



Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands  
**CRIMINAL JUSTICE PLANNING AGENCY**  
Criminal Justice Statistical Analysis Center



## Public Service Announcement - Availability of Criminal Justice Grants

The Criminal Justice Planning Agency (CJPA) is announcing the availability of federal funds from the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ). These Grant Programs includes the Victims of Crimes Act (VOCA), the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) grant program, the Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), and the Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention Formula grant program (OJJDP). A brief description and amounts available for each award under individual programs are listed below.

Please visit our Office on Capitol Hill, building 1315 or our website at [www.cjpa.gov.mp](http://www.cjpa.gov.mp) for a more detailed explanation on eligibility requirements, program purpose areas and the new application form. All applicants must have a DUNS number and nonprofit agencies must have a 501 (c) (3) Federal Tax Exemption.

### Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Programs:

The available funds for the CNMI are in the following two program areas;

#### ***Delinquency Prevention Programs. \$5,000.00***

*Programs, research, or other initiatives to prevent or reduce the incidence of delinquent acts and directed to youth at risk of becoming delinquent to prevent them from entering the juvenile justice system or to intervene with first-time and non-serious offenders to keep them out of the juvenile justice system.*

#### ***Juvenile Justice System Improvement. \$12,983.00***

*Programs, research, and other initiatives to examine issues or improve practices, policies, or procedures on a system-wide basis. Eligible applicants are CNMI government agencies involved in the CNMI Juvenile Justice System.*

### **Justice Assistance Grant (JAG). \$175,839.00**

The available program funds can be implemented in the following purpose areas; • Law enforcement programs. • Prosecution and court programs. • 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).

### **John R. Justice Student Loan Repayment Program (JRJ): FY 2015: \$9,040.00**

The JRJ Loan Repayment Program provides educational loan repayment benefits to prosecutors and public defenders in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, using funding from the John R. Justice (JRJ) Grant Program. The purpose of the program is to encourage qualified attorneys to choose careers as prosecutors and public defenders and to continue in that service. **The FY 2015 JRJ Loan Repayment Program Award is for benefits during the period of October 1, 2015–September 30, 2016**

### **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), Assistance Formula Program: FY2015: \$432,707.00**

- To comply with VOCA guidelines, funds made available through VOCA assistance program is intended for agencies that provide direct service to victims of crime. Funds under this program is designed to provide direct services to all victims of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assaults, and other underserved crime victims (*Underserved crime victims may include but not limited to Culturally specific victims, Victims of Federal Crimes, Rural areas, Survivors of homicide, Victims*

of Assault, Hate Crimes, Robbery, Fraud, Elder Abuse, Economic Exploitation, Disable, and the LGBTQI community).

- All applicants must show in their application how they will provide direct services to one or more of the crime victims mentioned above.
- New applicants must also show on their application that they have a history of providing direct services to crime victims and have other sources of funding to support the program to ensure continuity of services to victims.

**Amounts Available:**

Victims of Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Child Abuse: **\$381,707**  
Underserved Crime Victims: **\$51,000**

**STOP Violence Against Women Act Formula Grant Program: FY2015: \$509,232**

STOP-VAWA grant programs provide assistance for victims through protection and services that they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while simultaneously enabling communities to hold offenders accountable for their violence. In accordance with the STOP program requirements “CNMI Three Year Implementation Plan”, STOP-VAWA grant funds are made available to support law enforcement, prosecution, victim services, and the Superior Court in the CNMI.

Agencies *must* submit a complete application of how available funds will be used, including an implementation plan of how goals, objectives and activities will help meet the predicted outcomes of their respective programs.

In accordance with CNMI Implementation Plan, these categories and/or agencies are allotted *at least* the following amounts based on the required percentages set by VAWA:

- **Non Profit, Non Governmental Victim Services;** of which at least **10%** is to be distributed to culturally-specific community based organizations; **Victim Services = \$103,547.00;** **Culturally Specific Services = \$15,856.00;** **Programs that meaningfully address Sexual Assault Purposes only = \$39,149.00**  
Total for Victim Services = 158,552.00
- **Law Enforcement \$92,978.00;** **Programs that meaningfully address Sexual Assault Purposes only = \$39,149.00**  
Total for Law Enforcement: \$132,127.00
- **Prosecution \$92,978.00;** **Programs that meaningfully address Sexual Assault Purposes only = \$39,149.00**  
Total for Prosecution: \$132,127.00
- **Courts \$26,426.00**
- **Discretionary;** maybe spent at the discretion of the state/territory to address statutory program areas. **\$60,000.00**

**Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP): FY 2015: \$46,956.00**

The Sexual Assault Services Program (SASP), created by the Violence Against Women Act of 2005, is the first federal funding stream solely dedicated to the provision of direct intervention and related assistance for victims of sexual assault. Overall, the purpose of SASP is to provide intervention, advocacy, accompaniment, support services, and related assistance for adult, youth, and child victims of sexual assault, family and household members of victims, and those collaterally affected by the sexual assault. This grant is for Non Profit agencies that provide sexual assault services only.

The available funds will be awarded by the Northern Marianas Commonwealth Council for the Improvement of the Criminal Justice System (CJPA Supervisory Council) through a sub-grant review process and plan consistent with the project description outlined in the program applications and accompanying strategies for the aforementioned DOJ programs. OJJDP grants

will be review by the Youth Advisory Council. Projects funded under these programs will be monitored and administered by the Criminal Justice Planning Agency. Dates for the award process will be announced at a later date.

**All completed applications and required documents must be submitted to CJPA no later than 4:30 p.m. Friday, November 20, 2015. No application will be accepted after the deadline.**

**For Tinian and Rota Applications Only:**

*Completed applications submitted from Rota and Tinian will be accepted by fax following the deadline said above, including a “must” be submitted hardcopy via air waybill with the deadline said above stamped or recorded on the “executed on date and time” section of the air waybill. Incomplete application(s) send in by fax will not be accepted.*

For more information and for interested applicants, please contact CJPA at 664-4550/4551/4553/4554/4556 or stop by the Office on Capitol Hill (Building #1314 or #1315) Also, the application format is available through the CJPA Web Site at [www.cjpa.gov.mp](http://www.cjpa.gov.mp). Please indicate and specify which grant and year you are applying for on the application. If necessary, please call the CJPA Office at 664-4550.

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