

Attachment #1

2015 Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

Local Projects

Amount Available: \$548,542.00

Number	Agency - City	2014 Award	Amount Requested	Amount Recomm. Staff Rvw.	Amount Recomm. Grnt. Rvw.	Amount Recomm. Crime Comm.	Staff Notes
15-DA-301	Sarpy County - Papillion	\$ 60,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$45,000.00	\$45,000.00		
15-DA-302	Seward County - Seward	\$ 18,860.00	\$25,143.00	\$18,860.00	\$18,860.00		
15-DA-303	Lincoln Police Dept. - Lincoln	\$ 92,000.00	\$395,675.00	\$66,000.00	\$66,000.00		
15-DA-304	Banister's Leadership Academy - Omaha	\$ 30,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
15-DA-305	City of York	\$ -	\$37,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
15-DA-306	Scotts Bluff Co. WING- Gering	\$ 80,000.00	\$397,121.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00		
15-DA-307	City of Wahoo III Corps	\$ 25,000.00	\$188,014.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
15-DA-310	City of Norfolk SNARE	\$ 15,000.00	\$26,032.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
15-DA-311	City of Omaha, Office of the Mayor	\$ 140,000.00	\$319,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$100,000.00		
15-DA-312	City of Randolph	\$ -	\$19,571.25	\$0.00	\$0.00		
15-DA-313	Douglas Co. Dept. of Corrections	\$ 90,000.00	\$149,778.00	\$58,206.00	\$58,206.00		
15-DA-314	Douglas Co. Atty's Office	\$ 23,000.00	\$71,815.00	\$62,034.00	\$62,034.00		
15-DA-315	Lutheran Family Services	\$ -	\$97,500.00	\$66,000.00	\$66,000.00		
15-DA-316	Dawson County - Lexington	\$ -	\$9,070.00	\$4,535.00	\$4,535.00		
15-DA-317	ReConnect, Inc. - Omaha	\$ -	\$197,373.00	\$0.00	\$0.00		
15-DA-318	Indian Center, Inc. - Lincoln	\$ 20,000.00	\$27,907.00	\$27,907.00	\$27,907.00		

			\$0.00			
TOTAL		\$ 2,086,000.25	\$ 548,542.00	\$ 548,542.00	\$ 548,542.00	
AVAILABLE		\$ 548,542.00	\$ 548,542.00	\$ 548,542.00	\$ 548,542.00	
REMAINING		\$ (1,537,458.25)	\$0.00	\$ -	\$ -	

2015 Byrne Justice Assistance Grants (JAG)

State Projects

Amount Available: \$262,848.00 *\$145,815 earmarked NSP - separate from \$262,848

Number	Agency - City	2014 Award	Amount Requested	Amount Recomm Staff Rvw	Amount Recomm Gmt Rvw	Amount Recomm Crime Comm	Staff Notes
15-DA-300	Nebraska Attorney General's Office	\$ 117,382.00	\$ 136,187.00		\$120,957		
15-DA-308	Nebraska Crime Commission	\$ 46,543.00	\$ 174,340.00				total amount recomm ended \$141,891 + earmarked \$145,815= \$287,706
15-DA-309	Nebraska State Patrol MULE	\$280,589.00	\$287,706	\$287,706	141,891.00		
PREA							

\$ 598,233.00	\$0
\$ 262,848.00	\$ 262,848.00
\$ (335,385.00)	

TOTAL AVAILABLE REMAINING

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: NE Attorney General's Office

Grant #: 15-DA-0300

Title: Drug & Violent Crime Unit

Amount Requested: \$136,187

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$120,957	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revised Budget2. Provide action plan of evidenced based training programs3. Provide projected outcome for number of surveys/evaluations to be completed4. Provide baseline information if applicable

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Good to see number of trainings increase over past funding year.
2. Applicant utilizes Homicide Investigation Tracking System.
3. Proposed project focuses on rural areas.
4. Detailed activity/timeline provided.
5. Outline of project operations is a good indication of services provided.
6. Good information provided under continuation information.
7. Good letters of support provided.

Areas for improvement:

1. Page #13 Applicant did not provide explanation of decrease in some statistics.
2. Please provide explanation of how travel was paid for in FY 2014.
3. Applicant did not mention any new practices or initiatives.
4. As mentioned last year, not clear if applicant sought out specific evidence based training programs.
5. Please provide projected outcome for number of surveys (evaluations) to be completed in reference to page #19.
6. Does applicant have any baseline information? For example, how many trainings is applicant currently conducting?
7. Applicant reported no problems or challenges? Review members would like to see information regarding any challenges within the field.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Sarpy County

Grant #: 15-DA-0301

Title: Mental Health Intensive Case Management Program Amount Requested: \$75,000

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$45,000	1. Revised Budget 2. Fringe Benefits Not Recommended for Funding

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Proposed project utilizes evidence based problem solving court model.
2. Applicant has taken steps to ensure future funding- approaching Region 6, presentations, trainings, County Commissioners, formation of a Mental Health Sub-Committee.
3. Prior to JAG funding in 2013 there were no services or resources in place to give clients the significant amount of attention they require in order to help them not recidivate. Currently serving 24 defendants with mental illness.
4. Number of persons that were seen by Psychiatrist while incarcerated has increased.
5. Good to see start-up of transportation program. Good idea to give client survey on transportation based needs.
6. Good current efforts. Conducted 1,357 brief mental health screenings.
7. Good to see that the County and District Court Judges, along with the Public Defender and County Attorney's Offices have sought out placement of clients in the program. Several Judges have placed defendants on Pretrial Release with Mental Health Case Management as a condition of bond directly from court if they are exhibiting concerns with mental health stability.
8. Good letters of support provided
9. Note- Region 6: some funding was received from Region 6 after over a year of requests. One of the contingencies was that they required being a payer of last resort. Region 6 informed applicant that they do not typically fund personnel/staff positions. If any funding is received from Region 6 it is only allowed for supplies and travel as a last resort only.

Areas for improvement:

1. Explanation of significant increase request in fringe benefits. No explanation of supplanting provided. Fringe benefits not recommended for funding at this time.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Seward County

Grant #: 15-DA-0302

Title: Drug Accountability Program

Amount Requested: \$25,143

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$18,860	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revised Budget2. Explanation of Program Fees3. Submit Required Job Descriptions

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Applicant requesting funds for evidence based curriculum.
2. Study increase in the number of referrals to the Drug Accountability Program- increase in referrals.
3. Compliance rates of drug tests have increased.
4. Good to see use of exit surveys.

Areas for improvement:

1. Tracker position not recommended for funding at this time.
2. Are fees considered program income? Additional information needed on who receives program fees. It appears that Seward County currently receives these fees and they should go directly to programming.
3. Additional information needed on breakdown of job duties. Please submit job descriptions for requested positions.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Lincoln Police Dept.

Grant #: 15-DA-0303

Title: Lincoln/Lancaster Co Investigative Narcotics Cooperative Amount Requested: \$395,676

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$66,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revised Budget2. Address Noted Areas for Improvement

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Applicant has good community collaboration with various entities.
2. Applicant utilizes several data based programs, including hot spot data.
3. Good to see tracking of crime data reporting.

Areas for improvement:

1. Federal priorities are moving away from drug task force and more evidenced based law enforcement operations. As indicated in previous years, expect continual decrease in funding.
2. Required documents not signed by Authorized Official.
3. Letters of support from Crime Commission members not allowed.
4. LSO Deputy and UNL Officer needs to be under consultants and contracts.
5. Applicant indicates that officer is 100% grant funded but does not indicate specific grant related duties. Please submit job description.
6. How often does applicant update Standard Operating Manual?
7. Applicant does not indicate how positions were funded last year.
8. Current Efforts need to be directed towards the efforts/progress of the positions that are 100% JAG funded.
9. Applicant did not include evaluations or surveys.
10. Letters of Support are not allowed from Crime Commission members.
11. LSO Deputy and UNL Officer must go under consultants/contracts per Federal guidelines.
12. Applicant encouraged to contact Program Administrator to enhance outcome measures.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Banister's Leadership Academy

Grant #: 15-DA-0304

Title: Friday Night Lights Teen Leadership Academy

Amount Requested: \$50,000

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	Recommended for Denial Based on Operating Instruction #10: 007.02C 007.02E 007.02F

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Applicant proposes to increase Friday Night Lights Teen Leadership Academy from two to three nights a week.
2. Project is evidence based using the OJJDP Comprehensive Gang Model and the five core strategies of Advancing the Well Being and Self-sufficiency of At-risk Youth.
3. Good to see applicant is state provider to youth who are in the foster care system and probation.
4. Project includes diverse and educational field trips.
5. Eligible non-profit waiver included.

Areas for improvement:

1. Applicant recommended for denial based on completeness, clarity and consistency of their application; review members concluded other resources are available; and lack of cost effectiveness of proposed project.
2. Mark out personal names in letters of support.
3. Applicant indicates that they will hire six to eight contracted positions. Exact number not identified.
4. What was prior hourly amount?
5. Could current staff perform some of the proposed duties? Current contracted positions?
6. Itemized list for administrative and program supplies not listed.
7. Itemized list not included for educational activities.
8. Current efforts do not focus on what BLA has accomplished over past funding year.
9. Under Goal #3, number of field trip evaluations and complete cultural self-assessments were not included in application.

10. Review members concerned that letters of support were not submitted from various collaborating agencies such as Probation and Foster Care.
11. Applicant did not include numbers from last year. How many pre and post- tests (surveys) completed?
12. Review members concerned that applicant only has 3 Board of Directors.
13. Timesheets submitted by applicant are not consistent with how many Friday night leadership events are listed by applicant.
14. Applicant indicates payment of \$14.00 for Leadership Specialists but only claiming \$8.00 to \$9.00 an hour on timesheet submission for payment.
15. Applicant did not address specifics on individual job duties.
16. Applicant did not disclose fundraising efforts, firecracker sales etc. Applicant did not disclose fees (income) from school, probation and other fundraising efforts.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of York

Grant #: 15-DA-0305

Title: Rural Apprehension Program

Amount Requested: \$37,000

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	Recommended for Denial based on OI #10: 007.02D 007.02E 007.02F

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Applicant has been able to sustain task force operations for three years without JAG funding.

Areas for improvement:

1. Applicant received JAG funding from 1987 to 2011. Applicant recommended for denial based on their ability and capacity of proposed program to make an impact on the identified problem; other resources to address the problem (self-sustainability); and proposed project is not cost effective. Federal priorities are moving away from drug task force and more evidenced based projects, programs and operations
2. Task Force Coordinator is currently Deputy Sheriff with Fillmore County Sheriff's Department. Applicant does not explain how this is not supplanting.
3. As indicated last year, applicant indicates the current use of evidence based policing is to constantly evaluate task force operations on a monthly basis by the Advisory Board. Where is the data? What evaluation instrument is used? No information provided.
4. Applicant indicates they do not have specific training information available but made a request for \$1,898. How was this number calculated?
5. Applicant using \$10,000 local match dollars for investigative funds- not recommended due to strict monitoring procedures. Match funds are held to same financial monitoring standards as Federal funds.
6. Applicant indicates that if RAP does not obtain grant funding, RAP will be forced to cease operations and disband. Applicant has indicated this in the past four applications, but remains operational.
7. As with last year, applicant indicates they are using evidenced based practices but does not provide data to support this statement. Applicant did not provide any results of their evaluations or documentation of valid evidence based practices. Applicant mentioned evidence based practices but provides no documentation or proposed documentation of best practices in the application.

8. Applicant provides no data on how personnel are focusing on the "new border war".
9. How many mid-to-upper level DTO's have been targeted?
10. Page #34 applicant indicates that since they have not been given grant funding for the past three years they have no accomplishments to report, but RAP has been operational.
11. Letters of Support from Crime Commission members are not allowed per application instructions.
12. Review members confused regarding a felony case for less than an ounce of marijuana listed by applicant.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Scotts Bluff County

Grant #: 15-DA-0306

Title: Western NE Intelligence & Narcotics Group (WING)

Amount Requested: \$397,121

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$100,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revised Budget2. Only Personnel Recommended for Funding3. Revise Performance Measures- contact Program Administrator for additional details

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Good collaboration with various entities.
2. Applicant covers large service area.
3. Have strong collaboration with multiple agencies.
4. Good to see applicant increase outreach/education efforts to area hospitals.

Areas for improvement:

1. Applicant changed FY 2014 project period and still has funding.
2. Again, applicant previously informed of decreased funding but continues to ask for increase. Federal priorities are moving away from drug task force and more evidenced based projects, programs and operations. Prepare for continual reduction in funding.
3. Contact Program Administrator to enhance performance measures.
4. All other counties/entities, except for Scottsbluff County, need to be under consultants/contracts per Federal guidelines. .
5. Only personnel recommended for funding at this time.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of Wahoo

Grant #: 15-DA-0307

Title: III CORPS Drug & Violent Crime Task Force

Amount Requested: \$188,014

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	Recommended for Denial Based on OI #10: 007.02E 007.02D 007.02F

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Applicant appears to be able to sustain themselves and has good community collaboration.
2. Good statistical documentation provided.
3. Good letters of support.
4. Good support from NSP.

Areas for improvement:

1. Applicant recommended for denial. III Corps has received JAG funding since 1996 (19 years). For the past two years, applicant has been recommended for reduction due to long term funding and ability to sustain program. Applicant award amounts have been reduced in FY 2013 (\$35,000) and FY 2014 (\$25,000). As noted in the past two years, applicant should prepare for no funding or continual decrease. Why did applicant come in for such an increase? Sustainability plan indicates that their plan includes continued application to JAG grants for Investigator expenses. These costs have clearly been absorbed from the City of Fremont and Dodge County Sheriff's Office. This task force is able to sustain themselves. Federal priorities are moving away from drug task force and more evidenced based programs, projects and operations.
2. Submitted exact same application from last year only a few numbers changed. No new approaches or data driven approaches listed.
3. Page #9 of Consultants and Contracts hourly rate needs to be indicated.
4. Applicant does not clarify how requested positions are not supplanting. Applicant does not indicate why Fremont Police Department and Dodge County Sherriff's Office funding ended or is not able to continue funding the Officers positions.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Nebraska Crime Commission

Grant #: 15-DA-0308

Title: NCJIS-CJIS Analyst & Development

Amount Requested: \$174,340

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	Recommended for Denial Based on OI #10: 007.02E

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. NCJIS numbers have increased, well used program by many.
2. Strong collaboration with other entities.

Areas for improvement:

1. Applicant not recommended for funding due to remaining FY 2012, FY 2013, and FY 2014 funds.
2. Current enhancements listed in FY 2013 grants have not been spent.
3. Encourage applicant to continue to seek General Funds and re-submit when previous grant funds have been spent.
4. Crime Commission Grant Review members concerned about applicants remaining funds.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Nebraska State Patrol

Grant #: 15-DA-0309

Title: MULE

Amount Requested: \$287,706

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$287,706	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Additional information needed under sustainability efforts.2. Address possible solutions for case turnaround time.3. Submit additional on fringe benefit breakdown.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Applicant using evidenced practices and new technology as noted on page #20.
2. Data driven and cost effective project.
3. Assists with local law enforcement efforts.

Areas for improvement:

1. Applicant cannot rely on JAG funds for continued funding of positions. Federal priorities are moving away from drug task force and more evidenced based projects and operations. Would like to see additional information under sustainability plan.
2. Applicant does not indicate improvement in case turnaround time and productivity due to this funding. What are some possible solutions? Would encourage applicant to ask for personnel to support Crime Lab in future to work on backlog.
3. Letters of support are not allowed from Crime Commission members.
4. Additional detail on fringe benefits is needed.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of Norfolk

Grant #: 15-DA-0310

Title: Specialized Narcotics Abuse Reduction Effort (SNARE)

Amount Requested: \$26,032

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	Recommended for Denial based on OI #10 007.02E 007.02H

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Applicant demonstrates self-sustainability
2. Applicant utilizing evidence based practices
3. Good to see new initiatives in human trafficking but how will they be developed?
4. Strong partner with Nebraska State Patrol.

Areas for improvement:

1. Applicant has been funded for 20 years. Applicant has been informed about future reductions and discontinuation in funding for past three years. Applicant recommended for denial. Federal priorities are moving away from drug task force and more evidenced based projects, programs and operations.
2. Applicant received \$15,000 in FY 2014 JAG funds, but has \$11,605.22 left to spend as of September 2015.
3. Applicant did not disclose amount of forfeiture funds.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of Omaha, Office of the Mayor

Grant #: 15-DA-0311

Title: Metropolitan Drug Task Force

Amount Requested: \$319,000

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$100,000	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revised Budget2. Applicant needs to submit narrative ensuring supplanting is not an issue.3. All other counties besides City of Omaha must go under consultants and contracts.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Applicant utilizes evidence based practices.
2. Objectives and Performance Measures listed for 2015 are effective-
3. Applicant appears to sustain majority of program.

Areas for improvement:

1. Concern of program sustainability. Program has been funded for 20 years. Each year applicant requests increase in funds. Applicant has been informed in prior years to expect continual reduction of drug task force funding. Federal priorities are moving away from drug task force and more evidenced based law enforcement operations
2. New position clerk typist- how was this paid for prior? Explanation is needed.
3. Last year did not receive full request, how were positions funded last year?
4. High request for rent \$100,000.
5. Maintenance fee appears to be high.
6. All other funded partners, besides City of Omaha, need to go under consultants and contracts per Federal guidelines.
7. Would encourage updated MOU's. Submitted MOU's dated 2010.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of Randolph

Grant #: 15-DA-0312

Title: Police Vehicle Replacement

Amount Requested: \$19,571.25

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	Recommended for Denial Based on OI #10: 007.02B: Adherence to federal and/or state requirements and guidelines.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Applicant did include four estimates for proposed vehicle.
2. Detailed community description provided.
3. Applicant has done research on local flooding issue.

Areas for improvement:

1. Applicant recommended for denial as request does not fit purpose of JAG funds. JAG funds used to decrease violent crime, not for natural disasters. Proposed vehicle needed for first responder for natural disasters. Proposed vehicle would be used for all types of crime and assistance.
2. Project Director and Coordinator are listed as same person.
3. Proposed project period incorrect.
4. Applicant's listed match items cannot be used for match.
5. How much violent /drug crime occurs in this area? JAG funds used to decrease violent crime, not for natural disasters. Would encourage City of Randolph to purchase vehicle for the police department.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Douglas Co. Dept. of Corrections

Grant #: 15-DA-0313

Title: Dept. of Corrections Security Enhancements

Amount Requested: \$149,778

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$58,206	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revised Budget2. 50% of funding for lobby x-ray machine, body cams, and two sense detectors recommended for funding. Recommended Douglas County pay for remaining costs.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Percentage of staff mis-conduct that has gone down since body cameras?
2. One time cost

Areas for improvement:

1. Applicant did not provide adequate information regarding what is wrong with current X-ray machine.
2. X-ray machine for staff members not recommended for funding.
3. Radios not recommended for funding as review members agreed that item should have been budgeted in County budget.
4. Recommended to fund 50% for lobby x-ray machine, body cams and two sense detectors.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Douglas Co. Atty's Office

Grant #: 15-DA-0314

Title: Probation/Post-Release Supervision Collaborative Enforcement Prg **Amount Requested:** \$71,815

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$62,034	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revised Budget2. Contact Program Administrator for Revised Objectives and Evaluation piece.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Applicant requesting probation/post- release supervision attorney to work with District 4A.
2. Currently no dedicated point of contact in area.
3. Applicant does justify new positions.

Areas for improvement:

1. Per Federal Guidelines, equipment needs to go under supplies and operating.
2. Letters from Crime Commission members not allowed.
3. Review members would like to see revised objectives and evaluation piece added to project- please contact Project Administrator.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Lutheran Family Services

Grant #: 15-DA-0315

Title: Rsafe Training & Consultation

Amount Requested: \$97,500

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$66,000	1. Revised Budget 2. Submit required non-profit waiver

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. New and innovative project.
2. Proposed project is evidenced based and sexual assault is considered a violent crime as the applicant seeks to change the problematic sexual behaviors that will likely perpetuate the cycle of violence against other children.
3. Applicant does indicate that they have exhausted other means of funding such as private foundations, insurance companies and civic organizations.
4. Program has increased in number of referrals.
5. RSafe only provider in Omaha area.
6. The cost of providing care exceeds what Medicaid pays and from most insurance companies.
7. Good letters of support provided.

NOTE: Request for one new and two existing positions. Current Program Supervisor for the RSafe Program whose position is paid for through a combination of private funding and payments from insurance for clients. This individual will create new program and in doing so would require applicant to replace current position as it is responsible for direct client care and supervision. Applicant does not have funding source at this time for the proposed new position. The administrative position is currently funded through a grant with Oklahoma University. This contract ends December 31, 2015 and the position will no longer be funded. The database supports functions are essential to the creation of this new program. Thus, applicant will be retraining this position to effectively create training and consultation program.

Areas for improvement:

1. How are operating and supply expenses currently being paid?

2. Indirect administration fee seems high at 16.6 percent. Is this rate negotiable?
3. Applicant indicates program will eventually be sustained by fees. Please provide additional information on how this will occur.
4. Performance measures and outcomes need to be revised.
5. Cannot use these funds to provide services outside of Nebraska. Applicant noted services potentially provided in Council Bluffs.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Dawson County

Grant #: 15-DA-0316

Title: Dawson Co. Officer Cameras

Amount Requested: \$9,070

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$4,535	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Revised Budget2. Submission of Policies and Procedures for use of Body Cam3. Contact Program Administrator for additional information

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. New applicant- equipment request.
2. Well written grant application.

Areas for improvement:

1. Applicant did follow proper procurement process.
2. Applicant will need to evaluate and track how cameras will be used to address issues of staff misconduct and potential disproportionate minority contact.
3. If applicant does not have current policy and procedures (public policy disclosure) in place for body cam use will need to submit.
4. If funded, applicant will be required to participate in evaluation conducted by University of Nebraska at Lincoln.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: ReConnect, Inc.

Grant #: 15-DA-0317

Title: Triage Youth Program

Amount Requested: \$197,373

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	Recommended for Denial Based on OI#10: 007.02C 007.02D 007.02E

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Good to see program providing wrap around services within Douglas County.
2. Applicant does appear to provide prevention and intervention services to high risk youth.
3. Good to see use of motivational interviewing techniques.
4. Good letters of support provided.
5. Each youth involved in the program improved failing grades by at least one level.
6. Agency defines success by not only the reduction of truancy but also by improved grades and no further encounters with law enforcement.

Areas for improvement:

1. Incomplete application.
2. Performance measures/objectives not complete.
3. Disclosure of Pending application not complete.
4. Applicant indicates all requested positions are existing, no explanation of funding. Not clear if there is an issue of supplanting.
5. Applicant did not include any budget narratives.
6. Liability insurance not recommended for funding.
7. Application is not clear on what program is to achieve.
8. Would encourage applicant to contact Program Administrator for technical assistance to come in for possible future funding.

Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice

SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Indian Center, Inc.

Grant #: 15-DA-0318

Title: Many Nations Healing Counseling Services

Amount Requested: \$27,907

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$27,907	1. Revised Budget to address items listed under areas for improvement.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. No follow up action is required for the information below.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Applicant utilizes evidence based practices.
2. Culturally competent provider is essential in order to utilize elements of a specific culture to aid in treatment and education. Applicant sets out to have a firm comprehension and knowledge and allows the facilitator to regulate his/her lessons/activities at various level of understanding for the population. Research has shown when a Native American practices his or her own culture and traditions, while in a treatment or educational setting, their self-esteem, grades, and self-worth has been elevated.
3. JAG funds can be used to pay for Alcohol and Drug classes to obtain the Alcohol and Drug Counseling Certificate as this would assist in providing culturally specific services.
4. Good letters of support provided.

Areas for improvement:

1. Do not list names under line items in budget summary.
2. More information needed under statistical documentation of problem pg #23.
3. Match must be lowered to a more manageable level for documentation purposes.
4. All items under travel need to be itemized and broken out by cost.

FY 2015 JAG Allocation			
Administration	\$109,631		
PREA	\$28,329	Total \$29477 PREA w/bonus	
PREA BONUS	\$1,148		
Local	\$548,542		
NSP	\$145,815		
State	\$262,848		
TOTAL	1096313		

FY 2014	
Admin	\$125,686
*Local Pass Through	\$624,252
Less than \$10K allocation	\$170,285
FY 14 State Retained	\$336,639
TOTAL FY 14	\$1,256,862.00

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Edward Byrne Memorial Justice
Assistance Grant (JAG)

Addendum to Nebraska's 2012-2015 Strategic Plan
September 18, 2013

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The Nebraska Crime Commission and UNO's Consortium for Crime and Justice Research hosted a JAG stakeholder meeting on July 11, 2013, to identify and update priorities for the 2012-2015 JAG Strategic Plan. The goals of the meeting were threefold. First, we wanted to ensure that all interested stakeholders had a voice in identifying funding priorities for the strategic plan. Second, we wanted to ensure that all identified priorities were mutually exclusive. Our third goal was to develop funding priorities that were roughly comparable in scope. In the course of the meeting, it also became clear that all seven federal purpose areas for JAG funding should be equally represented by funding priorities. To this end, fourteen funding priorities were identified across the seven federal purpose areas.

The meeting ended with a discussion of the distribution of stakeholder votes across the seven federal purpose areas. The stakeholder group discussed two options for ranking the funding priorities: 1) a simple ranking by the responses of survey respondents, 2) a weighted ranking in which votes from each federal purpose area had an overall weight that was equal. For example, if the federal purpose area with the most stakeholder respondents had six voters and another federal purpose area had only three stakeholder respondents, the latter votes would be given a weight of "2" so that each purpose area had an equal weight of 6 votes. The final decision of the group was that the results would be presented both ways, weighted and un-weighted.

Subsequent to the July 11 meeting, these fourteen funding priorities were included in an online survey that was distributed to the 24 JAG stakeholders. In all, 22 stakeholders responded to the survey. The question asked for each funding priority was the following: "Please provide your level of agreement that the following activities should be a TOP PRIORITY for the future use of Nebraska's JAG funds." Respondents were asked to rate all fourteen funding priorities, two for each of the seven federal purpose areas. The coding of the responses was as follows: Strongly Disagree = 0, Disagree = 1, Neither Agree/Disagree = 2, Agree = 3, Strongly Agree = 4. The mean ranking is presented in Table 1 for the un-weighted results and Table 2 for the weighted results. Table 1 includes the results from 22 respondents. Table 2 includes the results from 42 theoretical responses calculated from the 22 actual responses. The federal purpose area with the most stakeholders had 6 stakeholders, so responses from each purpose area were weighted to equal six, resulting in 42 responses (7 federal purpose areas X 6 respondents).

Un-weighted results. Table 1 includes the un-weighted ranking of all fourteen funding priorities. The highest ranked funding priority is from the Planning, Evaluation and Technology federal purpose area: "Enhancement of statewide data collection and sharing (e.g. NCJIS)". The rank score is 3.182, which represents a high level of agreement, as a score of "3" represents that the mean level of support was "agree". This is the only funding priority receiving a score higher than three.

Three other funding priorities received comparatively high scores. "Efforts to enhance information sharing across law enforcement and service provision agencies (e.g. findings from EBPs)", also from the Planning, Evaluation and Technology federal purpose area, received a mean score of 2.955. The next two funding priorities have a tied ranking score of 2.909. The first was "Reduction of criminal activities in communities through prevention and education

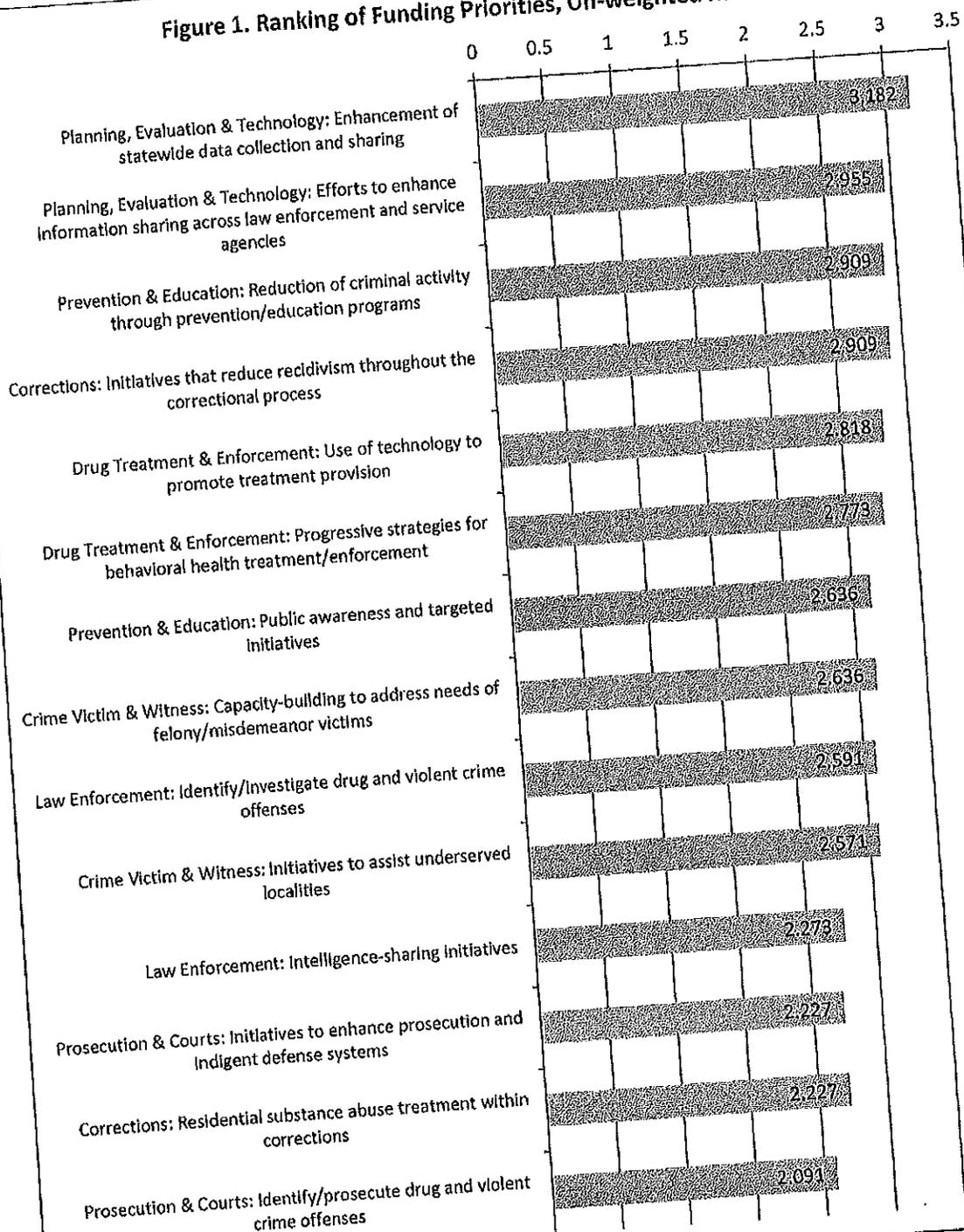
programs (e.g. coordinated afterschool programs, mentoring programs, gang prevention initiatives, employability programs)”, which fell under the Prevention and Education federal purpose area. The second, from the Corrections/Community Corrections federal purpose area, is “Initiatives that reduce recidivism throughout the correctional process (e.g. re-entry initiatives, pre-trial release initiatives)”. These findings are presented graphically in Figure 1.

Table 1. Ranking of Funding Priorities, Un-weighted Results

Funding Priority	Ranking
Planning, Evaluation and Technology: Enhancement of statewide data collection and sharing (e.g. NCJIS).	3.182
Planning, Evaluation and Technology: Efforts to enhance information sharing across law enforcement and service provision agencies (e.g. findings from EBPs).	2.955
Prevention and Education: Reduction of criminal activity in communities through prevention and education programs (e.g. coordinated afterschool programs, mentoring programs, gang prevention initiatives, employability programs).	2.909
Corrections/Community Corrections: Initiatives that reduce recidivism throughout the correctional process (e.g. re-entry initiatives, pre-trial release initiatives).	2.909
Drug Treatment and Enforcement: Use of technology to promote treatment provision (e.g. Remote Recovery).	2.818
Drug Treatment and Enforcement: Progressive strategies for behavioral health treatment and enforcement (e.g. community-based treatment, peer support, DUI courts, drug courts, mental health courts).	2.773
Prevention and Education: Public awareness and targeted initiatives (e.g. bullying programs, human trafficking initiatives).	2.636
Crime Victim and Witness: Capacity-building to address needs of both felony and misdemeanor victims.	2.636
Law Enforcement: Identify and successfully investigate drug and violent crime offenses (e.g. task forces, rural assistance and law enforcement trainings, intelligence-led policing).	2.591
Crime Victim and Witness: Initiatives to assist under-served localities with victim and witness services (e.g. witness services).	2.571
Law Enforcement: Intelligence-sharing initiatives (e.g. fusion centers, criminal history information).	2.273
Prosecution and Courts: Initiatives to enhance capacity and effectiveness of the prosecution and indigent defense systems of the counties.	2.227
Corrections/Community Corrections: Residential substance abuse treatment within corrections.	2.227
Prosecution and Courts: Identify and successfully prosecute drug and violent crime offenses (e.g. training of local law enforcement officers and prosecutors, assisting in rural prosecutions).	2.091

Scale: Strongly Disagree (0) – Strongly Agree (4).

Figure 1. Ranking of Funding Priorities, Un-weighted Results



Scale: Strongly Disagree (0) – Strongly Agree (4). Figure depicts the un-weighted average rating of the committee priority areas.

Weighted results. The weighted results are statistically adjusted so that respondents representing the federal purpose areas are given equal consideration *as a purpose area*. In other words, if there were six respondents from purpose area "A" and three respondents from purpose area "B", results from the latter respondents would, in essence, be counted twice or given double the weight of respondents from purpose area "A".

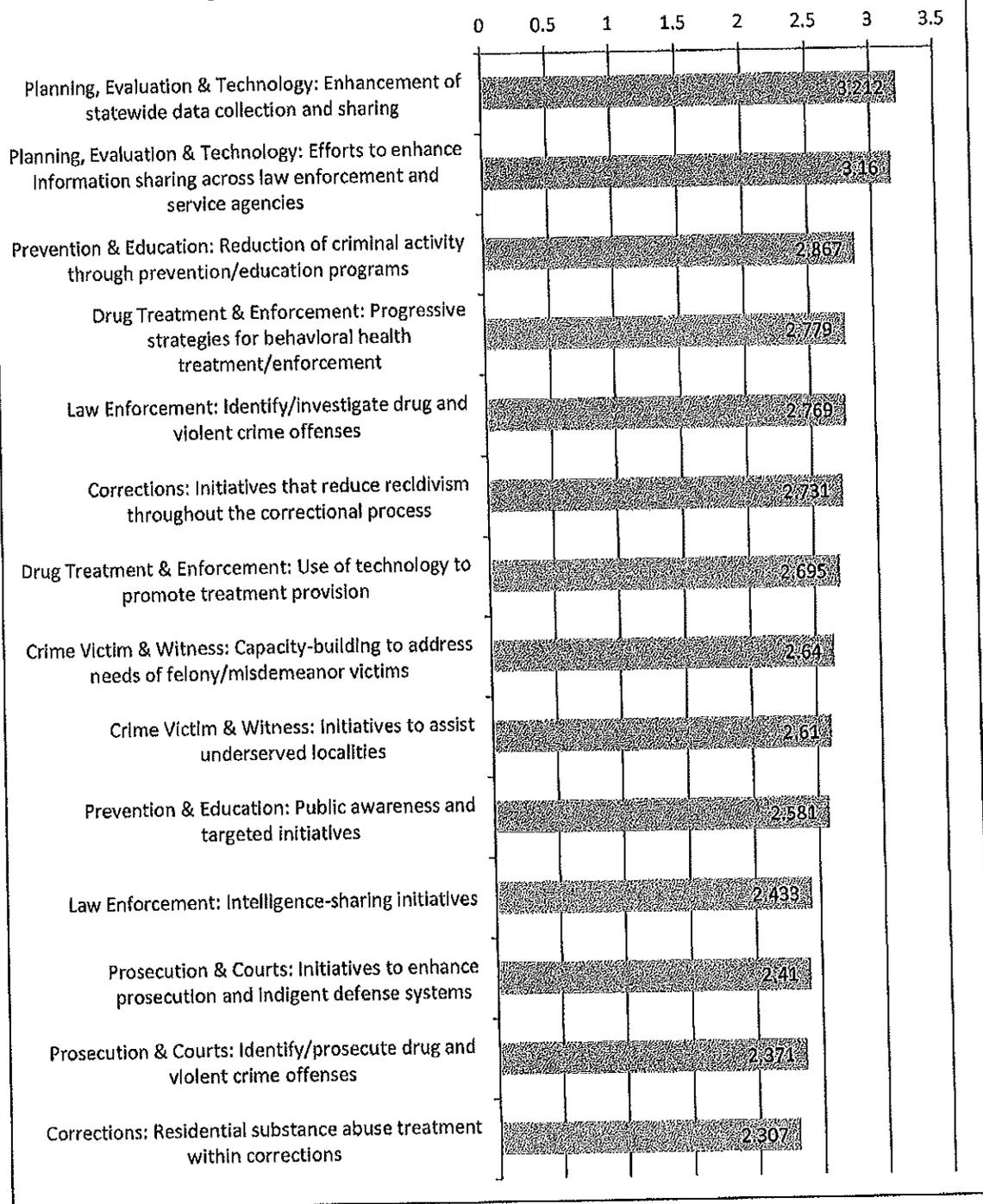
Table 2 indicates that the weighted results do not differ substantially from the un-weighted results. In fact, three of the top four funding priorities from Table 1 are also top funding priorities in Table 2. One exception is "Corrections/Community Corrections: Initiatives that reduce recidivism throughout the correctional process (e.g. re-entry initiatives, pre-trial release initiatives)". Whereas in the un-weighted results this funding priority is tied for third in the rankings, in the weighted results, this funding priority is ranked sixth. In the weighted results, both of the Planning, Evaluation & Technology funding priorities are highly ranked, with scores higher than three. These results are presented graphically in Figure 2.

Table 2. Ranking of Funding Priorities, Weighted Results

Funding Priority: Weighted Results	Ranking
<u>Planning, Evaluation and Technology</u> : Enhancement of statewide data collection and sharing (e.g. NCJIS).	3.212
<u>Planning, Evaluation and Technology</u> : Efforts to enhance information sharing across law enforcement and service provision agencies (e.g. findings from EBPs).	3.160
<u>Prevention and Education</u> : Reduction of criminal activity in communities through prevention and education programs (e.g. coordinated afterschool programs, mentoring programs, gang prevention initiatives, employability programs).	2.867
<u>Drug Treatment and Enforcement</u> : Progressive strategies for behavioral health treatment and enforcement (e.g. community-based treatment, peer support, DUI courts, drug courts, mental health courts).	2.779
<u>Law Enforcement</u> : Identify and successfully investigate drug and violent crime offenses (e.g. task forces, rural assistance and law enforcement trainings, intelligence-led policing).	2.769
<u>Corrections/Community Corrections</u> : Initiatives that reduce recidivism throughout the correctional process (e.g. re-entry initiatives, pre-trial release initiatives).	2.731
<u>Drug Treatment and Enforcement</u> : Use of technology to promote treatment provision (e.g. Remote Recovery).	2.695
<u>Crime Victim and Witness</u> : Capacity-building to address needs of both felony and misdemeanor victims.	2.640
<u>Crime Victim and Witness</u> : Initiatives to assist under-served localities with victim and witness services (e.g. witness services).	2.610
<u>Prevention and Education</u> : Public awareness and targeted initiatives (e.g. bullying programs, human trafficking initiatives).	2.581
<u>Law Enforcement</u> : Intelligence-sharing initiatives (e.g. fusion centers, criminal history information).	2.433
<u>Prosecution and Courts</u> : Initiatives to enhance capacity and effectiveness of the prosecution and indigent defense systems of the counties.	2.410
<u>Prosecution and Courts</u> : Identify and successfully prosecute drug and violent crime offenses (e.g. training of local law enforcement officers and prosecutors, assisting in rural prosecutions).	2.371
<u>Corrections/Community Corrections</u> : Residential substance abuse treatment within corrections.	2.307

Scale: Strongly Disagree (0) – Strongly Agree (4).

Figure 2. Ranking of Funding Priorities, Weighted Results



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OVERVIEW

Total FY 2015 Allocation	\$1,096,313
Administration	\$109, 631
Local Pass -through	\$548,542
Less than 10K NSP *	\$145,815
State Retained	\$262,848

***Can move State funds to Local**

PREA- \$ 29,477

LOCAL- \$548542 *Over in requests by \$1,537,458.25

State- \$262,848 (\$145,815 Earmarked) * Over by \$335,385

*****Evidence Based Projects/New Initiatives

*Four new applicants

Staff Review Recommendations Based on The Following :

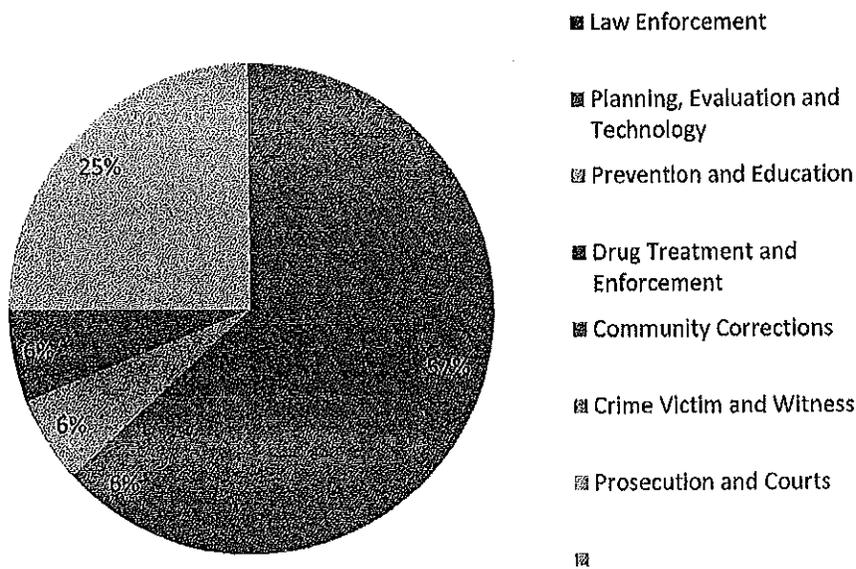
- Fit priorities identified in the 2012-2015 JAG Strategic Plan
- Demonstrated EBP
- Wanted to cover all JAG category Areas
- Reduction /Denial in Drug Task Forces/ Recommended NSP for full amount
- Cost Effectiveness of Program/Applicant
- Program/Applicant Sustainability
- No recommendations for buy money, rent, vehicle leases, equipment
 - OJP Financial Guide indicates that unless all other sources of funding have been exhausted, buy money is not allowed to be used with JAG funds.
- Geographic region-
- How much funding the existing program still has from previous fiscal years

- DTF- decreases- Federal priorities are moving away from drug task force and more evidenced based law enforcement operations. All drug task forces have been informed over the past several years to expect continual decrease and discontinuation of funding. The DTF that were denied received the smallest amounts and had been previously decreased- all DTF have received funding for at least 19+ years. Staff Review members concerned applicants still ask for substantial increase.
- 6 programs recommended for denial
- Per federal guidelines some applicants will have to put other DTF members under consultants and contracts.

Priorities in order JAG State-wide Plan 2012-2015

Planning, Evaluation and Technology
 Prevention and Education
 Drug Treatment & Enforcement
 Law Enforcement
 Corrections/Community Corrections
 Prosecution and the Courts

JAG Staff Review Recommendations



2011		* As of 8/28/2014		
Grant #	Subgrantee	Project Title	Balance on Ledger Federal	
11-DA-0306	NE Crime Commission	Drug Enforcement & Violent Crime Training	\$70,000.00	
11-DA-0310	Buffalo County	CANDO	\$10,642.53	
11-DA-0313	NE Crime Commission	CJIS-Analyst-Local Applications	\$0.00	
2012				
Grant #	Subgrantee	Project Title	Balance on Ledger Federal	
12-DA-0301	NE Crime Commission	Drug Enforcement & Violent Crime Training	\$8,000.00	
12-DA-0317	NE Crime Commission	CJIS Analyst and Development	\$77,303.41	
2013				
Grant #	Subgrantee	Project Title	Balance on Ledger Federal	
13-DA-0302	Banister's Leadership Academy	Friday Night Teen Leadership Academy	\$0.00	
13-DA-0303	City of Norfolk	SNARE Drug Task Force	\$10,000.00	
13-DA-0305	Scotts Bluff County	WING	\$80,000.00	
13-DA-0310	Nebraska Crime Commission	NCJIS Analyst	\$120,000.00	
13-DA-0311	City of Omaha, Office of the Mayor	Metro Drug Task Force	\$29,949.90	
13-DA-0312	City of Lincoln, / Lincoln PD	Investigative Narcotics Coop	\$44,523.12	
2014				
Grant #	Subgrantee	Project Title	Balance on Ledger Federal	
14-DA-316	Nebraska Attorney General's Office	Nebraska Attorney General's Drug & Violent Crime Unit	\$27,808.92	
14-DA-318	Nebraska Crime Commission	NCJIS-CJIS Analyst (Local Applications Coordinator and Support) and Development	\$46,543.00	
14-DA-319	Nebraska State Patrol	MULE	\$88,429.50	
14-DA-322	Sarpy County	Sarpy County Mental Health Intensive Case Management program	\$38,438.55	
14-DA-323	City of Norfolk	Special Narcotics Abuse Reduction Effort	\$11,605.22	

14-DA-324	Banister' Leadership Academy	Friday Night Lights Teen Leadership Academy	\$8,616.23
14-DA-325	City of Omaha, Office of the Mayor	Metropolitan Drug Task Force	\$26,025.54
14-DA-327	Horizon Recovery and Counseling Center	Juvenile Intensive Outpatient Treatment	\$20,000.00
14-DA-328	Indian Center Inc.	Many Nations Counseling Project	\$12,915.42
14-DA-329	Scotts Bluff County	Western Nebraska Intelligence & Narcotics Group (W.I.N.G.)	\$80,000.00
14-DA-330	Seward County	Western Nebraska Intelligence & Narcotics Group (W.I.N.G.)	\$2,457.33
14-DA-331	Douglas County (Public Defender)	Community Resource Coordinator/Immigration Support Materials	\$31,321.17
14-DA-332	Douglas County (Douglas County Youth Center)	Domestic Violence Education/Career Exploration Center	\$21,745.00
14-DA-333	Douglas County (Department of Corrections)	Jail TV Project (2013 JAG-Nebraska Crime Commission)	\$88,750.00
14-DA-334	Douglas County (County Attorney's Office)	Sexual Assault Unit	\$11,500.01
14-DA-335	Lincoln Police Department	Lincoln/Lancaster County Investigative Narcotics Cooperative	\$22,815.30

Attachment #2

2015 Victim Assistance Funds #2015-VA-GX-0010 Federal Grant Period - Oct. 1, 2014 - Sept. 30, 2018									
2015 Federal VOCA Funds: \$11,760,309 = Admin @ 5% for \$588,015 + Aid @ \$11,172,294									
Aid CARRYOVER: 2013 = \$1,144,26 2014 = \$118,108									
State Funds (Aid): \$52,559									
2015 TOTAL Aid Available: \$11,544,105.76									
Grant#	Agency	Program Title	Amt. Rec'd 2014	Amt. Requested 2015	Amt. Rec'd Staff Review 8/18/15	Amt. Rec'd Rvw 9/17/15	Amt. Rec'd Crime Comm. 10/16/15		
15-VA-200	The SASA Crisis Center	The SASA Advocacy Project	\$ 65,308.00	\$ 93,470.00	\$ 93,470.00	\$ 93,470.00	\$ 93,470.00		
15-VA-201	Line/Lancaster Co Child Advocacy Center	Child Advocacy Center	\$ 46,582.00	\$ 142,151.00	\$ 142,151.00	\$ 142,151.00	\$ 142,151.00		
15-VA-202	City of Beatrice	Gage Co Victim Asst. Program	\$ 49,219.00	\$ 86,194.00	\$ 86,194.00	\$ 86,194.00	\$ 86,194.00		
15-VA-203	Dawson County Atty.	Dawson Co V/W Asst. Unit	\$ 40,647.00	\$ 45,720.00	\$ 44,920.00	\$ 44,920.00	\$ 44,920.00		
15-VA-204	Saunders County	Court Appointed Special Advocate	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00		
15-VA-205	Parent-Child Center	Continuation of Direct Services	\$ 75,033.00	\$ 74,344.00	\$ 74,344.00	\$ 74,344.00	\$ 74,344.00		
15-VA-206	Adams Co Atty V/W Unit	Adams Co Atty V/W Unit	\$ 53,373.00	\$ 84,757.00	\$ 81,366.00	\$ 81,366.00	\$ 81,366.00		
15-VA-207	Lincoln County Atty's Office	Lincoln Co. V/W Unit	\$ 47,294.00	\$ 111,105.00	\$ 97,996.00	\$ 97,996.00	\$ 97,996.00		
15-VA-208	Southeast NE Comm. Action Partnership (SENCA)	SENCA Court Appointed Special Advocate	\$ -	\$ 32,020.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -		
15-VA-209	NE Domestic Violence Sexual Assault Coalition	Statewide Legal Advocacy & Training	\$ -	\$ 206,228.00	\$ 145,792.00	\$ 145,792.00	\$ 145,792.00		
15-VA-210	Project Response	Project Response, Inc. Court Appointed Special Advocate	\$ 53,958.00	\$ 88,570.00	\$ 71,626.00	\$ 71,626.00	\$ 71,626.00		
15-VA-211	CASA of Scotts Bluff County	Project Response, Inc. Court Appointed Special Advocate	\$ -	\$ 56,162.00	\$ 56,162.00	\$ 56,162.00	\$ 56,162.00		
15-VA-212	Central Nebraska Child Advocacy Center	Project Child Safety	\$ -	\$ 65,126.00	\$ 65,126.00	\$ 65,126.00	\$ 65,126.00		
15-VA-213	CAFstone	Victim Advocacy	\$ 36,462.00	\$ 55,596.00	\$ 55,596.00	\$ 55,596.00	\$ 55,596.00		
15-VA-214	Crisis Center, Inc.	Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Services	\$ 65,901.00	\$ 88,803.00	\$ 88,003.00	\$ 88,003.00	\$ 88,003.00		
15-VA-215	Madison County	Madison Co. V/W Unit	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00	\$ 31,000.00		
15-VA-216	Butler County	Butler/Polk Co. Victim Assistance	\$ 25,072.00	\$ 25,072.00	\$ 25,072.00	\$ 25,072.00	\$ 25,072.00		
15-VA-217	City of South Sioux City	Dakota Co Victim Assistance Program	\$ 53,041.00	\$ 99,489.00	\$ 99,489.00	\$ 99,489.00	\$ 99,489.00		
15-VA-218	City of Kearney	Crime Victims Assistance	\$ 44,811.00	\$ 61,740.00	\$ 61,740.00	\$ 61,740.00	\$ 61,740.00		
15-VA-219	Project Harmony	Victim Support to Expand Mental Health & Advocacy Services	\$ -	\$ 80,675.00	\$ 80,675.00	\$ 80,675.00	\$ 80,675.00		
15-VA-220	Kearney Area Comm Foundation	Phelps/Harian Co CASA	\$ -	\$ 14,826.00	\$ 14,826.00	\$ 14,826.00	\$ 14,826.00		

15-VA-221	Admin Office of the Courts & Probation	Victims of Crime Initiative	\$	-	\$	297,112.00	\$	297,112.00	\$	297,112.00
15-VA-222	Bridge of Hope Child Advocacy Center	Child Centered Response to Child Abuse	\$	20,719.00	\$	82,695.00	\$	81,529.00	\$	81,529.00
15-VA-223	Keith County CASA	Child Abuse Victim Assistance	\$	-	\$	31,868.00	\$	31,868.00	\$	31,868.00
15-VA-224	City of Grand Island	GI/Hall Co Victim Assistance Program	\$	57,471.00	\$	94,474.00	\$	94,474.00	\$	94,474.00
15-VA-225	Dodge County	Victim Services	\$	15,000.00	\$	22,744.00	\$	22,744.00	\$	22,744.00
15-VA-226	CASA of South Central Nebraska	CASA Recruitment, Retention, Mentoring & Family Support	\$	-	\$	107,771.00	\$	42,124.00	\$	42,124.00
15-VA-227	Dawson County	Dawson Co Victim Asst. Program (CASA)	\$	-	\$	44,401.00	\$	44,401.00	\$	44,401.00
15-VA-228	NE Atty General's Office	Statewide Victim Asst. Program	\$	99,391.00	\$	201,041.00	\$	185,041.00	\$	185,041.00
15-VA-229	Kearney Area Comm Foundation	Kearney/Buffalo Co CASA	\$	-	\$	15,402.00	\$	15,402.00	\$	15,402.00
15-VA-230	CASA for Lancaster County	for Abused, Neglected, Truant & Ungovernable Children	\$	-	\$	34,090.84	\$	34,091.00	\$	34,091.00
15-VA-231	Center for SADV Survivors	Victim Services and Outreach Project	\$	75,582.00	\$	383,889.00	\$	375,472.00	\$	375,472.00
15-VA-232	Sarpy Co VW Unit	Sarpy Co Victim Asst.	\$	159,228.00	\$	144,694.00	\$	144,694.00	\$	144,694.00
15-VA-233	Bright Horizons	Domestic & Sexual Violence Asst. Program	\$	82,264.00	\$	225,028.00	\$	225,028.00	\$	225,028.00
15-VA-234	DASA Services	DASAS Victim Asst.	\$	75,105.00	\$	132,354.00	\$	132,354.00	\$	132,354.00
15-VA-235	Hearland Family Service	Hearland Family Service Safe Haven Shelter	\$	83,291.00	\$	97,737.00	\$	97,737.00	\$	97,737.00
15-VA-236	Sandhills Crisis Intervention Program, Inc.	Victim Asst.	\$	57,290.00	\$	112,374.00	\$	112,374.00	\$	112,374.00
15-VA-237	Hearland CASA	none	\$	-	\$	8,710.25	\$	8,593.00	\$	8,593.00
15-VA-238	The DOVES Program	The DOVES Program	\$	84,904.00	\$	134,575.00	\$	134,575.00	\$	134,575.00
15-VA-239	Friends of Cass Co CASA	Cass Co CASA Program	\$	-	\$	30,240.00	\$	30,240.00	\$	30,240.00
15-VA-240	Crisis Center for DASA	Rural Outreach Program	\$	81,504.00	\$	71,925.00	\$	71,925.00	\$	71,925.00
15-VA-241	Friendship Home of Lincoln, Inc.	Domestic Violence Shelter	\$	79,472.00	\$	235,360.00	\$	235,360.00	\$	235,360.00
15-VA-242	Rape-Domestic Abuse Program	Rape-Domestic Abuse Program	\$	107,820.00	\$	233,429.00	\$	229,600.00	\$	229,600.00
15-VA-243	Catholic Charities	The Shelter-Residential Victim Services for Women & Children	\$	44,186.00	\$	117,708.20	\$	117,708.00	\$	117,708.00
15-VA-244	Platte County	Victims Asst. Unit of Platte & Colfax Counties	\$	45,500.00	\$	106,030.00	\$	106,030.00	\$	106,030.00
15-VA-245	Family Advocacy Network	Recording equipment/technology updates	\$	-	\$	25,134.00	\$	25,134.00	\$	25,134.00

15-VA-246	The SAFE Center	Advocates for Victims of Domestic & Sexual Violence	\$ 84,904.00	\$ 358,698.00	\$ 358,698.00	\$ 358,698.00	
15-VA-247	Douglas County Acty.	Omaha-Douglas Co Victim Asst.	\$ 367,578.44	\$ 497,261.00	\$ 497,261.00	\$ 497,261.00	
15-VA-248	Hope Crisis Center	Victim Asst.	\$ 131,911.00	\$ 162,758.00	\$ 162,758.00	\$ 162,758.00	
15-VA-249	Women's Center for Advancement	WCA DV-SA Victim Services Project	\$ 187,969.00	\$ 625,879.00	\$ 625,879.00	\$ 625,879.00	
15-VA-250	Lincoln County CASA	Victims of Crime	\$ -	\$ 20,079.00	\$ 20,079.00	\$ 20,079.00	
15-VA-251	Santee Sioux Nation	Santee DV-SA Program	\$ 54,973.00	\$ 14,074.00	\$ 12,785.00	\$ 12,785.00	
15-VA-252	Voices of Hope Lincoln, Inc.	DV-SA Advocacy Project	\$ 89,363.00	\$ 304,541.00	\$ 304,541.00	\$ 304,541.00	
15-VA-253	Nebraska Crime Commission	Victim Services Enhancements	\$ -	\$ 409,500.00	\$ 409,500.00	\$ 409,500.00	
15-VA-254	Nebraska Crime Commission	VINE Operations XV	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 261,787.00	\$ 261,787.26	\$ 261,787.26	
15-VA-255	City of Lincoln, NE	LPD V-W Unit	\$ 115,684.00	\$ 169,096.00	\$ 169,096.00	\$ 169,096.00	
15-VA-256	Haven House Family Services Ctr.	Continuation of Victim Services	\$ 42,602.00	\$ 85,614.00	\$ 85,614.00	\$ 85,614.00	
15-VA-257	CASA for York County	Volunteer Recruitment & Training	\$ -	\$ 18,594.00	\$ 18,594.00	\$ 18,594.00	
15-VA-258	Southeast Nebraska CASA	Southeast Nebraska CASA	\$ -	\$ 64,940.00	\$ 64,940.00	\$ 64,940.00	
		TOTALS	\$ 3,131,412.44	\$ 7,547,606.29	\$ 7,322,690.26	\$ 7,322,690.26	\$ -
		Federal		\$11,291,546.26	\$11,291,546.26	\$11,291,546.26	\$ 11,291,546.26
		State		\$ 52,559.00	\$ 52,559.00	\$ 52,559.00	\$ 52,559.00
		Over		\$ (3,796,498.97)	\$ (4,021,415.00)	\$ (4,021,415.00)	\$ (15,443,105.26)

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Applicant: The SASA Crisis Center

Grant #: 15-VA-0200

Title: The SASA Advocacy Project

Amount Requested: \$93,470

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$93,470 Match 23,368	Project recommended for year 1 funds at requested level with the following contingencies: 1. Any needed changes to Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures. 2. Submit responses to all items listed under Areas for Improvement.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Good job acquiring diverse sources of support. It is a testament to the agency's involvement in the community and sustainability.
2. Achieved outreach efforts to 9,000 unduplicated individuals this year.
3. Problem statement has a detailed response. Shows project is well informed on the problems that affect the communities served.
4. Board member involvement in the enhancement of project's LEP.

Areas for improvement:

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1. Provide written assurance that no VOCA funds are supporting BIP activities including any needed coordination. Please submit revised Activities/Timetable with BIP removed.
2. Submit completed Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications form.
3. Explain the increase in rent from \$225 a month to \$1,350.
4. Provide written rationale for the differences in rates use for volunteer time designated as match.
5. Provide agency's written policy/procedure regarding equipment used/located off site and how it is monitored. Please be aware that subrecipients cannot use funds to purchase equipment for another organization or individual to perform victim related services.
6. Due to the complex nature of issues surrounding immigration advocacy, it is recommended that accreditation through the Board of Immigration Appeals be pursued.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: Lincoln/Lancaster Co. Child Advocacy Center, Inc. **Grant #:** 15-VA-0201

Title: Child Advocacy Center

Amount Requested: \$142,151

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$142,151 Match \$35,538	<p>Project recommended for year 1 funds at requested level with the following contingencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any needed changes to Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures. 2. Submit proof of agency's 501(c)(3) status. 3. Submit responses to items #1 – 3.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required

Strengths of the Application:

1. Well-written professional proposal.
2. Agency has understanding of the multifaceted issues faced by individuals they serve.
3. Thorough job descriptions and tracking of direct service work conducted by employees.
4. Comprehensive and specific training for volunteers.
5. Excellent use of performance measures via OMS and surveys.
6. Collected statistics support that agency appears to be meeting or exceeding high standards in measurable outcomes by both clients and multidisciplinary team members.
7. Strong community and professional collaborations.
8. National recognition of program's development of satellite offices speaks to the quality of the expansion.
9. Agency makes careful consideration of sustainability via long-term strategic planning.

Areas for improvement:

Please see attached expectations for your VOCA grant application. This information outlines the federal VOCA grant program required outcomes and performance measures. Projects are not limited but must include these measures. If your application did not include the required outcomes as part of your original Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures then revisions must be submitted as part of the project's contingencies.

1. Submit updated budget that addresses errors in computations and match requested amounts.
2. Submit revised budget moving gym membership fees (not allowable) used as match funds to an allowable VOCA activity. Matching funds must follow same regulations as requests under VOCA.
3. Per newly released federal guidelines, the cost of laptop computer and software are to be moved from "equipment" category to "supplies" category in the budget.
4. Applicant is encouraged to reach out to the Sax & Fox Indian Nation in Richardson County.
5. Please do not submit Letters of Support from Crime Commission members. More than the maximum of five letters are unnecessary.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: City of Beatrice

Grant #: 15-VA-0202

Title: Gage Co. Victim Asst. Program

Amount Requested: \$86,194

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$86,194 Match \$21,549	<p>Project recommended for year 1 funds at requested level with the following contingencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any needed changes to Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures. 2. Submit revised budget addressing #1 & 2 under Areas for Improvement. 3. Submit the job description provided to volunteers.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Application reflects organization's acceptance of diverse approaches towards helping victims.
2. Strong focus on victim advocacy including those who have pending medical expenses.
3. Applicant is serving significant numbers of victims yearly.
4. Project is expanding hours to offer evening and weekend advocate availability.
5. Applicant is reaching or exceeding project's current goals and objectives.
6. Coordinator uses hands-on approach to helping victims. If victims need transportation she provides it. If victims don't have transportation she will drive to their communities to meet with them.
7. Overall, well developed proposal.

Areas for Improvement:

Please see attached expectations for your VOCA grant application. This information outlines the federal VOCA grant program required outcomes and performance measures. Projects are not limited but must include these measures. If your application did not include the required outcomes as part of your original Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures then revisions must be submitted as part of the project's contingencies.

1. Per federal changes, move the request for computers from Equipment to Supplies/Operating.
2. Provide clarification on the source of cash match and ensure there is documentation to justify the match amount allocated for office space.
3. Efforts from a team of three advocates would likely result in higher numbers of surveys completed. Please revise the numbers of written consumer surveys. Submit changes to Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures.
4. Applicant is encouraged to identify barriers/problems to serving hundreds of victims struggling with such difficult issues.

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Applicant: Dawson Co. Attorney

Grant #: 15-VA-0203

Title: Dawson Co. Victim Witness Asst. Unit

Amount Requested: \$45,720

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$44,920 Match \$11,230	<p>Project recommended for year 1 funding at reduced amount in accordance with Operating Instruction #10.007.02C: Completeness, clarity, continuity and consistency of the written application. Following contingencies must be addressed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any needed changes to Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures. 2. Submit revised budget addressing items in #1 3. Submit responses to items #2 and #5 4. Submit name and contact information for a 4th individual to be listed under project personnel.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Agency is reaching out to serve male victims and to meet emergency shelter needs of victims who cannot be served by local DV/SA program.
2. Acknowledgement regarding how cultural differences may affect crime victims and services needed may vary by culture.
3. Nicely presented problem statement.
4. New project director is reaching increased numbers of victims.

Areas for improvement:

Please see attached expectations for your VOCA grant application. This information outlines the federal VOCA grant program required outcomes and performance measures. Projects are not limited but must include these measures. If your application did not include the required outcomes as part of your original Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures then revisions must be submitted as part of the project's contingencies.

1. Per contingency--resubmit budget with match at 20% (\$11,230) of total project; budget item under Contracts for \$800 must be removed as there is no supporting documentation for this request; and move equipment request to the Supplies/Operating category. Please note that equipment has been awarded for a total of \$2,536.
2. Submit the following: a) completed supplemental funding chart; b) community description to include unique identifiers and relevant community factors (part 1); c) completed Disclosure of Pending Applications form; and d) explanations for fluctuations in statistical data provided (pg. 13 & 14).
3. Overall application requires revisions and updates. Updates must address how the agency plans to increase outreach to underserved minorities and how transportation will be provided or accessed for victims in need. In addition, outline the process for how crime victims are served when the director is unavailable.
4. Submit written procedures for addressing Crime Victims Reparations (CVR) program as there was no information regarding provision of this service in the application.
5. Unit indicates a volunteer waiver is needed however; outcomes include the use of volunteers. Explain.
6. Applicant is encouraged to coordinate one VOCA grant request to include the Dawson County VW Unit and the Dawson County CASA program.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Grant #: 15-VA-0204

Applicant: Saunders County

Amount Requested: \$20,000

Title: Court Appointed Special Advocates

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$20,000 Match: \$5,000	<p>Project recommended for year 1 funds at requested level with the following contingencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any needed changes to Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures. 2. Submit revised budget addressing items #1 - 4. 3. Provide written assurance that VOCA funds will be used to only serve victims of crime. 4. Provide rationalization for contracting S. Gottschalk as the project coordinator to verify the selection process was fair, equitable, transparent and free from conflicts of interest.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Program has been successful in increasing the number of children served per year.
2. Statistics demonstrate a need for additional CASA volunteers via statistics showing number of unserved population.
3. Agency has been effective in recruiting volunteers, including males which had been identified as a need.
4. Agency has eloquently stated the need for the program both to increase victim safety and as a cost savings measure to the State.
5. Proactive in reaching out to court staff to verify court hearings to ensure victim is supported by program.

Areas for improvement:

Please see attached expectations for your VOCA grant application. This information outlines the federal VOCA grant program required outcomes and performance measures. Projects are not limited but must include these measures. If your application did not include the required outcomes as part of your original Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures then revisions must be submitted as part of the project's contingencies.

1. Youth who are criminal offenders and are not victims of crime are not eligible for VOCA funded services. A CASA project which is 100% supported with VOCA funds will be limited to serving only youth who are victims of crime. Otherwise, the project must pro-rate expenses according to different populations served.
2. Adjust project period to fall into allowable timeframe per federal guidelines. (10/1/15-9/30/16)
3. Match funds must fall under the VOCA project's goals and objectives and it must be 20% (\$5,000) of total project cost. Remove match in Contract/Consultants and consider volunteer time for meeting the match requirement.
4. Since agency is not required to have an audit under A-133 the \$125 requested for an audit must be moved to an allowable expense/activity.
5. Describe the process, including description of curriculum, utilized to train CASA volunteers.
6. Expand Solution by providing details regarding operations such as processes for matching youth with volunteers; confidentiality and boundaries; what are the timeframes such as when and how supervision takes place, expectations for when and how volunteers meet youth and how cases are monitored; and any intake, discharge and follow-up processes.
7. Provide explanation why 12 cases went unserved and only 11 volunteers were utilized by CASA in 2014. Project coordinator is at .6 FTE (1250 hrs.) which would allow for a 1:18 staff to volunteer ratio.

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Applicant: Parent-Child Center

Grant #: 15-VA-0205

Title: Continuation of Direct Services

Amount Requested: \$74,344

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$74,344 Match \$18,586	<p>Project recommended for year 1 funds at requested level with the following contingencies:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any needed changes to Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures. 2. Submit revised budget addressing #1. 3. Submit job description provided to volunteers. 4. Submit proof of agency's 501(c)(3) status.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Agency is engaged in continual training of employees.
2. Agency has volunteers who provide critical direct services to crime victims, with extensive training.
3. Agency has maintained volunteer base through use of creative retention techniques.
4. Bi-lingual advocates reflect community need as supported by census data.
5. Great community/agency/law enforcement collaboration.
6. Strong measurement tools to evaluate effectiveness of programs.
7. Increased numbers of community presentations.

Areas for improvement:

Please see attached expectations for your VOCA grant application. This information outlines the federal VOCA grant program required outcomes and performance measures. Projects are not limited but must include these measures. If your application did not include the required outcomes as part of your original Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures then revisions must be submitted as part of the project's contingencies.

1. Per federal changes, the cost of computer and printer are to be moved from Supplies/Operating. These items must be 100% dedicated to victims services as they are funded fully through VOCA. As indicated in letters of support, the agency is also serving homeless and those in need of financial assistance.
2. The total number of surveys provided to victims must be reported. The percent of returned surveys cannot be ascertained from the information presented to allow impartial evaluation of program.
3. Continue outreach to locate interpreters of African languages.
4. Explain the decrease in the number of Hispanic individuals served despite the community's increase seen in this population.

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Applicant: Adams Co. Atty. Victim Witness

Grant #: 15-VA-0206

Title: Adams Co. Atty. Victim Witness Unit

Amount Requested: \$84,757

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$81,366 Match \$20,342	Project recommended for year 1 funds at requested level with the following contingencies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any needed changes to Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures. 2. Address all items listed under Areas of Improvement with the exception of #1.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Application reflects much improvement over prior submissions.
2. Organization has made it a focus to build stronger relationships with local agencies.
3. Reviewers appreciated the emphasis on listening to victims.
4. Application justifies the need for a Bilingual Advocate.
5. Project's outcomes are seeking to determine impact on victims.

Areas for improvement:

Please see attached expectations for your VOCA grant application. This information outlines the federal VOCA grant program required outcomes and performance measures. Projects are not limited but must include these measures. If your application did not include the required outcomes as part of your original Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures then revisions must be submitted as part of the project's contingencies.

1. Applicant organization is a public entity only, does meet non-profit definition.
2. Submit revised budget with the following: a) match at 20% (\$20,342) of total project; b) salary corrected for the Director position at \$42,000 with Match of \$2,466 is \$39,534 in Amount Requested-this is the cause for the reduced amount given to the project; c) clarify what taxes are being paid for the director position under fringe benefits; d) provide explanation for how fringe benefits were calculated on the bilingual advocate position; e) correct supplies calculations; f) details on the new position as to who will hire, supervise, train, etc.; and g) per federal change, move laptop request to the Supplies/Operating.
3. Provide information on who assists victims with filing compensation claims and what the process involves.
4. Provide revised Activities/Timetable indicating tasks of the proposed bilingual advocate.
5. Submit job description provided to volunteers. Provide written assurance that project utilizes volunteers as required by VOCA.

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Applicant: Lincoln Co. Atty's Office

Grant #: 15-VA-0207

Title: Lincoln Co Victim Witness Unit

Amount Requested: \$111,105

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$97,996 Match \$24,499	Project recommended for year 1 funding at reduced level in accordance with Operating Instruction #10.007.02F: Cost effectiveness of the proposed project. The following contingencies must be addressed: <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Any needed changes to Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures.2. Submit responses to items listed under Areas for Improvement.3. Provide rationalization for contracting with Heartland Counseling for counseling services to verify the selection process was fair, equitable, transparent and free from conflicts of interest.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Agency goal is to work with a diverse set of community partners to provide holistic assistance to victims.
2. Good explanation of statistics provided.
3. Restitution recovery efforts.
4. Applicant is proposing to expand hours of operation.
5. Recognition received from NCVC. Congratulations!
6. Agency is proactive in its outreach efforts.
7. Application reflects the emphasis this organization places on a strong coordinated response.

Areas for Improvement:

Please see attached expectations for your VOCA grant application. This information outlines the federal VOCA grant program required outcomes and performance measures. Projects are not limited but must include these measures. If your application did not include the required outcomes as part of your original Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures then revisions must be submitted as part of the project's contingencies.

1. On page 2, questions 14: Only 1 box can be checked. Please clarify if VOCA funds will either expand services, or be the source of continuing the current program.
2. Submit revised budget with: a) corrected Personnel budget; b) provide basis for the \$100 per hour rate for the consultant; c) explain the type of insurance under personnel; d) adjust lodging rate to \$100 per day; e) adjust equipment total to \$11,384 as current amount is unreasonable as compared to fellow applicants. Remove heater and fan, and adjust computer/printer total to approximately \$3,200; and f) remove \$1,725 from travel as mileage for victims to complete depositions is the responsibility of prosecution and is not an allowable VOCA expense.
3. Provide written assurance that LMHP and PLMHP level therapists will be used for counseling services and outline eligibility guidelines to exclude victims with health insurance and/or Medicaid.
4. Submit correct DUNS #.
5. Why is the Assistant not listed as helping victims with filing compensation claims?

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Applicant: SE NE Community Action Partnership

Grant #: 15-VA-0208

Title: SENCA Court Appointed Special Advocate

Amount Requested: \$32,020

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$0	<p>Project is not recommended for year 1 funding at this time based on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Operating Instruction #10 007.02C- Completeness, clarity, continuity and consistency of the written application. 2. Operating Instruction #10 007.02D-Ability and capacity of the proposed program to make an impact on the identified problem.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Agency has strong community base and has been providing supportive services for 50 years.
2. Underserved area for this type of programming.
3. Agency has an abundance of volunteers.

Areas for improvement:

Reviewers determined that funding would not be awarded for the 2015-2016 grant period, however, applicant should consider re-applying next grant cycle taking into consideration the following comments:

1. Applicant provides no indication regarding the agency's level of experience or expertise in providing direct services to victims of crime, especially those who are abused and/or neglected children and youth. Reviewers were unable to determine what groundwork or whether a work plan has been developed to effectively implement a CASA program. In addition, assurances that agency has developed working relationships with Nemaha and Richardson County courts regarding the assignment of CASA volunteers, such as Memorandums of Understanding, will be required.
2. Youth who are criminal offenders and are not victims of crime are not eligible for VOCA funded services. A CASA project which is 100% supported with VOCA funds is limited to serving only youth who are victims of crime.
3. Reviewers recommend consideration of expansion into outlying counties to increase the numbers of children that could be served by the program and to increase cost effectiveness. Current project is requesting 1 FTE for recruitment of 6 volunteers. National CASA standards are a ratio of 1 FTE to 30 CASA volunteers. In addition, the number of child victims that could be served has decreased 44% since 2012 to a total of 22 children who could potentially be served by the program, assuming the court orders CASA assignment to all children who are in out of home care and all children are victims of crime.
4. Provide plan to achieve all state and national CASA accreditation requirements.
5. For future applications the above issues would need to be addressed in addition to development of evaluation tools/surveys to demonstrate effectiveness of project.

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SUMMARY COMMENT SHEET

Applicant: NE DVSA Coalition

Grant #: 15-VA-0209

Title: Statewide Legal Advocacy & Training

Amount Requested: \$206,228

The information in the box below reflects the amount of funding recommended for approval by the Crime Commission. Upon approval, all contingencies must be addressed prior to the release of funds.

Amount Recommended	Contingencies for Award/Reasons for Denial:
\$145,792 Match: Submit revised waiver request for \$36,448	Project recommended for year 1 at reduce level of funds due to unallowable items with the following contingencies: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Any needed changes to Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures. 2. Submit responds to items #1 – 4 under Areas for Improvement.

The following comments summarize feedback from the review committees. This feedback is intended to assist the applicant with future applications. Unless otherwise indicated, no follow up action is required.

Strengths of the Application:

1. Overall well written and professional proposal.
2. Agency has experienced and dedicated staff team. The longevity of service of the agency's employees is commendable.
3. The attorney that is proposed to be funded via this grant is experienced in providing direct legal services to victims of domestic and sexual violence
4. Strong partnerships and coordination with coalitions nationwide
5. Excellent preemptive diversification of funding and cross-training to ensure sustainability of program
6. Agency demonstrates an understanding of the issues faced by victims, including emotional and financial impact.
7. Agency is reaching out to provide victim services to those individuals previously underserved.
8. Need for proposed project is backed by relevant statistics regarding the needs of the service area.

Areas for improvement:

Please see attached expectations for your VOCA grant application. This information outlines the federal VOCA grant program required outcomes and performance measures. Projects are not limited but must include these measures. If your application did not include the required outcomes as part of your original Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures then revisions must be submitted as part of the project's contingencies.

1. Per federal changes, the cost of computer, desks, chairs and shredders are to be moved from "equipment" category to "supplies" category. Since 100% of costs are allocated to VOCA then 100% of usage must be dedicated solely to victims' services otherwise applicant must prorate expenses according to different types of services provided.
2. Remove following unallowable items: a) Bar Association membership dues; b) the portion of the project to train staff of member agencies, including the Capacity Building position (\$66,066) and the training to outside agencies assigned to the attorney position.
3. Please clarify whether malpractice insurance is carried by the agency or is an individual expense. If carried by agency, it must be prorated among the funding sources supporting the position.
4. Submit volunteer job description as volunteers who are supporting the agency's ability to serve victims of crime can be reported to meet VOCA volunteer utilization requirement.
5. As a reminder, VOCA funds cannot be used to assist in divorce proceedings.
6. Explain how other non-English speaking individuals will be served whose languages are other than that of the Bilingual Advocate.
7. Please move job descriptions under "Personnel" section of report rather than "Solution".
8. To avoid duplication of services, coordination must take place with other providers of immigration legal advocacy services including the WCA, JFON, Bright Horizons and SCIP.