

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT
Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (CJPPD)

ANNOUNCEMENT
JAG 2015 VCP Grant Program
Violent Crime Prevention (VCP)
February 5, 2015

The *State of Connecticut Office of Policy and Management (OPM)* is providing grants to assist local police departments with violent crime prevention and public safety improvements. The grant is funded by the federal Justice Assistance Formula Grant (JAG) program.

- ❖ This is a “one-time” grant.
- ❖ No future “continuation” or “supplemental” funds are available.
- ❖ Primary purpose of this grant is to assist local governments with preventing violent crime and improving public safety.

Purpose Areas:

- ❖ Reduce and prevent violent crime and gun violence
- ❖ Reduce and prevent gang violence
- ❖ Support and expand community policing strategies
- ❖ Improve police response to domestic violence and sexual assault crime
- ❖ Improve police response to mentally ill offenders

Eligibility: Grant is available to ninety-two local governments with “organized police departments”.

Grant Allocation: Funds are allocated to municipalities based on violent crime rate (VCR). (Please refer to attached **JAG VCP ALLOCATION Chart**.)

Use of Funds:

- ❖ Police training curriculum and officer training time
- ❖ Community policing events, training and technical assistance
- ❖ Body-worn cameras and cruiser camera systems
- ❖ Cruiser equipment, mobile data terminal, license plate reader and other cruiser equipment
- ❖ Communication and dispatch technology
- ❖ Information technology, computers and peripheral equipment
- ❖ Police over-time for “special” operation, task force or multi-jurisdictional investigation
- ❖ Police protective gear and officer equipment
- ❖ Technology and equipment for tactical response, surveillance and investigation

Requirements: The USDOJ requires all JAG grant recipients to adhere to a **substantial number of regulations and procedures** which are fully described in the grant administrative documents. All police departments should assume full responsibility for these administrative requirements including: timely data collection, documentation of expenditures, fiscal reporting and records management.

- ❖ Municipalities must have a DUNS number and current federal SAM registration.

Grant Application Process: OPM will email grant application instructions to town/city. OPM will release a grant award once all required documents have been submitted and reviewed. Towns must not execute purchase orders or contracts or incur over-time expenditures until receiving a signed grant award from OPM. The grant shall be awarded to the town or city; and must be signed by the “official representative” whom is authorized to sign contracts on behalf of the town/city. (In most cases, the Chief Elected Official or Town Manager signs grant contracts.)

Grant Payment: Towns may “draw down” grant funds on “re-imbusement” basis at end of each fiscal quarter. Grant re-imbusement is based on actual expenditures for “OPM-approved” budget items.

VERY IMPORTANT: Purchases, contracts and over-time expenditures incurred PRIOR to the grant period “start” date are ineligible for grant reimbursement. The “start” date shall be clearly stated on the grant award documents.

FUTURE COSTS: Local governments are responsible for any future costs associated with operating and maintaining equipment and technology purchased with the JAG grant funds including upgrades, licensing and services contracts. JAG funds can’t be used for “pre-paid” service contracts such as software maintenance and support contracts.

Source of Funds: Grants are funded by the State’s federal Justice Assistance Formula (JAG) grant (FFY 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014) CFDA#16.738.

For additional information, please contact:

Lisa Secondo, lisa.secondo@ct.gov, phone 860-418-6391

John Forbes, john.forbes@ct.gov, phone 860-418-6271