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## **Criminal Justice Coordinating Council Secures 4.5m in Federal Grant Funds**

The Criminal Justice Coordinating Council (CJCC), the State of Georgia's executive criminal justice agency, received 8 competitive grant opportunities from federal agencies, including: the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Bureau of Justice Statistics, the Office for Victims of Crime, and the Office on Violence Against Women. These awards total just above 4.5 million, a figure that surpasses CJCC's previous competitive award amounts. All of these funds will be used to augment a wide-range of criminal justice programs that continue to make Georgia safer for all residents.

These grant programs will extend the sweeping criminal justice reforms implemented by Governor Nathan Deal in 2012 and bring together many local and state agencies. "These diverse grant programs will have a lasting impact on the state's criminal justice reforms. We remain committed to helping both victims of crime and offenders who seek treatment. These grant funds will help us further align our criminal justice system to be responsive to the needs of Georgia citizens," Governor Deal said in a statement.

Jacqueline Bunn, CJCC Executive Director, is enthused at the number awards received and what it represents for the agency: "I am excited that our grants staff, in coordination with many other state and local agencies, has been able to secure so many awards that will better the state's criminal justice system and align our data systems. We look forward to implementing these programs in the coming months."

A detailed list of the grant programs and points of contact is listed below.

| Grant                                | Award Title          | Amount      | CJCC Contact                   |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| BJA FY 14 Adult Drug Court           | 2014 Veterans        | \$1,500,000 | Aisha Ford,                    |
| Discretionary Grant Program:         | Treatment Court      |             | CJSU Program Director,         |
| Statewide                            | Grant Program        |             | Aisha.Ford@cjcc.ga.gov or 404- |
|                                      |                      |             | 657-2045                       |
| BJA FY 14 Violent Gang and Gun       | Northern District of | \$500,000   | Aisha Ford,                    |
| Crime Reduction Program (Project     | Georgia FY14         |             | CJSU Program Director,         |
| Safe Neighborhoods): USAO            | Project Safe         |             | Aisha.Ford@cjcc.ga.gov or 404- |
| district populations of 5 million or | Neighborhoods        |             | 657-2045                       |
| more.                                | Initiative           |             |                                |
| BJA FY 14 Justice Information        | Georgia Information  | \$498,234   | Stefanie Lopez-Howard, SAC     |
| Sharing Solutions Implementation     | Sharing Initiative   |             | Director, Stefanie.Lopez-      |
| Program                              |                      |             | Howard@cjcc.ga.gov or 404-     |
|                                      |                      |             | 657-1960                       |
| BJS FY 14 State Justice Statistics   | Georgia-Specific     | \$204,111   | Stefanie Lopez-Howard, SAC     |
| Program                              | Pathways to          |             | Director, Stefanie.Lopez-      |
|                                      | Desistance           |             | Howard@cjcc.ga.gov or 404-     |
|                                      |                      |             | 657-1960                       |
| OVC FY 14 Vision 21 Victim           | State of Georgia     | \$453,666   | Shontel Wright,                |
| Legal Assistance Networks            | Victim Legal         |             | VSU Program Director,          |
|                                      | Assistance Networks  |             | Shontel.Wright@cjcc.ga.gov or  |
|                                      |                      | 4210 700    | 404-657-1961                   |
| OVC FY 14 Vision 21: Building        | State of Georgia     | \$218,500   | Shontel Wright,                |
| State Technology Capacity            | Grants Management    |             | VSU Program Director,          |
|                                      | System Project       |             | Shontel.Wright@cjcc.ga.gov or  |
|                                      |                      |             | 404-657-1961                   |
| OVW FY 14 Grants to Encourage        | State of Georgia     | \$763,000   | Shontel Wright,                |
| Arrest Policies and Enforcement of   | Sexual Assault       |             | VSU Program Director,          |
| Protection Orders Program            | Response Teams       |             | Shontel.Wright@cjcc.ga.gov or  |
|                                      | (SART) Program       |             | 404-657-1961                   |
| OVW Fiscal Year 2014 Enhanced        | Enhanced Training    | \$400,000   | Shontel Wright,                |
| Training And Services To             | and Services to End  |             | VSU Program Director,          |
| End Abuse In Later Life Program      | Abuse Later in Life  |             | Shontel.Wright@cjcc.ga.gov or  |
|                                      | Chatham County,      |             | 404-657-1961                   |
|                                      | Georgia              |             |                                |
|                                      |                      | \$4,537,511 |                                |