



# South Carolina Department of Public Safety

Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs

## MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Persons and Agencies Interested in Commenting on the South Carolina Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Application

**FROM:** Phil Riley, Director *PR*

**RE:** Solicitation for Public Comment

**DATE:** August 24, 2017

The Office of Highway Safety and Justice Programs (OHSJP) of the SC Department of Public Safety (SCDPS) is in the process of submitting its annual grant application for FFY 2017 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding to the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) division of the US Department of Justice (USDOJ). The application is due to the BJA no later than August 25, 2017. Later this year Congressional appropriations from FFY 2017 will be awarded by the USDOJ to the States. These allocations will include funds for the JAG program. South Carolina's formula portion of the JAG award, administered by the SCDPS, is expected to be approximately \$3.25 million. With this announcement, the SCDPS invites public comment regarding the application submitted and the best use of these funds.

Cities, counties, state agencies and non-profit organizations, including faith-based organizations, are eligible under the federal legislation to apply for JAG funds through the SCDPS. There are seven purpose areas that may be considered for subgrant awards:

- 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)

Within these purpose areas, JAG funds may be used to pay for personnel, overtime, equipment, travel, and training. In general, these funds may be used for statewide initiatives, technical assistance, and the support of criminal justice systems in local jurisdictions. All grant awards require a 10% cash match from each recipient.

The OHSJP is also seeking recommendations on funding priorities, jurisdictions of greatest need, innovative programs worthy of replication, and general matters of public policy related to the administration of justice in South Carolina.

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Comment is welcomed and interested parties are encouraged to learn more about the JAG program by viewing the BJA web site at [www.bja.gov/Jag/](http://www.bja.gov/Jag/). Comments and questions regarding this solicitation for public input should be submitted as soon as possible, and be directed to:

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