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CCCJ PROVIDES A MORE DETAILED INTERPRETATION OF ITS DIRECT IMPACT POLICY

In past issues HEARSAY has referred to CCCJ's "Direct Impact Policy" as one of the many obstacles prospective grantees would have to overcome to obtain Safe Streets Act funds. Basically, the Direct Impact Policy is CCCJ's technique for ensuring that grant awards go to projects that will have an immediate and substantial impact on the crime problem. To some extent, however, the policy is also aimed at protecting the "vested interest" of the formal Criminal Justice system in Safe Streets funds. Last summer, when the California Council on Criminal Justice adopted the policy, the following statement was issued to explain and justify the action: " . . . .First, the amount of CCCJ action grant funds available is quite limited. The 1973 allocation ($51,965,000) amounts to no more than three percent of the entire criminal justice system budget for California. Second, this is the only special federal grant program to which police, courts, and correctional agencies can apply for funds to meet their primary criminal justice needs. Proponents for educational, vocational and similar programs can apply to other local, state, federal and private sources for funds . . . the relatively small amount of grant funds available from CCCJ is totally insufficient to address the underlying societal problems that may subsequently manifest themselves in criminal behavior . . ."

Admittedly, CCCJ's rationale for adoption of the policy may not be air-tight. Nonetheless, the policy appears to be here to stay; therefore, it is essential that prospective grantees from both the public and private sector understand what "direct impact" means to CCCJ. Basically, the policy requires that projects funded through CCCJ be designed to accomplish one of the following: 1)improve a subsystem of the criminal justice system; i.e., police, courts, or correctional agencies; 2) prevent crime. The most recent administrative interpretation of "direct impact" provided by CCCJ states that grant proposals aimed at the first broad objective need only demonstrate that the efficiency of a particular subsystem will be improved. If the potential for increased efficiency is adequately demonstrated the Direct Impact Policy is satisfied. Obviously, most grants in this first category will be awarded to formal agencies of the criminal justice system. In the second category, crime prevention, CCCJ's guidelines are somewhat more complex. In an effort to make their interpretation comprehensible, the Council has classified "crime prevention" into the following three sub-categories: 1) primary prevention; 2) secondary prevention; and 3) tertiary prevention. Primary prevention is described by CCCJ as prevention efforts directed to general populations such as the residents of a city or the entire student body of a particular high school. Primary prevention projects are <u>not</u> eligible for CCCJ funds since the focus of such projects is not on individuals who have already exhibited delinquent or criminal behavior. Secondary prevention is described as efforts directed at individuals who exhibit a significant risk of delinquent or criminal behavior. Tertiary prevention is described as efforts directed at known offenders. Both secondary and tertiary projects are eligible for CCCJ funds if they meet the following criteria: 1) obtain, in writing, the formal endorsement of a majority of the criminal justice agencies operating in the project target area; 2) satisfactorily demonstrate that approximately 50% of the project's target population, due to individual behavior, have come to the attention of a criminal justice agency.

LEAA INITIATES "EXEMPLARY PROJECT" PROGRAM

LEAA's National Institute of Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice has initiated a program aimed at giving nation-wide exposure to outstanding criminal justice projects which are suitable for transfer and replication. Approximately twelve projects over the next year will be designated "exemplary" following a rigorous multi-level screening and validation process.

Those projects ultimately selected will be widely publicized, primarily through the nationwide distribution of a comprehensive project "handbook". Each handbook will contain detailed guidelines for establishing, operating, and evaluating the exemplary project, with special emphasis on project budget, staffing, training requirements, potential problem areas, and measures of effectiveness. Brochures and audio-visuals will also be prepared on each project and distributed through LEAA's National Criminal Justice Reference Service (see announcement below).

Projects may be submitted for screening and validation by the operating agency, a unit of local government, regional criminal justice planning units, state planning agencies, or a LEAA regional office. Projects submitted will receive a preliminary screening by staff of the Institute's Technology Transfer Division. The most promising projects will be turned over to the Exemplary Project Advisory Board. The Advisory Board, which includes representatives from state planning agencies, and LEAA regional and central offices, determines which projects will be submitted to a contractor for formal validation and, as appropriate, full documentation. To date, the process has resulted in two projects achieving "exemplary" status, a community based corrections program in Des Moines, Iowa, and the Prosecutor Management Information System (PROMIS) of the U. S. Attorney's office, Washington, D. C.

For additional information on the "Exemplary Project" Program contact:

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REGISTRATION FOR CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFERENCE SERVICE

In past issues of HEARSAY, LEAA's National Criminal Justice Reference Service has been mentioned. In order to increase local access to this valuable service, this issue of HEARSAY contains a copy of the official registration form for the service. Anyone who is actively engaged in law enforcement and criminal justice may register. Those individuals or agencies not actively involved in criminal justice system operations, but nonetheless interested in utilizing the resources of the Reference Service, may register as a "general" user. General users will not be eligible for the full range of reference services offered by the NCJRS but will qualify for special services upon further request.

COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT TO SEEK ASSISTANCE IN CONDUCTING CORRECTIONAL PROGRAM EVALUATION

The San Diego County Probation Department will shortly be distributing a Request For Proposal to parties who feel they have the expertise to assist the Department in its effort to establish a cadre of trained program evaluators. The Department will be seeking responses from consultants with expertise in the application and transfer of advanced evaluation technology.

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REGISTRATION FOR SERVICES

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THE NATIONAL CRIMINAL JUSTICE REFERENCE SERVICE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSISTANCE ADMINISTRATION TO MEET THE TECHNICAL INFORMATION NEEDS OF THE NATION'S LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMUNITY.

AGENCIES, ORGANIZATIONS, AND INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN PURSUITS TO FURTHER THE NATIONAL EFFORT TO REDUCE AND PREVENT CRIME ARE INVITED TO USE NCJRS SERVICES. IF YOU ARE ENGAGED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACTIVITY AND DESIRE TO PARTICIPATE, COMPLETE THIS REGISTRATION FOR SERVICES AND RETURN IT TO NCJRS AT THE ABOVE ADDRESS.

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TO ESTABLISH YOUR OWN SELECTIVE USER INTEREST PROFILE, CHECK THE BOXES BELOW TO INDICATE THE SUBJECT AREAS IN WHICH YOU AS AN INDIVIDUAL, ARE INTERESTED. BASED ON THIS INTEREST PROFILE, NCJRS WILL SELECTIVELY SEND YOU ABSTRACTS AND ORDER CARDS WHICH ARE RELATED TO THOSE INTERESTS.

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CJPAC APPROVES FUNDING FOR SEVEN LOCAL PROJECTS

At recent meetings, the San Diego Regional Criminal Justice Planning Advisory Committee allocated funds to the following crime reduction and system improvement projects:

Videotape Production Project ($10,000)

Development of a videotape production unit, specifically to serve the County Jail population. Presentations by community service organizations, as well as counseling and other programs of interest will be taped by Sheriff's staff and disseminated to inmates through existing television terminals. Project grantee is the San Diego County Sheriff.

Oceanside Police Crime Scene Processing and Evidence Collection Van ($10,000)

Purchase and outfitting of Crime Scene Van to allow Oceanside Detective Bureau to conduct complete investigation at each crime scene. The van will be equipped with all equipment necessary to detect and preserve crime scene evidence. Project grantee is the City of Oceanside.

Research for a Criminal Justice Center ($10,000)

Study to determine the feasibility of establishing a criminal justice center in the Southeast area of the City of San Diego. As visualized by the City's Community Relations Department, a criminal justice center would contain a variety of facilities and provide numerous criminal justice services to Southeast San Diego residents. Such a center would offer increased accessibility to criminal justice services and provide a positive link between the agencies of the criminal justice system and residents of the Southeast community. Project grantee is the City of San Diego.

Architectural and Engineering Design for a Type I Detention Facility ($48,380)

Partial funding of preliminary design phases of Type I Detention Facility currently planned for East County. Proposed facility will have capacity to house up to 96 inmates during 48 hour pre-arraignment period. Ultimately, facility should relieve overcrowding at central jail and reduce inmate transportation costs of East County law enforcement agencies. Project grantee is the County of San Diego.

Volunteer Court Referral Project ($25,283)

The Volunteer Bureau of San Diego, Inc., in cooperation with local courts, will coordinate the placement of selected offenders for volunteer work with community organizations in lieu of normal jail sentence. Generally, those offenders designated for such placement will be individuals who face a period of incarceration due to their inability to pay fines. The project will offer a positive alternative to incarceration for certain misdemeanants, as well as provide relief for overcrowded conditions in the County Jail. The County of San Diego is the potential project grantee.

Hazardous Situation Training Project ($104,523)

The San Diego Police Department will research the tactical problems involved in armed confrontations (e.g., armed and barricaded suspects, kidnap-hostage situations, sniper attacks, etc.), and prepare a tactical operations training manual covering such situations. The manual will provide the basis for a specific program of hazardous situation training for regional law enforcement personnel. Grant funds will also be used to purchase specialized equipment for use in confrontation situations. The tactical operations manual will be distributed nationally. Project grantee is the City of San Diego Police Department.

Juvenile Diversion - Crisis/Family Therapy Model ($37,967)

The San Diego County Probation Department, in conjunction with the Western Institute of Human Resources, will develop a system of therapeutic intervention of 601 beyond-control juveniles. The project will be aimed at increasing the social adjustment of the juvenile and the juvenile's family unit. An integral element of the proposed therapeutic system is a six week parent education course in behavior, problem solving and communication. The success of the system will be measured by comparison of the social adjustment of the participating juveniles, as well as the number of additional criminal justice contacts, with a control "no-treatment" group of 601's. Project grantee is the San Diego County Probation Department.

"POLICE, PROTEST, AND POLITICS" CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

San Diego State University School of Public Administration's Criminal Justice Institute will present "Police, Protest, and Politics," at its December conference. Featured participants are Dr. Al Germann and Richard Hongisto, Sheriff of San Francisco County.

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