

Commonwealth of Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet

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Justice Cabinet Accepting Applications for Justice Assistance Grants, Law Enforcement Service Fee Grants

FRANKFORT, Ky. – The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet will begin accepting applications Feb. 2, 2015 for the annual Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) and Law Enforcement Service Fee (LSF) grant program solicitations.

JAG grants are funded through an appropriation from the U.S. Department of Justice, and may be used for a variety of justice and public safety programs, including enforcement, prosecution, corrections, treatment, prevention and education. Total federal funds available for this grant program have not yet been announced. Applications may be submitted in one of three categories: Drug Task Forces, Restricted (total proposed project cost under \$10,000), and Unrestricted (total proposed project cost greater than \$10,000). Eligible applicants are state and local government agencies and not-for-profit agencies. Applicants proposing new projects are particularly encouraged to apply during this cycle, as a number of previously funded projects have recently completed their maximum period of support.

Local law enforcement agencies may apply for LSF grants to support DUI enforcement efforts, including overtime, mileage and equipment. LSF grants are funded from the service fee imposed on offenders convicted of DUI throughout the Commonwealth.

Submission deadline for JAG and LSF applications is March 16. Applications and related information may be obtained by following the links on the Grants Management Branch webpage, <u>http://justice.ky.gov/departments/gmb</u>.

Applications must be submitted via the on-line Kentucky Justice Grants Management System (GMS). Applicants are strongly encouraged to establish a user account and familiarize themselves with the system well in advance of the due date. Please note: validation of new user accounts will take 48-72 hours. On-line training videos and a user manual are available by following the links on the Grants Management Branch webpage,

<u>http://justice.ky.gov/departments/gmb.</u> If a user account has previously been established, no further action is required to access the system.

Assistance with the application process may be obtained by contacting Grants Management Branch staff, by telephone at 502-564-3251 or email at <u>askgmb@ky.gov</u>.