**Comprehensive Law Enforcement Response to Drugs**

**Proposal Narrative**

*Category 2: Drug Prosecution*

**Description**

Narcotic prosecution units were designed to address the complexities of prosecuting drug trafficking crimes. For example, in drug trafficking cases, the prosecution needs strong evidence proving the involvement in a single enterprise to distribute narcotics, as well as an understanding of the drug trafficking organization, its day-to-day operations, and links to organized crime and overseas suppliers (Natarajan, 2006). These drug units work with police officers to provide prosecutorial oversight to those cases so that the evidence will withstand legal challenges and lead to a successful prosecution. While there is not enough research to draw conclusions about the impact of specialized narcotic prosecution units, research on other specialized prosecution units and has shown these units reduce the likelihood of case rejection (Justia, 2018).

**Narrative Questions**

Draft your narrative by completing the following. Please do not delete the items. Before initiating your application, gather data to support your problem statement and performance measures. Truly analyze the problem in your jurisdiction and determine how your grant activities will impact your program goals and objectives.

**Program Summary**

Provide a clear, concise (one paragraph) summary of the program.

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**Problem Statement**

1. The problem statement should include a description of the problem, the service area that will be the focus of the program, and needs related to the problem that are currently unmet. Stating, *“We have seen an increase in heroin cases filed for prosecution in the target arear,”* does not quantify a problem. A more specific statement, such as, *“We have increased the number of prosecutions of heroin in the target area by 10 cases over the same period last year,”* helps clarify the extent of the problem being described. Problem statements should include data to demonstrate the magnitude, frequency, and type of the problem you want to address.

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Description of the Service Area

1. Please list the geographic area to be served.

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1. Provide the population and the urban/suburban/rural characteristics of the area to be served, as well as any other descriptive information (i.e., socio-economic, employment, poverty indicators, etc.) relevant to the statement of need.

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Unmet needs

1. Describe unmet needs related to the problem in the area to be served.

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1. Please describe strategies already being implemented to address the stated need and why the jurisdiction currently lacks adequate resources to implement the program without funding.

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Current Status

1. Complete the data table. These data may include information from the ICJIA Research Hub site <https://icjia.illinois.gov/researchhub/> including data from Illinois Uniform Crime Reports, arrests for drug offenses, drug submissions, and prison admissions for drug offenses. Also include any additional data, such as hospital and treatment admission data, intelligence and informant data, or prosecutor, probation, and parole data that you may have available in your jurisdiction.

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| **Data Element** | **2016** | **2017** | **2018** |
| Population of counties served. |  |  |  |
| Total number of drug arrests in counties to be served. |  |  |  |
| Total number of drug submissions to lab for testing in the proposed counties to be served. |  |  |  |
| Number of Prosecutors in the proposed county(ies) to be served (funded and non-funded). |  |  |  |
| Total number drug cases referred for prosecution in the county(ies) to be served. |  |  |  |
| Total number of felony drug cases referred for prosecution |  |  |  |
| Total number of felony drug trafficking cases referred for prosecution |  |  |  |
| Total number of drug cases initiated in the proposed counties to be served. |  |  |  |
| Total number of convictions by offense/drug type in the proposed area to be served. |  |  |  |
| Total number of prison admissions for drug charges in the counties to be served. |  |  |  |
| If applicable, add data elements as needed. |  |  |  |
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1. What does the data indicate? For instance, does this information indicate a definite need for the project, growth in a particular area, or change in the situation over time?

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1. Discuss other local data or factors that demonstrate the scope of drug and drug-related crime problems and how they justify the need for programming.

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**Program Design**

Programs should adhere to a prosecution model that allows for prosecution of high-level drug trafficking. To be eligible for funding, drug prosecution programs must:

* Be run by a county state’s attorney’s office or The Office of the State’s Attorney’s Appellate Prosecutor.
* Provide a written statement demonstrating collaborative involvement with one or more drug trafficking enforcement unit, as defined in Category 3.

1. Describe the program to be funded, discussing the necessary steps to build and operate the program in the upcoming budget year.

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1. Describe your proposed program and how your program will include each of the required components. Particular emphasis should be placed on collaborative involvement with law enforcement toward the attainment of the program’s goals and objectives.

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1. If applicable, describe any other component that your program will include.

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**Project Implementation**

This section must address how program requirements will be implemented. See Program Requirements section of the NOFO.

Complete the Implementation Schedule. Refer to the Process Objectives below and create reasonable steps for project development and operation and include the agencies and staff positions responsible for each step. Use job titles, such as police officer, program coordinator, and social worker. Do not use names.

**Implementation Schedule**

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| **Task** | **Staff Position** | **Date of Completion** |
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| Submit quarterly Fiscal Report to ICJIA. |  | January 15, 2021  April 15, 2021  July 15, 2021  October 15, 2021 |
| Submit quarterly Data Report to ICJIA. |  | January 15, 2021  April 15, 2021  July 15, 2021  October 15, 2021 |
| Complete BJA PMT reports through <https://bjapmt.ojp.gov>. |  | January 15, 2021  April 15, 2021  July 15, 2021  October 15, 2021 |
| Submit all FINAL Fiscal and Program Closeout reports to ICJIA. |  | October 30, 2021 |

**Goals, Objectives, and Performance Indicators**

1. Projects funded through ICJIA set goals and objectives that serve as performance benchmarks. These objectives are used to develop the data reports that are submitted to ICJIA each quarter to determine project performance.

Complete chart(s) below for the drug enforcement program proposed for funding by filling in the information marked with X. Additional objectives may be added as deemed appropriate for the program, however, they must be measurable and within the scope and goal of the program.

More information on goals, objectives, and performance measures is available on the ICJIA website at: <http://www.icjia.state.il.us/assets/pdf/FSGU/Goals_Objectives_and_Performance_Measures_2012.pdf>

**Prosecution Program**

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| **Goal**: Increase public safety and reduce the large social and economic cost of narcotics use through specialized prosecution of drug traffickers. | |
| **Process Objectives** | **Performance Measures** |
| Hire specialized narcotics prosecutor by the first month of the program. | * Month specialized narcotics prosecutor is hired. |
| Attend X specialized trainings to further educate prosecution unit staff with up-to-date laws and procedures.  Hold X trainings with law enforcement.  Hold X meetings with law enforcement to collaborate on building cases for prosecution. | * Number of training sessions/seminars attended. * Number of prosecutors attending. * Number of training sessions held with law enforcement. * Number of law enforcement officers attending trainings. * Number of meeting sessions held with law enforcement. * Number of law enforcement officers attending meeting. |
| Provide prosecutorial support to X investigations that target or lead to unlawful drug manufacture and distribution. | * Number of investigations that target or lead to drug manufacture and distribution for which prosecutorial support is provided. |
| File charges in/accept for prosecution X cases, or X%, of drug manufacturing or distributions cases referred for prosecution. | * Number of cases referred for prosecution. * Number of cases of drug manufacture and distribution for which charges are filed and accepted for prosecution. |
| **Outcome Objectives** | **Performance Measures** |
| Obtain a X% conviction rate for drug manufacturing or distribution cases that were accepted for prosecution. | * Number of cases prosecuted. * Number of cases in which a conviction was obtained. * Number of offenders prosecuted for drug manufacturing or distribution by drug type and offense class. * Number of offenders convicted of drug manufacturing or distribution by drug type and offense class. |

1. Please describe how each objective will be accomplished.

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**Project Management**

1. Please describe how project success will be measured, detailing how and when data will be collected and reported.

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1. Please describe your plan for coordination and supervision of the project activities.

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1. Please describe any potential barriers and how they will be addressed.

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1. Discuss plan to sustain the program when federal funding ends.

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**References**

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