

ATTACHMENT 2B

STATE OF NEW JERSEY RECOVERY ACT: EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT FORMULA PROGRAM

BUDGET NARRATIVE

A. Law Enforcement Initiatives

Statewide Electronic Surveillance Support Initiative - DSP and DCJ

To support interagency task forces targeting violent gangs and the flow of illegal guns and to reduce reliance on civilian witnesses. This initiative will support technology enhancement for intelligence-led policing models, including wireless tracking, tactical audio and video recording tactical services surveillance vehicles and staff training.

Statewide Intelligence-Led Policing Initiative

To provide statewide analytic support to state, county, and local law enforcement agencies. The enhanced analytic capabilities will allow State Police to further promote intelligence sharing, coordination, and analysis across law enforcement agencies. The resources will centrally aggregate crime incidence statistics and trends, and provide, on a regular basis, intelligence products by participating law enforcement agencies identifying and analyzing their local and regional law enforcement trends and issues.

License Plate Readers for Investigations Initiative

To purchase license plate readers for strategic deployment throughout the State. The readers will assist law enforcement in investigations or investigative initiatives aimed at reducing violent crimes.

Cyber Crimes Initiative

Provide training to investigators for cyber crime certification and equip squads with modern professional data acquisitions and analysis tools. This equipment and education will advance the cyber crime mission for local and county criminal justice agencies. Support training for Deputy Attorneys General with the Division of Criminal Justice, Computer and Technology Unit (CATU).

Multi-Jurisdictional Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Task Force

To support state level task force for the investigation and prosecution of gangs, guns and narcotics cases.

State Witness and Relocation Assistance Program (SWRAP)

To assist witnesses and/or victims of criminal activity who face threats to their safety and security upon public disclosure of their cooperation with law enforcement. This will continue the initiative to assist and relocate witnesses and/or victims in cases prosecuted in the State's twenty-one counties.

County Prosecutor Gangs, Guns and Narcotics Task Force Support

To suppress street gangs engaged in violence, gun possession and narcotics distribution, achieved through conducting threat assessments targeting violent gang members and intelligence-led investigations.

Gangs and Violent Crime Intelligence Initiative

To provide analytic support for New Jersey's efforts to reduce violent crime and homicides through a partnership designed to develop local and regional intelligence capabilities and resources in more than 20 urban areas. These resources will provide technical and instructional assistance to partner cities in order to increase their analytic capacity.

Local Violent Crime Suppression Initiative

To provide local assistance for suppression of violent crime throughout the state to augment local agency efforts. Focused on reducing continuing and escalating violence when an incident occurs within participating cities, the initiative also targets violence prevention within areas through ongoing proactive efforts.

B. Prevention Initiatives

Behavior Management and Resident Rating IT Application

To develop and implement youth risk assessments and rehabilitative plans targeting the needs identified by the risk assessment.

Next Step Discharge Center

To replicate a successful discharge planning program in an additional juvenile justice facility. Pre-released/reentry services include: assistance with higher education, work readiness, life skills, job placement and family reunification.

Expansion of Family Reunification

To provide family reunification services designed to strengthen relationships of in-custody youth and their family/caregivers by contracting with community-based organizations.

Educational Incentives to Juvenile Justice Commission (JJC) Youth

To increase the graduation rate for JJC youth by expanding opportunities for post-secondary education, including participating in college courses or higher career and technical training programs.

Substance Abuse Treatment Services

To provide certified substance abuse services to JJC juvenile residents at three additional residential community homes.

National-Model Youth Development Job Training Program

To implement youth development/job training programs in four additional cities providing services to youth ages 16-24 involved in the criminal justice system. The program must be an evidence based, national-model. Funding for this initiative will be coordinated and leveraged

with state and additional federal funding.

Evidence-Based Truancy Prevention Programs

To provide evidence-based programs tied to statewide truancy prevention initiatives. Programs will include an emphasis on community school partnerships and gang prevention. Funding is projected for ten applicant organizations that demonstrate a working partnership with local school districts and local law enforcement agencies.

C. Reentry Initiatives

Jail-Based Strategy Day Reporting Centers and Discharge Planning

To provide comprehensive reentry-related services to the jail-based population through day reporting centers and discharge plans.

Discharge Planning & Mental Health Issues

To provide pre-release discharge planning for offenders with mental health needs. Funding will support counties not currently receiving funding from the Department of Human Services. A funding scheme based on population will be utilized.

Statewide Reentry Initiative

To build collaborative partnerships for employment related reentry initiatives with: local and state workforce investment boards, one stop career centers, local and state correctional facilities, parole, probation educational and training partners, industry leaders and the other stakeholders in the community. Primary activities will include: pre-release assessments, discharge planning, case management, job placement, retention and outreach and recruitment of offender friendly employers and industry partners.

Parole Accountability Conference Teams (PACT)

To establish a pilot PACT program modeled after the Brooklyn (King's County) program. A Harvard study found a higher employment rate for graduates and a significantly lower recidivism rate than non-participants. Funds will be used for intervention counselors, referrals for community services, diversions of technical parole violators to continuum of care programs, and drug and alcohol treatment services.

Fugitive Safe Surrender - North, Central and South

To collaborate with the US Marshals Service to implement three regional Fugitive Safe Surrender programs (North, Central and South). This program encourages absconders of non-violent offenses to voluntarily surrender to law enforcement in neutral and faith-based settings.

Measure Outcomes and Impact of Juvenile Reentry Services and Sanctions

To contract with a college, university or other New Jersey based organization to support JJC's Research and Evaluation Unit. With this capacity, JJC will be in a better position to secure resources.

Juvenile Probation Risk/Needs Assessment

To provide Probation Services with an automated risk and needs assessment for juvenile offenders and to track the interventions provided during that probation term.

D. Criminal Justice Information Sharing

Live Scan

To provide electronic finger prints and mug shots across New Jersey by deploying Live Scan technology to the remaining 144 municipalities still relying on paper fingerprint cards. With this deployment, law enforcement can accurately identify a finger print within 2 hours. Live Scan fingerprinting technology captures fingerprints digitally and transmits them electronically through New Jersey's Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NJ AFIS) and the FBI Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System (IAFIS). By completing this initiative, New Jersey will be the first state in the nation to have a full Live Scan system for all fingerprinting purposes.

Juvenile Automated Management Systems Enhancements

To improve juvenile justice information sharing system within New Jersey and among the local entities serving juveniles pre-adjudication, adjudicated delinquent, and releasing reentry youth to their communities from a JJC program.

FFM - DV Forms

To complement enhancements to the FFM system which is a web-based interface for creating court orders and uploading information into the Family Automated Case Tracking System (FACTS) system. Enhancements includes electronic Temporary Restraining Order (E-TRO) processing and saving draft Final Restraining Orders (FRO) until the FRO or Amended FRO is entered and uploaded into the FACTS system.

Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) Notice of Placement

Upon entry of a Notice of Placement into DYFS' NJSpirit system, a Judiciary "docketing record" would be created. All records created by new filings in the NJSpirit system would be sent electronically to the Judiciary's Family Automated Case Tracking System (FACTS) on an hourly basis. These records would be held in abeyance until the user checked the "holding queue," which functions as an action list to docket a case. Once selected from this "holding queue," the minor's data record from DYFS containing all of the elements needed to perform the "Establish Case" process in the FACTS system would be transferred into FACTS. This will then trigger the next event in the processing of the minor's Child Placement case.

E. Program Administration - 3.000287521%

Approximately three percent of the JAG Recovery awarded is being requested for administrative funds. These funds will be applied to the salaries of personnel directly involved in the administration of the JAG Recovery programs. Responsibilities will include fiscal and programmatic oversight, technical assistance, ongoing review, monitoring, assessment, and reporting for all JAG Recovery programs.