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### **Allocation of 2010 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants**

I am proposing that the **2010 JAG** allocation of \$3,363,944 be used to continue funding the two (2) following grant programs:

#### **Law Enforcement Grant Program**

The JAG Program allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. **These are the purpose areas authorized for funding:**

- law enforcement programs
- prosecution and court programs
- prevention and education programs
- corrections and community corrections programs
- drug treatment and enforcement programs
- planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs, and
- crime victim and witness initiatives

This solicitation will focus on one of the JAG purpose areas: **Law Enforcement;** and the Oregon priority area: **Law Enforcement Aimed at Disrupting the Manufacture and Distribution of Illicit Drugs.**

This Oregon priority area seeks to disrupt the manufacture and distribution of illicit drugs through the following efforts (in order of priority):

- 1) Identifying, targeting, and removing controlled substances wherever illegally manufactured or grown;
- 2) Arresting, prosecuting, and convicting traffickers; and
- 3) Protecting children from the safety and health risks associated with contact with traffickers both at home and at school.

To this end, this solicitation focuses on supporting local law enforcement agencies and drug task forces that involve both law enforcement agencies and prosecutors to enhance interagency coordination, intelligence sharing, investigation, and interdiction.

**The specific priorities for this solicitation are to:**

- **Enhance** efforts to reduce the manufacturing and distribution of, and trafficking in illicit drugs, particularly **methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin**.
- **Target** efforts to **investigate and dismantle Drug Trafficking Organizations (DTO's)** defined as an organization that consists of five or more persons, has a clearly defined hierarchy, and operates primarily to generate income or acquire assets through a continuing series of illegal drug trafficking activities. Drug trafficking activities refer to manufacturing, transportation, or distribution.
- **Grants targeted at small jurisdictions only-** improving quality of living, reducing illicit drug availability

**Offender Reentry Grant Program**

The propose of this grant program is to enhance the community-based response to barriers to successful re-entry of adult offenders who have successfully completed residential substance abuse or co-occurring disorder treatment programs during incarceration at a DOC institution. Grant recipients must demonstrate strong collaborative efforts with prison-based and community-based partners that will address the comprehensive and complex needs of a target population that is:

- Male or female,
- 18 years of age or older, and
- High to moderate risk to recidivate.

Counties or groups of counties may apply for funding with the agency awarding grant funds competitively to support continuing care treatment and ancillary services such as mental health services, housing and employment services in a holistic model.

The main goals of offender re-entry programs in the State of Oregon are to increase public safety and to reduce recidivism to prison through impacting the following key outcomes:

- Reduce the number of released offenders who are committing new crimes
- Reduce the number of released offenders who use drugs
- Increase the number of released offenders who are gainfully employed

- Increase the number of released offenders who are in self-sufficient and stable living situations
- Ensure that released offenders continue to have appropriate care for mental health and substance abuse problems

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