



## Criminal Justice Coordinating Council

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Justin Whitten, Chairperson (Governor's Designee)

Tony Mattivi, Vice-Chairperson (Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation)

### **Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Via Zoom Minutes of September 22, 2023 9:30 a.m.**

#### **Council Members in Attendance**

Justin Whitten, Governor's Designee and Chairperson

Tony Mattivi, Director of the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and Vice-Chairperson

Stephanie Smith, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Designee

Steven Anderson, Attorney General's Designee

Jeff Zmuda, Secretary of Kansas Department of Corrections

Colonel Erik Smith, Superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol

#### **Kansas Governor's Grants Program Staff in Attendance**

Erica Haas, Attorney

Jill Stewart, Financial Officer

Jamie Bowser, Director of Operations

Julienne Maska, Administrator

#### **Others in Attendance**

Ed Klumpp, Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police, the Kansas Sheriffs' Association, and the Kansas Peace Officers Association

#### **Welcome**

Vice-chairperson Whitten called the meeting to order at 9:31 a.m. and welcomed all in attendance. At Mr. Whitten's request, Ms. Maska called Roll and said all members were present; therefore, a quorum existed.

#### **Approval of October 10, 2022, Minutes**

Vice-chairperson Whitten asked if there were any questions or corrections to the minutes and asked for a motion to approve. Secretary Zmuda motioned to approve the October 10, 2022, minutes, and Director Mattivi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

#### **Overview of the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Duties**

Ms. Haas provided an overview of the statutory creation of the Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (KCJCC), the statutorily required membership of the KCJCC, the Governor designated staff (the Kansas Governor's Grants Program (KGGP)) to the KCJCC, and the KCJCC duties as it relates to oversight of administering the United States Bureau of Justice Assistance grants.

### **Election of Chairperson and Vice-chairperson**

Secretary Zmuda motioned to nominate Mr. Whitten as the KCJCC Chairperson, and Colonel Smith seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Mr. Anderson motioned to nominate Director Mattivi as the KCJCC Vice-chairperson, and Chairperson Whitten seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### **Overview of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program**

Ms. Stewart provided an overview of the Federal Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program; a history of Kansas JAG funding amounts, the FFY 2023 JAG award is \$2,408,495; and an explanation of the required “pass-through” funding. Ms. Stewart explained that the 2024 JAG applications were due on September 14, 2023, and 38 applications totaling \$3,649,285 in requests were received. The applications are distributed to external grant reviewers, and the KGGP staff will also review the applications. Ms. Stewart said the external reviewer recommendations are provided to the KCJCC members, and the KCJCC determines the final grant awards. The Federal Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) must approve any grant award of a nonprofit applicant that obtained a local jurisdiction waiver if the KGGP intends to use that project to meet the local pass-through requirement. Ms. Stewart asked the KCJCC members to consider recommending employees from their respective agencies to serve as external grant reviewers if the agency does not have a pending JAG application.

Ms. Stewart explained the JAG grant compliance process undertaken by the KGGP staff in monitoring and reviewing the compliance of agencies receiving JAG funds.

Ms. Stewart informed the KCJCC that an updated Statewide JAG Strategic Plan must be submitted to BJA by the summer of 2024. She asked the KCJCC members to think about the best approach to developing the new plan and discuss it at the next meeting.

### **New Business**

None.

### **Next Meeting and Adjournment**

The next KCJCC meeting is scheduled for October 24, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. Chairperson Whitten adjourned the meeting at approximately 10:05 a.m.

# Federal Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

- ▶ Kansas Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (KCJCC) oversees JAG
- ▶ Kansas Governor's Grants Program (KGGP) manages JAG and serves as staff to the KCJCC
- ▶ Nine purpose areas:
  - Law enforcement programs;
  - Prosecution and court programs, including indigent defense;
  - Prevention and education programs;
  - Corrections and community corrections programs;
  - Drug treatment and enforcement programs;
  - Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs;
  - Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation);
  - Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams; and
  - Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to mental health courts, drug courts, and veterans' courts.

# JAG Funding Availability

FFY 2021 Award (received September 2021)  
\$2,096,810  
Available October 2021 to September 2024



FFY 2022 Award (received September 2022)  
\$2,156,205  
Available October 2022 to September 2025



FFY 2023 Award (pending notification)  
\$2,408,495  
Available October 2023 to September 2026

# Required JAG Funding Thresholds

## ▶ Administration

*Up to 10 percent of federal award used for JAG administration and JAG subgrantee monitoring and oversight*

## ▶ Allocation specific for “Less-than-\$10,000 Pass-through”

- ▶ *Varies, but approximately 16 percent of funds available*
- ▶ *MUST be provided to one or more jurisdictions not eligible to receive a direct JAG award (per BJA), **OR***
- ▶ *To state police department that provides criminal justice services to the “less than \$10k jurisdictions” within the state*

## ▶ Allocation specific for “Direct Local Pass-Through”

- ▶ *Varies, but approximately 54 percent of funds available*
- ▶ *MUST be passed through to units of local government, **OR***
- ▶ *To a private or nonprofit neighborhood or community-based organization **IF***
  - ▶ *The local jurisdiction has provided the applicant with a waiver, **AND***
  - ▶ *The use of “direct local pass-through” funds is justified to and approved by BJA*

# JAG Grant Application/ Review Process

State JAG Solicitation  
Released (August 8, 2023)



JAG Applications Due  
(September 14, 2023)



JAG Applications Reviewed

- Outside Reviewers
- KGGP Staff



JAG Applications and  
Review Summaries Provided  
to KCJCC



KCJCC Determines Awards  
(date TBD)

# KGGP Monitoring of Subgrantee Compliance

