

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

On Tuesday February 17th, President Obama signed the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 in Denver. Included in this stimulus legislation are funds for the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG), Stop Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), and Victim Compensation funding. We are very excited that Colorado will be receiving funds to further support the functioning of our criminal and juvenile justice system and victim services in our state.

The monies provided in the stimulus legislation are in ADDITION to the funds that Colorado receives through its annual formula grants.

At this point in time, there are probably more questions than answers about how the funds will be distributed to the states, the amount of funds each state will receive, and what requirements will be put into place by the federal government for these funds.

Here is what we are being told by the Department of Justice: The legislation requires that the Governor of each State certify 1) that he/she will accept the stimulus funds; and, 2) the funds will be used to create jobs and promote economic growth.

JAG

The legislation provides \$2 billion nationally for the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program.

VAWA

- The legislation appropriated \$175 million in violence against women funding. Of that \$175 million, 2.5 percent will be available for state domestic violence coalitions, 2.5 percent will be available for state sexual assault coalitions, 1/56 will be available for tribal coalitions, and 10% will be available for grants to Indian tribal governments. The remaining funds will be available under the STOP Program to states using the usual base award and population formula. The STOP funds are the formula VAWA funds that are distributed through DCJ. There is an additional \$50 million for the transitional housing assistance grants program.
- The VAWA STOP stimulus funding will be subject to all STOP statutory requirements.

VOCA

The Department of Justice will be providing \$47.5 million in victim assistance grants to the states and territories.

Victim Compensation

- The Department of Justice, specifically the Office for Victims of Crime, will be providing an additional \$47.5 million in victim compensation grants to the states.
- These funds will be utilized the same way as our current federal victim compensation funds are used, which is to pass on these funds to the local victim compensation programs to provide out-of-pocket expenses to crime victims.

We will post information as it becomes available to us. The Division of Criminal Justice - Office for Victims Programs (OVP) and the Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance (OAJJA) staff have already started to plan for how to most effectively get the money out to programs in a quick and efficient manner.

Since the focus for the stimulus package is to get the money out quickly and to save and retain jobs, that will be our focus as well. We welcome your input.

Please feel free to contact the OVP Manager, Nancy Feldman, nancy.feldman@cdps.state.co.us or the OAJJA Manager, Meg Williams at meg.williams@cdps.state.co.us. Additionally, as we have some direction from the U.S. Department of Justice, we will post that information on this Division of Criminal Justice webpage.

2009 JAG Recovery (ARRA) Update

On August 12, 2009, Governor Bill Ritter approved funding recommendations made by Colorado's JAG Board for distribution of the 2009 Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Recovery (ARRA) grant funds. These awards to state and local agencies will begin on October 1, 2009 and end on September 30, 2011. Colorado's Recovery Justice Assistance Grant supports a wide variety of programs designed to improve law enforcement, prosecution, adjudication and prevention programs. A total of 77 projects will be funded, totaling \$16,491,044. Of these, eight are state level projects totaling \$6,520,308. The remaining 69 projects totaling \$9,970,736 are local projects located within 21 of the 22 Judicial Districts in the state. It is estimated that a total of 64.9 FTE will be directly created with these awards as well as many contract level positions. A summary of the funding recommendations follows a description of each project at the following link:

http://dcj.state.co.us/oajja/JAG_Byrne_Report/2009%20JAG%20Recovery%20funded%20projects.pdf.

3/19/09 Update on Recovery Act Funding Justice Assistance Grant Recovery Act Funding

The Division of Criminal Justice's Office of Adult and Juvenile Justice Assistance (OAJJA) will be posting a solicitation for subgrant applications for 2009 Justice Assistance Grant Recovery Act funding in early April 2009. Approximately \$16.4 million in Justice Assistance Grant Recovery Act funding will be available to support state and local projects to support efforts to prevent or reduce crime and violence and which fall within the seven purpose areas of the JAG program. Applicants will have approximately five weeks to submit the application. Final funding recommendations will be made to the Division of Criminal Justice Director and Governor in early August. Applicants can apply for up to 24 months of funding which will run from October 1, 2009- September 30, 2011. Applicants should anticipate that awards under the Recovery Act will be one-time awards and accordingly should propose project activities and deliverables that can be accomplished without additional federal funding.

If you have questions regarding the JAG Recovery funds, please contact Meg Williams, Manager of OAJJA at meg.williams@cdps.state.co.us.

STOP Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) and Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Recovery Act Funding

The Office for Victims Programs (OVP) will be posting two (2) separate Announcements for Recovery Act Funds. Both Announcements will be posted on the OVP webpage on April 1, 2009. There will be approximately 2 million dollars available for the VAWA funds and approximately \$785,000 for VOCA funds. Recovery Act VAWA funds are focused on improving responses to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking crimes. Recovery Act VOCA funds are focused on providing direct services to victims of crime. Applicants will have 4 weeks to submit the application. Funds will be available for an 18 month period of time starting September 1, 2009 and ending February 28, 2011. Grants funded under the Recovery Act will be one-time awards and accordingly should propose project activities and deliverables that can be accomplished without additional federal funding.

Applicants should continue to check this page for notices regarding the solicitation.

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Important Information Regarding New Requirements For Receipt of Federal Funding

The Colorado Division of Criminal Justice (DCJ) encourages **all potential grant applicants** who plan to apply for federal funding **from the Colorado Division of Criminal Justice or any other agency, including direct awards from the federal government** to make sure that their agency has a Dun & Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number and has registered with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. These are required as part of the implementation of the **Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act of 2006** (Transparency Act) that went into effect January 1, 2009.

A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. Please verify whether or not your agency has a DUNS number and a current registration in CCR by checking with the appropriate person in your agency. **If your agency does not have a DUNS number, and/or is not currently registered in CCR, begin these processes now due to the time required to complete these.** Subgrant awards without a DUNS number and a current registration in CCR will have a Special Condition placed on award documents to complete this requirement within 30 days of the start of the subgrant project period. It is imperative that this timeframe is met per reporting requirements under the Transparency Act.

To obtain a DUNS number online, go to the DUNS registration website at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do> or call the Dun & Bradstreet hotline at 1-866-705-5711. You will receive a DUNS number at the conclusion of your phone call. There is no cost associated with obtaining a DUNS number. Your DUNS number is required as part of the CCR registration process.

Review the CCR handbook at www.ccr.gov before registering with CCR. Gather the necessary information prior to starting the registration process. This could take several weeks. Allow 30-60 minutes to complete the registration. To register with CCR, go to www.ccr.gov. Click on Start New Registration on the left navigation bar. Contact the CCR Assistance Center at 1-888-227-2423 or 1-269-961-5757 with any questions. Once you have completed the online CCR registration, please allow at least ten (10) business days to receive your valid registration.

If your agency has previously registered with CCR, please note that the CCR login procedures have recently changed. Log onto the website at www.ccr.gov to "Update or Renew Registration". If you currently have a CCR record, but do not have a user ID and password, you will not be able to access your record until you create a user account. Your User ID and password will replace the Trading Partner Identification Number (TPIN) as the method of logging into your CCR account. A User Account Guide, containing detailed information about creating a User Account, can be found at www.ccr.gov/doc/UserAccount.pdf.

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