

STATE OF CONNECTICUT

OFFICE OF POLICY AND MANAGEMENT CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY AND PLANNING DIVISION

TO: All Police Chiefs

FROM: Brian Austin, Jr.

Undersecretary

Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division

DATE: May 20, 2009

RE: Connecticut Local Pass-Through Justice Assistance Grant (CT Local JAG)

Governor Rell recently notified the Chief Elected Official of your jurisdiction of available funding through the Connecticut Local Pass-Through Justice Assistance Grant (CT Local JAG). These funds are separate from the funds that many jurisdictions are receiving directly from the Federal Department of Justice (DOJ). The State Office of Policy and Management's Criminal Justice Policy and Planning Division (OPM CJPPD) is the administrative agency for the CT Local JAG Program. For a list of the allocations by jurisdiction go to:

http://www.ct.gov/opm/cwp/view.asp?a=2971&q=437914.

These funds are to be used for criminal justice purposes, but because they are awarded to the jurisdiction, the Chief Elected Official is responsible for their allocation. Some of the eligible uses include: state and local initiatives, technical assistance, training, personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, and information systems for criminal justice, as well as criminal justice-related research and evaluation activities that will improve or enhance:

- 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.
- Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).

The Chief Elected Official was also notified of mandatory training sessions that will be conducted by OPM to familiarize jurisdictions with the CT Local JAG funding and the application process. There will be four sessions to be held in various locations of the state to best accommodate all jurisdictions. Each jurisdiction is to register and attend only one of these sessions. The Chief Elected Official is to choose no more than three individuals that will have hands on management of this grant application, the program and the management of these funds. The sessions are:

- June 08, 2009, 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Rose City Senior Citizens Center in Norwich
- June 09, 2009, 1:00pm to 3:00pm at the Ansonia High School Auditorium
- June 10, 2009, 1:00pm to 3:00pm at Rentschler Stadium in East Hartford
- June 11, 2009, 10:00 am to12:00pm at Merritt Hall, CT Valley Hospital in Middletown

Please contact your Chief Elected Official as soon as possible, to determine the individuals that will be attending the mandatory training.

Program updates will be posted on the OPM webpage <u>CT Local JAG</u> and the state recovery webpage <u>Connecticut Recovery Initiative</u>. For additional information or assistance, please contact my staff:

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