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In the Spotlight



BJA Develops and Implements "GrantStat" to Ensure Grant Program

Early in FY 2011, BJA developed and began using an internal process called 'GrantStat" to analyze and monitor grantee success. GrantStat is based on the CompStat approach, which has shown promise in helping departments reduce crime through systematic data collection, crime analysis, and heightened accountability. The GrantStat process builds on CompStat by applying the same steps to grant program performance nationally and locally.

GrantStat is a valuable internal tool for BJA to enhance collaboration, communication, and efficiency among staff, training and technical assistance partners, and other relevant national or federal partners. GrantStat focuses on sharing information to manage grantees' performance, enhance staff accountability, determine a program's effectiveness, and whether BJA, accontability, determine a program senective liess, and where BDA, through its grantees, is achieving the overarching goal for the program. As part of the process, performance data reported by the grantee, reporting compliance, and fidelity to program design and evidence-based practices are monitored. GrantStat makes it possible to determine the "health" of a cohort of grantees; specific grantee-level strategies for addressing issues are identified, such as directing programmatic changes, taking administrative action internally for accountability purposes, conducting an impromptu call or site visit, or directing additional training or technical assistance to the grantees.

Program level trends, overall findings, recommendations for potential program design change, and success stories are reported and implemented.

Grantee Name	Overall Grantee Score (%)	Financial Reporting	PMT Reportin	Goal Achieved (%)	Projected Number of Participant	Participant Admission Goal Achieved (%)	Participant Successful Completio n Rate (%)
Grantee	87	Q	0	O 79	120	O 42	O 0
Grantee	87	0	0	O 100	100	O 110	O 83
Grantee	80		0	O 45	250	55	O 39
Grantee	80	0	0	86	280	O 43	O 63
Grantee	O 60	0	0	O 45	90	O 108	O 30
Grantee	67		0	O 92	200	O 12	O 0

News You Can Use



OJP Launches CrimeSolutions.gov

In June 2011, the Office of Justice Programs launched www.crimesolutions.gov. This new web site is a central, credible resource to inform practitioners and policymakers about what works in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. CrimeSolutions.gov is a

searchable online database of evidence-based programs covering a range of justice-related topics, including corrections, courts, crime prevention, substance abuse, juveniles, law enforcement, technology and forensics, and victims.

Celebrating Safe Communities
BJA is pleased to support Celebrate Safe Communities (CSC) through the National Crime Prevention Council. CSC spotlights communities' crime prevention efforts, enhances public awareness of vital crime prevention and safety messages, and recruits year-round support for ongoing prevention activities that help citizens keep neighborhoods safe from crime and prepared for any emergency. A CSC event can be held in conjunction with Crime Prevention Month (October) or anytime throughout the year, and can be large or small. Register your Crime Prevention Month event or other safety events planned throughout the year at www.celebratesafecommunities.org and receive access to free, downloadable crime prevention resources.

BJA Supports the Racial Justice Improvement Project

With support from BJA, the American Bar Association Criminal Justice Section launched the Racial Justice Improvement Project to support jurisdictions with implementing local racial justice improvement task forces focused on addressing community problems that contribute to the improvement task forces focused on addressing community problems that contribute to the racially disparate impact of the criminal justice system. The project is currently supporting task forces in the participating jurisdictions (Delaware (statewide); St. Louis County, Minnesota; Kings County, New York; and New Orleans, Louisiana) composed of local courts, district attorney offices, police departments, public defender offices, and nonprofit organizations active in criminal justice. The jurisdictions will participate in the 2nd Annual Racial Justice Training Conference on October 21–23, 2011 in Washington, DC. For more information on this project or to receive support and technical assistance, visit: racialjusticeproject.weebly.com/index.html.

All FY 2011 BJA grant applications are currently under review. BJA expects to announce all grant awards by October 1, and they will be posted on our web site.

Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program

Enacted in 1976, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program provides death, disability, and education benefits to those eligible for the program. For details regarding these federal benefits for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders killed or catastrophically disabled in the line of duty, call the PSOB Office toll-free at 888–744–6513 or 202–307–0635, or visit the PSOB web site.

DID YOU KNOW?

BJA is pleased to announce that it has received over 5,000 applications from law enforcement agencies for the FY 2011 Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program, a 17-percent increase in the number of applications received in FY 2010. The Attorney General recently announced that in FY 2011, BVP will include a new application requirement to ensure that agencies receiving BVP funding have a written mandatory wear policy for uniformed patrol officers. Since 1999, over 13,000 jurisdictions have participated in BVP, with \$277 million in federal funds committed to support the purchase of an estimated 800,000 vests for local law enforcement officers. For more information on the program, visit: www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bvpbasi/

FEATURED PROGRAM

The Second Chance Act (SCA) provides grants to state, local, tribal governments to promote the safe and successful reintegration of individuals into the community of individuals into the community after they are released from prison or jail. Currently, there are 67 SCA reentry grantees and 86 SCA prisoner mentoring grantees across the nation. During the first 15 months of program operations, reentry grantees reported serving a total of 5,158 participants, and mentoring grantees reporting serving a total of 5,482 participants. Over 1,100 mentors have been trained and offenders have received reentry services that include employment, substance abuse and cognitive behavioral treatment, pro-social support, education, and housing services. For snapshots of SCA program characteristics, please visit: www.bja.gov/grant SecondChance.html. BJA has placed significant emphasis on ensuring SCA grantees have the support they need to link program operations to performance measures. Through continued feedback from grantees and the GrantStat process, a second generation of performance measures were developed which will increase the reliability of the data reported by grantees in order to ensure more precise estimates.



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