



# CJPA Justice Bulletin

September - December 2014

## CJPA Mission

*The mission of the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System is to provide a safe environment and to protect the lives of the people of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.*

The Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA) Bulletin is published to showcase Criminal Justice programs funded by CJPA and other criminal justice information. The CJPA bulletin is compiled and edited by the CJPA Statistic Analyst, Francine Atalig and includes articles and comments from other National Criminal Justice Associations.

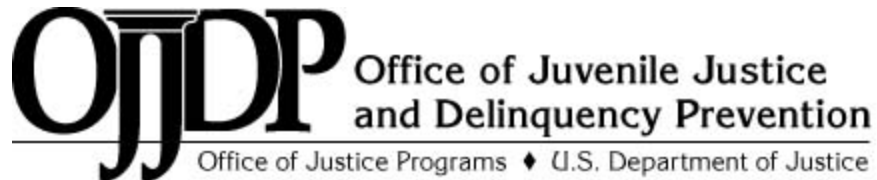
Hon. Alexandro C. Castro, Chairman Supervisory Council

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John D. Cruz, Executive Director CJPA

The Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, *Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Grants* are statutory funding made available to specifically support programs that addresses Youth Development, Juvenile Justice System Improvements, and Juvenile Delinquency Prevention.

The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands receives funds from the following OJJDP grant program: 1) *Title II Formula Grant* and 2) *Juvenile Accountability Block Grant (JABG)*. The purpose OJJDP grant programs is to provide support for “at-risk” youth as well as for youths who come in contact with the Juvenile Justice System.



October 2014 was National Behavioral Health Awareness month which includes Substance Abuse Prevention and Mental Health Services. CJPA was a major supporter and contributor to the community outreach and education campaign activities that took place throughout the month.

**December 2014**, Held the Youth Advisory Council meeting on December 5th for the review and awarding of the FY 14 OJJDP grant funds. There was a total of 8 applications submitted for the Title II Formula grant funds. However, only 4 agencies were awarded funding that includes Garapan Elementary School, Kagman High School, the Division of Youth Services Juvenile Probation Unit, and the Department of Corrections Juvenile Detention Unit.

Update written by the OJJDP Program Manager: Vincent Camacho

**The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), a component of the U.S. Department of Justice, provides national leadership in developing the nation's capacity to reduce violence against women through the implementation of the Services, Training, Officers, Prosecutors (STOP), Violence Against Women Act. Established by legislation, funds through VAWA formula grant, are made available to support effort in developing programs, policies, and practices aimed at ending domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking in state, local, and tribal partnerships among police, prosecutors, victim advocates, health care providers, faith leaders, and others.**

OAG's Domestic Violence Intervention Center (DVIC) along with the Northern Marianas Coalition Against Sexual Domestic Violence ( NMCASDV) and other agencies of the Family Violence Task Force (FVTF) gathered at the multi-purpose on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to witness the proclamation signing of Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM) for the whole month of October.

The Supervisory Council Meeting was set for November 19, 2014 however due to the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair and official meeting could not take place and was moved to December 12, 2014.

On December 12, 2014 the Supervisory Council granted awards to the following agencies: Karidat's Guma' Esperansa under Victim Services; NUTESE, Victim Services-Culturally Specific; Office of the Attorney General under the Prosecution and Discretionary categories; Superior Court-Family Court Division, Courts; Office of Adult Probation under Law Enforcement; Board of Parole, Law Enforcement; DPS-Family Violence Task Force Saipan under the Law Enforcement and Discretionary portions of VAWA. The STOP VAWA Formula Grant Program must be allocated in the following percentages: 30% for Victim Services (of which 10% must be allocated to culturally specific community-based organizations); 25% for Law Enforcement and Prosecution; and 5% to the courts. The remaining 15% may be awarded at the state/territory's discretion within statutory parameters of the program.

CJPA's Executive Director and VAWA Coordinator met with KARIDAT to discuss 2014 VAWA Award decided by Supervisory Council on December 16th.

On December 19th, the VAWA Coordinator participated in a conference call with SCESCA to discuss program updates and the 20% sexual assault set-aside that needs to be implemented by March 2015. It was concluded that the sexual assault set-aside should not be used for salaries.

On December 23rd, CJPA met with the OAG to discuss issues with new VAWA Prosecutor that would be paid under VAWA funding, 2014 VAWA award decided by Supervisory Council, and 20% Sexual Assault Set-Aside tied to their award.

Established in 1984, the **VOCA, Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)** oversee diverse programs that benefit victims of crime. OVC is one of five bureaus and four offices with grant-making authority within the Office of Justice Programs of the Department of Justice. OVC provides funding to state and territory victim assistance and compensation programs the lifeline services that help victims to heal. Furthermore, funds made available through VOCA is designed for programs whose sole purpose is to provide direct services to victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assaults, survivors of homicide and other crime victims.

### **VOCA Program Compliance Monitoring:**

In September CIPA did a compliance site visit to one of its victim services program in Tinian. The Compliance Monitoring site visit was for the Tinian Health Center - Family Protection Project. The program continues to provide direct service to victims of Crime in Tinian. The Family Protection is the only victim services program funded by VOCA in Tinian. They provide services to all victims of crime. For information please call Ms. Sylvia Cruz-San Nicolas at 433-9333 at the Tinian Health Center.



Tinian Health Center-Family Protection Project  
William Cing & Sylvia Cruz-San Nicolas

Compliance site visits to the Saipan VOCA Subgrantees were also all conducted in September. Program site visits on Saipan included the Guma Esperansa, the Victim Hotline, Victim Advocacy, CHC-Victim Help Project and CHC-Victim of Crime Counseling program.

The compliance monitoring site visit for the Rota Family Court Victims of Crime Services Program was conducted in October. The victim services program at the Rota Court house is also the only victim services program funded by VOCA in Rota. The program met all requirements and conditions of their grant. For victim services in Rota please contact Ms. Delia Calvo at 532-9422 at the Rota Court.

## **FY2014 VOCA Grant Awards:**

In December 2014 the Supervisory Council met and awarded the FY14 VOCA grant to eight (8) victim services programs. Two new programs that were awarded this year included the Family Court and the Division of Youth Services. The total VOCA amount awarded out to all the programs was \$255,094.00.

## **New VOCA Performance Measures:**

The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) is currently working on revising its VOCA Performance Measures requirements. Several meetings have taken place in Washington DC to review and finalize the Performance Measurement Test (PMT). The meetings included State Administrators and members of the National Association VOCA Assistance Administrators (NAVAA) and the OVC staff. More review meetings are scheduled before the PMT can be finalized. States submitted their comments and concerns to NAVAA.

The new PMT report will require the states to gather more detailed data on how the funds are being used. Marilyn Roberts from OVC explained that OVC needs to be able to tell a story about how VOCA funds are being used to assist and serve victims of crime.

State administrators are concern because this will require changing their state-wide victim data collection programs and most do not have the funds to make the changes. State Administrators are also concern that they will not have enough time to make the changes to their data collection if OVC implements the new PMT right away.

Update written by the VOCA Program Manager: John Cruz

Proposed as a mechanism to streamline justice funding and grant administration, *the Edward J. Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)* allows states, tribes, and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime based on their own local needs and conditions.

Funds under JAG program may be used to support the hiring, training, and employing of additional law enforcement officers and necessary support personnel on a continuing basis. Furthermore, funds can be used to procure equipment, technology, and other material directly related to basic law enforcement functions, as well as establishing crime prevention programs involving cooperation between community residents and law enforcement personnel to control, detect, or investigate crime or to prosecute criminals.

In October, CIPA did a workshop in Rota for agencies that were interested in applying for the FY14 grant awards for JAG, VOCA, VAWA and OJJDP grants. There were a total of ten participants at the workshop. Agencies that attended the workshop included CPA Ports Police, Customs, Escuelan San Francisco the Borja, DCCA and Rota DPS. CIPA staff answered questions regarding the availability of funds and eligibility requirement for applying.



Rota Workshop

### **FY2014 Justice Assistance Grant Awards:**

In December 2014, the Supervisory Council met and awarded the FY14 JAG grant to eight (9) Sub-grantees. Two new programs that were awarded this year included the Attorney General Investigative Unit and the Kagman Juvenile Detention Unit. The total JAG amount awarded out to all the programs was \$199,854.00.

Update written by the JAG Program Manager: Paul Tenorio



## Program Highlight of the Year

The Family Violence Task Force and Northern Marianas Coalition Against Domestic & Sexual Violence declared October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). The month long awareness included activities such as the Day of Prayer which was held at 9am at Mount Carmel Cathedral on October 5, 2014.

Walks Against Domestic Violence were conducted in Kagman, Dan Dan, and Tanapag which were flagged as the highest rate of Domestic Violence calls in the year. Booths were set up every Thursday at the night market for all agencies part of the Family Violence Task Force to pass out fliers and provide public with information on how to get help and spread awareness. Celebrity bagging attended by people from all over our community participated in the bagging of groceries at Blue Sky Market, Joeten Susupe, Welcome Market, and Kagman Market to show their support for the DVAM movement.

The Day of Unity was scheduled on October 18, 2014 which included a whole day of entertainment and performances, a Men's Walk Against Domestic Violence, and a Candlelight Vigil at the Garapan Fishing Base. The last activity was held on October 31, 2014 where all Family Violence Task Force Agencies participated in Trunk or Treat and also had fliers and poster to further spread awareness of the effects of domestic violence.



Day of Unity Men's Walk



DVAM Village Walk



Celebrity Grocery Bagging

## **Youth Advisory and Supervisory Council Meeting**

The Youth Advisory Council met on December 5th to award the JJDP grant. CJPA Held the Youth Advisory Council meeting on December 5th for the review and awarding of the FY 14 OJJDP grant funds. There was a total of 8 applications submitted for the Title II Formula grant funds. Out of the 8 applicants only 5 were awarded. The agencies awarded for the FY 14 OJJDP grant are: Garapan Elementary School, Kagman High School, DCCA DYS Juvenile Probation Unit, DYS Juvenile Probation Unit, and DOC Juvenile Detention Unit.

## **Supervisory Council Meeting**

The scheduled Supervisory Council meeting set for November 19th to review the VOCA and VAWA grants postponed due to unforeseen circumstances. The Supervisory Council meeting was then rescheduled for December 12, 2014.

On December 12, 2014 the Supervisory Council meeting was held at the Aqua Resort Hotel in Saipan. Council members and FY 14 applicants were present at this meeting. After all applicants presented their applications, the council members decided on this day that sub committees would be in the best interest of the applicants and the council members. Under the Violence Against Women (VAWA) and the Victims of Crime (VOCA) Ms. Bonnie Pangelinan and Presiding Judge Naraja will oversee any changes/concerns etc. and will bring it up to the supervisory council members if deemed necessary. Under the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Presiding Judge Naraja and Mr. Arenovski will oversee any changes/concerns etc. and will bring it up to the supervisory council members if deemed necessary. Under Policies and Regulations the Attorney General will oversee any new or any changes in the policies and regulations aspects.



YAC Meeting at CJPA



Supervisory Council Meeting at Aqua



## CJPA Site Visits

In October, the CJPA program managers conducted their annual compliance monitoring and program site visit to Rota. All subgrantees were visited by the program managers to ensure that the requirements and regulations are being followed as required by each grant.

**OJJDP** - CJPA did a site visit for compliance monitoring and technical assistance to the island of Rota for currently funded programs and any interested applicants. The OJJDP Program manager had a meeting with the DPS Rota Juvenile Police Unit coordinator and assigned detectives. CJPA provided Technical Assistance on grants management as well as applying for CJPA grants. The intake processing of Juveniles through the system in DPS Rota was reviewed and revisited. According to the officers, there are very minimal serious juvenile offenses committed in Rota. However, CJPA suggested to bring the officers to Saipan for a refresher training on the Federal rules for processing Juveniles through the system for compliance purposes.

**VAWA** - CJPA conducted a site visit in Rota at the Department of Public Safety which is VAWA's only subgrantee. Rota expressed their need for office supplies and upgraded computer systems because most of their equipment were not working and out of date. Site Visits were also conducted in Tinian at the Department of public safety where they addressed the need for office supplies and repairs to current office equipment.



Rota DPS site visit



Tinian DPS site visit



Rota Superior Court site visit

## JUSTICE PROGRAM UPDATES

### **New Director Appointed to Run SMART Office**

Luis C. deBaca has been appointed by President Barack Obama as the Director of the Justice Department's Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (the "SMART Office"). He previously served as Ambassador at Large for the State Department's Office to Monitor and Combat Trafficking in Persons where he coordinated U.S. government activities in the global fight against contemporary forms of slavery. From 1993 through 2006, deBaca worked at the Justice Department where he led the investigation and prosecution of cases involving human trafficking, official misconduct, and hate crimes, as well as money laundering, organized crime, and alien smuggling. He is also a former counsel to the House Judiciary Committee.

### **Blueprint- A Multidisciplinary Approach to the Domestic Sex Trafficking of Girls**

The sex trafficking of American children is one of the most shocking and hidden crimes against our nation's youth. Approximately 83 percent of confirmed sex trafficking victims in this country are United States citizens, and 40 percent of cases involve children. In total, from what few statistics have been gathered, at least 100,000 American children every year are victims of commercial sexual exploitation. These children have fallen through the cracks of our public systems. They remain invisible and unidentified. Yet these girls are known to us. They attend our schools, live in our communities, and many have passed in and out of our child welfare and juvenile justice systems. We can, and must, do better for our girls.

This report grows out of a conference held on March 12, 2013, that was hosted by Georgetown Law's Center on Poverty and Inequality; the Human Rights Project for Girls; and The National Crittenton Foundation. The conference, "Critical Connections: A Multi-Systems Approach to the Domestic Sex Trafficking of Girls," gathered survivors, direct service providers, advocates, and state and federal government officials to discuss the challenges of addressing the domestic sex trafficking of children and the importance of working collaboratively to help identify and support survivors. This full report is located in *CALiO™ Collections*. <http://calio.org/>. Simply enter the title in the search box.

## **Congress Finishes FY15 Appropriations Process**

Congress completed the FY15 appropriations cycle shortly before adjourning for the year. Although the final bill was unexpectedly opposed by a significant number of Democrats in both chambers, in part because it repealed certain banking regulations enacted during the recession, the final bill passed the House on December 11 by a vote of 216-206 and the Senate on December 13 by a vote of 56-40.

The bill provides level funding for most of the justice assistance grant programs, including the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant program, which will be funded at \$333 million, down slightly from \$340 million last year.



## **JJDPA Reauthorization Bill Introduced in Senate**

A bill to reauthorize the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act (JJJPA) was introduced in the Senate late last month just before Congress adjourned for the year. The bill, S. 2999, sponsored by Senators Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RI) and Chuck Grassley (R-IA), is nearly identical to the reauthorization JDDPA bill that was introduced in 2009 but never became law.

The bill would create an incentive grant program for states that employ empirically sound prevention and intervention approaches as well as diversion programs for youth with mental health and substance abuse needs. Further, the bill would phase out, over three years, the use of Valid Court Orders for status offenders. It would allow states to apply for one-year hardship extensions if needed, but would enhance safeguards for status offenders in locked facilities during the three-year phase-out period, including limits on how long status offenders may be detained.

The bill will have to be reintroduced in the new Congress in 2015 in order for it to be passed again.

***Just Announced:***

**[The 41st NOVA Conference!](#)**

**[August 16-19, 2015](#)  
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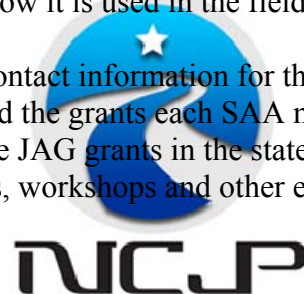


**The NOVA Conference is the longest-standing national training event of its type, bringing together hundreds of professionals and volunteers serving those harmed by crime and crisis.**

- 110+ workshops
- Nationally-recognized subject matter experts addressing new & emerging issues
- Scheduled networking opportunities to learn & laugh with peers

The National Criminal Justice Association is proud to announce the relaunch of the **National Center for Justice Planning (NCJP) website**. The redesigned site features new and improved sections on grants management, the role of the state administering agency (SAA) in the administration of justice, strategic planning, pretrial justice reform, research and evaluation and the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) program and how it is used in the field.

In addition, profiles for all 56 states and territories include contact information for the state administering agency, information about the organization and the grants each SAA manages, as well as detailed information on how the SAA allocates Byrne JAG grants in the state. An events calendar includes upcoming webinars, conferences, trainings, workshops and other events designed for criminal justice planners, policymakers and practitioners.



**About NCJP**

The National Center for Justice Planning (NCJP), a cooperative effort between the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA), supports state, tribal, and local efforts to institutionalize comprehensive approaches to community-based strategic planning for justice. Working with jurisdictions that have sustained this approach and providing technical assistance to jurisdictions that are changing their planning strategies, the NCJP will establish comprehensive community-based strategic planning as a standard practice within the justice system.

The NCJP is a unique resource for planners at all levels of government and in all agencies and organizations responsible for developing strategies for delivering justice. Building on the knowledge and expertise of practitioners who are working to build communities through effective justice, the NCJP serves as the catalyst for transforming the practice of justice planning.

**Programs funded by the Supervisory Council with FY14 Justice Grants on  
December 12, 2014 & December 30, 2014**

**Bureau of Justice Assistance Office (BJA):  
Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)**

Office of Adult Probation	\$27,377.00
Board of Parole	\$ 7,239.00
Customs K-9/Task Force	\$60,000.00
Department of Public Safety (Drug Task Force)	\$50,000.00
Department of Public Safety (Rota—Patrol)	\$15,000.00
Family Court	\$13,000.00
OAG	\$11,000.00
Crime Stoppers	\$11,238.00
Kagman Juvenile Detention	\$ 5,000.00
<b>Total Award.....</b>	<b><u>\$199,854.00</u></b>

**Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency  
Prevention (OJJDP)**

**Formula Grant**

Kagman High School	\$3,183.00
Garapan Elementary School	\$ 800.00
DCCA DYS Juvenile Probation	\$9,000.00
DYS Juvenile Probation	\$5,000.00
DOC Juvenile Detention Unit	\$5,000.00
<b>Total Award.....</b>	<b><u>\$22,983.00</u></b>

**Office on Violence Against Women  
VAWA Grant**

Karidat	\$142,883.00
NUTESE	\$ 15,876.00
DPS (Law Enfor.)	\$ 39,529.00
Probation Office	\$ 69,030.00
Board of Parole	\$ 23,740.00
OAG Training	\$ 6,500.00
OAG Prosecution	\$132,299.00
Family Court	\$ 26,459.00
OAG Legal Assistant	\$ 24,696.00
DPS (Discretionary)	\$ 37,804.00
<b>Total Award .....</b>	<b><u>\$518,816.00</u></b>

**Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP)**

NUTESE	\$ 21,681.00
Karidat	\$ 20,765.00
<b>Total Award .....</b>	<b><u>\$ 42,446.00</u></b>

**Office for Victims of Crime:  
VOCA Grant**

Karidat –Guma Esperansa	\$ 87,286.00
Karidat –Victim Hotline	\$ 30,756.00
Karidat –Victim Advocacy	\$ 56,800.00
Family Court Saipan	\$2 4,025.00
Family Court-Rota	\$ 20,727.00
CHC-Victim Help	\$ 4,500.00
CHC– Community Guidance	\$ 25,000.00
DYS	\$ 6,000.00
<b>Total Award.....</b>	<b><u>\$255,094.00</u></b>

**Total Amount Awarded To Programs by the Supervisory Council With FY14 Justice Grants is One Million, Thirty Nine Thousand, One Hundred Ninety Three Dollars (\$1,039,193.00)**

## 2013 Violent and Property Crime Statistics

