Vehicles can be purchased.

➢ Agencies that submit multiple applications will be automatically disqualified.

➢ Agencies that are requesting body worn cameras must have a departmental policy on the use of body-worn cameras and a data storage solution plan which must be uploaded into the GEMS System and submitted by the application deadline.

Bulletproof Vest Purchases

Law enforcement agencies purchasing vests must certify that they have a written "mandatory wear" policy in effect for <u>at least </u>all uniformed officers while on duty. There are no requirements regarding the nature of the policy.

- Certification of the policy must be received by GCC within 30 days of grant implementation & prior to their purchase.

- Bulletproof Vests must be <u>American made</u>.

- A Concept and Issues paper and a Model Policy can be obtained from the BVP Customer Support Center at <u>vests@usdoj.gov</u> or toll free at 1–877–758–3787.

Statewide Training and Statewide Accreditation

The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee realizes the importance of training for all law enforcement officials.   North Carolina is a large state that has well over 400 town and city police departments and 100 sheriff's offices. It is imperative that local law enforcement, regardless of size and wealth, be trained in sound criminal justice policies, procedures, and live training scenarios. National accreditation standards are one practical way to help achieve this. These standards will help raise the level of professionalism among law enforcement agencies. It will also ensure that the public at large is aware that their officers and deputies have received baseline training on how law enforcement officials should conduct themselves.   As such, the Criminal Justice Improvement Committee is seeking applications for statewide training for law enforcement officials, as well as, applications for establishing accreditation standards and ensuring those standards are met by every law enforcement agency in our state.

Statewide Training and Statewide Accreditation

The Criminal Justice Improvement Committee will be accepting applications for state agencies, local agencies, and non-profits to apply for Statewide Training and Statewide Accreditation projects that will enhance and assist law enforcement officials. These applications will be for one year only. These applications will still need to be reviewed and scored by the committee and non-profits who apply <u>must show and prove</u> a prior successful track record in their training curriculums. Applicants can apply for up to $ 200,000 per year but must be able to show the statewide impact of this training.

Resource

General Information
to be included in all Project Narratives

▸ Explanation of budget items should be provided in the Project Narrative.

▸ Provide an estimation of the number of participants for the Training projects and the impact that it will have statewide.

General Information for **Non-Profits**

▸ Must strictly follow the established reporting guidelines for all progress and implementation reports as outlined at:

   http://www.ncgccd.org/planning/cji/nptreat.pdf

▸ Must verify Non-Profit Status when submitting their application. (i.e. a current 501(C)(3) certification and have a valid federal tax identification number).

▸ Required to provide a copy of the agency's general accounting procedures, operating oversight structure and current financial statement with the application.

General Information for Non-Profits
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▸ Should have a <u>letter of commitment of collaboration</u> for their proposal from a state or local partnering governmental agency.

▸ <u>A site visit by GCC staff</u> will be required prior to the application being considered for funding for first time applicants.

Sustainability

The funds awarded by the Governor's Crime Commission are mostly intended for seed money.

All applicants must submit viable and detailed long-term sustainably plans.

They must clearly explain how and from whom they plan to secure funding - and program continuation - after the end of the project's grant period.

And the answer is…

Sustainability

"…to seek additional funding through the NC Governor's Crime Commission."

Why Seek Alternative Funding?

▸ NEXT YEAR IS NOT CLEAR BY A LONG SHOT.

▸ The decreasing number of Federal JAG dollars to NC each year.

▸ CJI funding priorities change from year-to-year.

▸ CJI funding is intended to seed new programs.

▸ CJI funding may not be available to grantees after two or three grant cycles. Grantees are <u>expected </u>to have independent funding.

▸ Funding is competitive, not all applications are funded.

Sustainability

- Name three specific activities that will be accomplished during the first year of grant to financially sustain project once grant ends.

- Name community resources that have the potential to partially sustain your project in the future.

- Provide a brief description of your plan to financially sustain this project after the one year grant period.

Before You Begin >>>> STOP

▸ **Every Applicant** must have a **DUNS Number** and **register** with **NCID** at the time of application submittal.

  (The Central Contractor Registration (CCR) has been moved into a new **System for Award Management (SAM).**

▸ **Every Applicant** must have an **active** **SAM Registration** at the time of application and must renew it yearly.

▸ Authorizing Officials, Financial Officers and Project Directors must each have individual **NCID#** associating them to the registered agency at the time of application submittal.

Choosing a Project Name

The project should be structured as follows:

Fiscal Year - Organization/Jurisdiction – Project Name

Examples:

2021 – Mayberry Police Department – Taser Project

-or-

2021 – Department of Justice – Training Project

Preparing a Successful Application

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Questions to Answer:

- **Who are you?**
- **How do you qualify?**
- **What problem will you address and how?**
- **Who will benefit and how?**
- **What objectives will you accomplish and how will you measure results?**

Preparing a Successful Application

Common Reasons Grant Proposals are Declined:

- Proposal does not meet priorities
- Proposal does not follow the prescribed format
- Proposal is poorly written and/or difficult to understand
- The proposed budget/grant request is not within funding range
- There is no demonstration of need for this project
- The objectives and/or implementation plan is not realistic
- The proposal has an excessive budget
- Questionable credibility of applicant
- We have allocated all funding for this grant cycle
- No evidence grant will be self sustaining after grant period ends
- The application was not reviewed and properly submitted prior to the submission deadline.

Budget Detail Tips

All budget items must be explained or justification made for expenditure in the project narrative.

Office Supplies

▸ **You do not have to itemize all office supplies in the budget detail, but all items to be purchased should be listed in the project narrative or budget narrative attachment.**

▸ **Refrain from using "etc." We need details.**

▸ **Print cartridges, toner, software and other higher priced items (under $5000) should be itemized under the supply category, but is not considered "general office supplies".**

▸ **Item with a unit cost of $5000 and greater should be budgeted under the equipment cost category and must have a property control record.**

▸ **"General office supplies" line item should have quantity of 12 to allow for monthly reimbursement against line item.**

The Violence Against Women Act
VAWA

Federal funding through the Department of Justice Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

VAWA provides funding to programs that improve North Carolina's Criminal Justice System response to violence against women…

25% of VAWA's program funding <u>must be awarded to law enforcement</u> to combat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault & stalking emphasizing training

VAWA funds must be used…

▸ **For victims, specifically for the crimes of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault and stalking.**

▸ **By law enforcement agencies to address these crimes through dedicated personnel and programs that collaborate with non-profits and other CJ professionals.**

Programs can Include, but are not limited to:

❖ **Domestic Violence Investigators**
❖ **Sexual Assault Investigators**

Applications should be submitted to the
Crime Victims Services Committee

Questions???