

JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG) PROGRAM AND LOTTERY GRANT APPLICATION GUIDANCE

OFFICE OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

ELIGIBLE PURPOSES

JAG : The Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program through the US Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), ND Office of Attorney General (ND OAG) provides funds to assist state and local units of government in carrying out innovative and effective projects that offer a high probability of improving the functioning of the criminal justice system.

Multi-jurisdictional and inter-agency activity, which results in increased coordination and cooperation among criminal justice agencies, is strongly encouraged by the Drug and Violent Crime Policy Board. Priority will be given to current subrecipients with successful projects.

LOTTERY : The Lottery Program provides funds to local units of government for the purpose of defraying operating and equipment costs incurred by a multi-jurisdictional drug task force.

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Cities or counties **must** be the legal applicant and recipient of funds on behalf of police and sheriff departments, prosecutors, or local courts. Grant funds **cannot** be awarded to non-government victim/witness assistance programs and domestic violence programs. However, a subrecipient may contract for services from such an organization.

If the implementing agency is a local law enforcement agency, it must report crime statistics to the State's Uniform Crime Reporting system, and must be current in its reporting or have a plan to become current by January 1, 2024. In order to keep a JAG award, the implementing agency must maintain current UCR statistics.

GRANT PERIOD

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024. Grants will be awarded for a maximum of a one-year period and continued funding cannot be guaranteed. Successful applicants are encouraged to secure local funding so that projects may be continued.

MATCH REQUIREMENT (JAG only)

Projects funded under the JAG program have a **35% cash match** requirement. Percentages are based on total project cost. Match funds must be in cash, non-federal dollars and should be identified before applying for grant funding.

NON-SUPPLANTATION

Grant funds cannot be used to supplant state and local funds. Grant funds can only increase the amount of such funds that would, in the absence of federal aid, be made available for criminal justice activities.

PROHIBITED USES OF FUNDS

JAG funds cannot be used for:

- Firearms
- Ammunition
- Canine expenses
- Construction projects
- Reoccurring warranty, maintenance, and insurance expenses.

Lottery funds cannot be used for:

- Personnel costs
- Buy funds
- Reoccurring warranty or ongoing maintenance agreements.

PRIMARY FUNDING CRITERIA

The Drug and Violent Crime Policy Board and the Office of Attorney General will consider the following factors when awarding grant funds under the JAG and Lottery Programs:

- Overall quality of the grant application.
- Demonstration of need.
- Probability of the project meeting the identified goals and objectives.
- Impact of the project upon the criminal justice system.
- Degree and success of coordination with other agencies.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Quarterly online progress reporting and financial reporting are required. The ND OAG reimburses actual expenses and reports submitted must be accompanied by complete documentation.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

If you require any assistance regarding the grant application process, please call 701-328-2210 and ask for grants management.

APPLICATION PROCESS / DEADLINE

The completed application must be submitted to this office no later than **11:59 pm on Friday, August 11, 2023.**

Electronic submission via email to ndag@nd.gov is preferred. If mailed, send application to:

**ND Office of Attorney General
Grants Management Section
600 E Boulevard Ave, Dept 125
Bismarck, ND 58505-0040**

Applications submitted or postmarked after the due date will be returned and not considered. **Late submissions will not be accepted.**