

## BJA Welcomes AAG Karol V. Mason

On June 3, 2013, Karol V. Mason was sworn in as the Office of Justice Programs' new Assistance Attorney General. [More...](#)



## DID YOU KNOW?



BJA has launched a new resource for the field—the [BJA State and Territory Fact Sheets](#). The fact sheets provide a snapshot of state and territory statistics related to BJA investments, JAG Program highlights, crime trends, and related criminal justice information. BJA hopes these fact sheets will be useful to criminal justice agencies, as they can easily obtain and reference criminal justice data from state to state for a variety of purposes. BJA plans to update the fact sheets semiannually and anticipates future enhancements to this resource.

## In the Spotlight

BJA has now posted the FY 2013 State and Local Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program solicitations and allocations, along with respective application due dates, on the [BJA JAG web page](#). BJA's JAG Program continues to be a leading source of federal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions and supports a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and courts, prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives. In FY 2013, there are a total of 56 states/territories and 1,183 local applicants (accounting for disparate groupings) eligible for JAG funds, with a total of \$278.39 million available (approximately \$190 million to states and territories, and \$88.39 million to local units of government).



To plan for your 2013 application, please ensure you have taken the following steps:

- Check your state or jurisdiction's FY 2013 JAG allocation on the [JAG web page](#).
- Review the FY 2013 solicitations and pay special attention to updated information (which has been highlighted in the table of contents) on the [JAG web page](#).
- Review the updated [JAG FAQs](#), including updated guidance related to the Sex Offender Notification Act (SORNA) penalty.
- Review the [JAG Technical Report](#).
- Review the updated [JAG Fact Sheet](#).

**BJA has identified reducing gun violence, recidivism reduction and justice system realignment, indigent defense, and evidence-based "smart" programs as key priority areas in FY 2013**, and each state, territory, and local JAG recipient is invited to join BJA in addressing these challenges as a part of the JAG partnership. Refer to the FY 2013 JAG solicitations for additional information on these priority areas.

## News You Can Use

### Register Now for No-Cost Training

**Leading By Legacy:** In partnership with the New Hampshire Police Standards and Training Council, the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) will be conducting the BJA-funded Leading By Legacy training July 8-10 in Concord, NH. For more information or to register, visit the [IACP web site](#), e-mail [leadinobylegacy@theiacp.org](mailto:leadinobylegacy@theiacp.org), or call 800-843-4227 ext. 837.



**Missing Alzheimer's:** This 1-day training, to be offered June 18 at the Essex County College Police Academy in Cedar Grove, NJ, is designed to provide law enforcement and public safety personnel with insight into how to deal with missing persons with Alzheimer's disease. For more information, go to the [IACP Alzheimer's Initiatives web site](#).

**VALOR:** This 2-day, BJA-funded training, designed for state, local, and tribal law enforcement trainers who focus on any aspect of officer safety, is being sponsored by the U.S. Attorney's Office, Northern District of Illinois and the University of Illinois at Chicago on July 11-12. Attendance is limited to sworn law enforcement personnel. Visit the [VALOR web page](#) for additional information or to register.



### NEW! PMT Final Report

A new report is now available in the [Performance Measurement Tool \(PMT\)](#): the PMT Final Report. Grantees are now asked whether or not each reporting period will be their last. For example, if during the reporting period the grantee expended all funds and executed all proposed grant activity defined in the approved BJA grant application, the PMT will create a Final Report. Grantees must then upload this report as an attachment to their Final Progress Report in the GMS. The PMT Final Report: 1) provides BJA program managers with confirmation that the grantee or award recipient completed their last final report in the PMT and are compliant with PMT reporting; and 2) allows grantees to indicate when they have no further BJA funded activity to report in the PMT, facilitates early closure of the award, and deactivates e-mail reminders from the PMT.

### JAG Spending Report

The most recent spending report that documents the most recent JAG Program funding allocations is now available at [go.usa.gov/bBC9](http://go.usa.gov/bBC9).

## Grants & Funding

BJA is accepting applications for the following programs:

- [National Center for Campus Public Safety](#)  
Applications due June 27, 2013
- [Criminal Justice Improvement and Recidivism Reduction through the State-Level Justice Reinvestment Initiative \(JRI\)](#)  
Applications due June 27, 2013
- [National Network of Fusion Centers Capability and Capacity Enhancement](#)  
Applications due July 1, 2013
- [PREA Program: Demonstration Projects to Establish "Zero Tolerance" Cultures for Sexual Assault in Correctional Facilities](#)  
Applications due July 5, 2013
- [State, Local, and Tribal Terrorism Prevention Training and Technical Assistance Program](#)  
Applications due July 15, 2013

Before applying, please read: **Important Notice: Applying for BJA Grants in Grants.gov.**

View all [FY 2013 BJA and OJP open solicitations](#).

## This Month in Law Enforcement

### JAG Funds Used for Research on Domestic Radicalization

Most recently, incidents related to violent extremism or domestic radicalization include the Boston Marathon bombing (May 2013); the shootings at Fort Hood, Texas (November 2009); the assault on the Sikh temple, in Oak Creek, Wisconsin (August 2012); and the events of September 11, 2001. Such incidents present a variety of challenges for state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, bound by oath to serve and protect our communities.



Since 2002, the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has conducted research focused on violent extremism in the U.S. and its impact on criminal justice agencies and the communities they serve. In 2012, a portion of JAG Program funds were provided to NIJ for continuation of this important research aimed at "developing a better understanding of the domestic radicalization phenomenon and advancing evidence-based strategies for effective intervention and prevention." Following a competitive solicitation, awards were made to the following centers of higher education and research: University of Arkansas, Brandeis University, Children's Hospital of Boston, Duke University, Indiana State University, and University of Maryland.

Taken as a whole, the NIJ research program will further our understanding of domestic radicalization and provide a number of important insights for the field. The program will analyze all incidents of domestic radicalization to violence in the U.S. and describe the frequency of their occurrence as well as basic commonalities across the cases. More importantly, this analysis will provide the basis for identifying which models of radicalization are valid and under what conditions. This is especially important in the area of lone wolf terrorists, which remain largely a blind spot in the research community. Lastly, the program will help increase our knowledge of how U.S. communities view radicalization to violence and how they are responding to it.

## Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program

Enacted in 1976, the Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program provides death, disability, and education benefits to those eligible for the program.



### PSOB Program Updates

During National Police Week 2013, Attorney General Holder and the Office of Justice Programs' Acting Assistant Attorney General Leary announced several improvements to the PSOB Program following the completion of a comprehensive review of the program ordered by the Attorney General in May 2012. In the coming months, the PSOB Office will move to a paperless electronic case management system; the case process will be streamlined, consolidating legal and other functions within BJA; and duplicative documentation will be eliminated. BJA will continue to convene its series of stakeholder listening sessions to ensure transparency and a positive dialogue between the PSOB Office and its public safety partners in the field.

For details regarding these federal benefits for law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders killed or catastrophically disabled in the line of duty, call the PSOB Office toll-free at 888-744-6513 or 202-307-0635, or visit the [PSOB web site](#).

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## OK Dept. of Corrections Female Offender Intervention & Diversion Program

This program, a community-based supervision program for women who would have otherwise been revoked or sentenced to a period of incarceration, includes trauma-informed treatment for substance abuse, mental health and co-occurring disorders; domestic violence and sexual assault counseling; education and vocational training; employment; and parenting skills, in addition to safe housing, medical care, childcare, and transportation. Although other factors may exist, these areas are crucial to developing a strength-based plan that is driven by evidence-based supervision and individual offender needs.

There are approximately 149 women actively participating in the program. These 149 women represent 173 minor children. Since the program began, there have been 114 women exit the program with only 8 (7 percent) of the releases being revocations.

This program is one such program that is tackling Oklahoma's high incarceration of women by acknowledging that women are different and, therefore, their treatment and supervision should be as well. By combining a collaborative effort between probation and parole and the treatment and counseling community, the program is effectively assisting women with all of their needs.

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