**Crime Strategy Analysis and Evaluation Program**

**Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority**

**PROGRAM NARRATIVE**

**Description**

The Crime Strategy Analysis and Evaluation program will support the Illinois Statistical Analysis Center (SAC) in assisting the State of Illinois in criminal justice planning, data analysis, evaluation, and identification of research-based or informed practices. This program is aligned with the goals of the Illinois Edward Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) 2019-2024 Strategic Plan.

Crime control remains a top priority with criminal justice officials and public policy makers. Criminal justice data is critical to justice system policy and decision makers. To help plan, implement and refine crime control efforts, practitioners need frequent updates and reliable statistical information from both government and non-government sources.

Decision makers also need information on current crime control efforts to ensure they are efficient and effective. By conducting thorough program analysis, limited resources can be focused on efforts that demonstrate the most encouraging results and outcomes.

With funding support for the Crime Strategy Analysis and Evaluation Program, the SAC will function as the hub for objective analysis of criminal justice data for informing statewide policy and practice. The SAC features six research centers that assist practitioners and policy makers in bridging the gap between traditional academic research and practice and encourage and support data-driven practices and policies both at the state and local levels. The SAC conducts research in support of ICJIA’s grantmaking process and assists in developing the programmatic elements of grant solicitations.

**Narrative Questions**

Please add your narrative to the questions listed below. Please do not delete the questions.

Before initiating your application, gather data to assist with your problem statement and performance measures. These data may include Index crime and crime rate data from Illinois Uniform Crime Reports, the Illinois State Police Criminal History Record Information program, and federal and state Threat Assessment Reports; hospital and treatment admission data; intelligence and informant data; and prosecutor, probation, and parole data. The key is to truly analyze the crime problems addressed by the requested program and to demonstrate the effectiveness of the current JAG-funded program and determine how your grant activities will impact goals and objectives.

1. **PROGRAM DESIGN**

Provide a clear, concise proposal, stating how the need of assisting the State of Illinois in criminal justice planning, data analysis, evaluation, and identification of research-based practices will be addressed. Be sure to include each program requirement, outlined in the NOFO, in your proposal and how they will be designed and accomplished.

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Describe a plan for informing, advising, and collaborating with the State Administering Agency (SAA) in the area of JAG program development.

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Describe a plan for developing, advising, and updating the JAG Strategic Plan and the JAG Strategic Plan annual report.

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1. **PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION**

Clearly explain how your agency will plan, organize, staff, direct and use the requested resources to address the need of assisting the State of Illinois in criminal justice planning, data analysis, evaluation, and identification of research-based or informed practices. The requested resources described here should match your proposed budget request.

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Complete the Implementation Schedule.

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| **Task** | **Staff Position** | **Date of Completion** |
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| Submit quarterly Periodic Financial Report to the Authority |  |  |
| Submit quarterly Periodic Performance Report to the Authority |  |  |
| Complete BJA PMT reports through <https://bjapmt.ojp.gov> |  |  |
| Complete all FINAL Fiscal and Program Closeout Materials |  |  |

1. **GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND PERFORMANCE INDICATORS**

Complete the table and provide a number for each area marked with an x under the Minimum Standard column. 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.

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| Goal: Assess and evaluate the impact of Illinois’ efforts to control and address crime by conducting applied research and evaluation that examines critical criminal and juvenile justice topics and program in Illinois, in particularly, those funded by Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program. | | |
| **Performance Standard** | **Performance Measure** | **Minimum Standard** |
| Develop, collect, and analyze statistical information on the extent and nature of the various crime problems and the justice system's response on an ongoing basis. | PERFORMANCE INDICATOR (PI): Number of crime control efforts assessed and evaluated.  PI: Number of JAG programs assessed. | x |
| Expand the use of CHRI data for research and dataset development and enhance research capabilities by developing additional solutions to data storage, retrieval and accessibility and develop topics that can be researched and addressed in publications using the CHRI data. Produce a report from at least x projects that utilizes CHRI data. | PI: Reports produced | x |
| Audit CHRI and develop new criminal history audit methodologies, such as “desk-top” audit analysis to assess data quality. | PI: Date audit initiated | - |

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| Goal: Expand the development, collection, analysis and dissemination of research and statistical information on a variety of crime-related topics and the justice system’s response to it. | | |
| Initiate x new research / evaluation in-house projects this grant period. | PI: Number of projects initiated | x |
| Final reports or final status documentation for each closed in-house research project and evaluation will be completed. | PI: Number of projects completed and number of reports/final status documentation completed. | Minimum of x |
| Summaries of findings and final reports from x projects will be made available on website | PI: Number completed and number of website reports posted | x |
| Deliver presentations on an as needed basis in response to areas of interest in the criminal justice system. Respond to x% of requests. | PI: Number of presentation requests and number completed | x% |
| Respond to requests for crime-related statistics and analyses from users throughout the state on an ongoing basis, including ICJIA Board members and other committees and task forces. Respond to x% of information requests. | PI: Number of requests received and number responded to | x% |
| Provide technical assistance to external criminal justice partners seeking to improve their own data accessibility and analysis capacity for organizational decision-making. Respond to x% of requests that fall within staff resource capacity. | PI: Number of requests received and number responded to | x% |
| Proactively disseminate various crime-related statistical information and research throughout the state and develop new publications on an ongoing basis. Release between x publications during this grant term. | PI: Number of publications released | x |
| Make CHRI data available through the standardized process of executing CHRI User Agreements and tracking those agreements. Provide CHRI data to x% of User Agreement approved requests. | PI: Number of requests received and number of requests processed | x% |
| Enhance the information services provided through the SAA website. Add x additional datasets to the website for manipulation by users. Maintain an average of x overall site hits and increase in new visitors to our website this term | PI: Number of datasets released, hits to the site, new visitors to the site. | 3x  Average x |

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| Goal: Utilize experts in the field to identify and describe issues facing the criminal justice system in Illinois, and inform practitioners and external criminal justice partners to assist them in their own local efforts. | | |
| Ensure that all evaluation/research projects that are conducted by external research entities are monitored by both SAA staff (if applicable) and SAC staff, including those initiated by grant. | PI: Number of projects initiated and number with a SAC staff partner monitor | 100% |
| Publish a final report on each sponsored project (that was not solely for in-house program development) for distribution. | PI: Number completed and number of reports released to the website or made otherwise available | x% |
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| Goal: Assist the SAA by informing, advising, and collaborating on the areas of JAG program development. | | |
| Assist in NOFO development, program development, development of goals and objectives, process outcomes, and performance indicators. | PI: Number of NOFOs assisted. | x |
| Develop Periodic Performance Reports (PPR) for use by all JAG funded programs. | PI: Number of JAG PPR developed this quarter.  PI: Number of JAG fund programs opened this quarter. | x |
| Assist in the preparation of federal grant applications by providing data analysis and reporting requirements mandated by the federal government. | PI: Number of requests for assistance and number of federal reports that we assisted in | x |
| Develop, advise, and update the JAG Strategic Plan and required annual report. | PI: Number of reports updated. | x |

1. **PROJECT MANAGEMENT**

Describe the plan for implementation and supervision of the project activities.

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

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Describe the plan for collaborating with SAA in complying with reporting requirements.

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

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