

JAC Meeting – March 17, 2025

Minutes

Francine started the meeting at 9:00am.

Roll Call was done by Lisa - It was noted that we did not have a quorum as there were 8 present and 11 absent.

Attendees: Jack Peck, Jr., Heather Putnam, Emily Cathcart, Chief John Kilbride, Shira Burns, Francine Garland Stark, Jess Bedard, Mary Kunhardt

Lisa discussed the grants summary

Stop Grant

Currently working on STOP Annual Reports that cover January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2024 activity. Augustin has been assisting subrecipients with this reporting and to date they have all completed their requirements.

2022 – Contracts with these funds end 6/30/2025

- Westbrook PD and Maine Prosecutors have funds remaining. Augustin is working closely with these entities to ensure funds are spent by June.

2023 – We had received an extension for these funds to ensure that funds would be spent as needed to complete the project work. New end date will be 6/30/2026 for contracts if needed.

- Lewiston PD contract was extended to 6/30/2026.
- Maine Prosecutors contract has been extended to end 6/30/2026.
- Sexual Assault Midcoast Maine is now filing monthly cash requests; however, they will likely need an extension on their contract. (Approx \$65K remaining at 1/31/2025)

2024 – Contracts were issued in October per recommendation by JAC vote. Project Period is 10/1/2024 – 6/30/2026

RSAT Grant

2020, 2021 and 2022 Funds were awarded to Somerset County Jail for their MAT project. \$455,982.

- County has been submitting monthly cash requests for purchase of the XRB injections using RSAT funds and they have pretty much spent all of their 2020 funds.

2024 – We have received the Grant \$156K and project period is 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2028.

- Funds have not been awarded.

Coverdell Grant

2023 – 3 labs (HETL, MSP Crime Lab and Office of Chief Medical Examiner) currently doing project work with these grant funds.

2024 – 3 labs were awarded approximately \$88k each. MOUs have been executed and Augustin has sent out award packages at beginning of February. Project Period 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2026.

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Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Grant

Maine Gun Safety Coalition was awarded \$50,000. Award is made up of 2022 and 2023 grant funds. MGSCF contract was executed and award package was sent by Augustin at beginning of February.

University of Maine continues to work on crime dashboard project and they have approximately \$12k remaining.

Project Safe Neighborhood (PSN) Grant (con't)

2023 – We have approximately \$63k to award a subrecipient and a portion of this award (\$24K) must be used to meet the Gang Set-aside requirement.

2024 – We have received the Grant \$82K and project period is 10/1/2024 – 9/30/2027

JAG Grant

2022 – These funds are currently being used by subrecipients.

- We do have some counties that have not submitted cash requests yet (Franklin, Knox, Waldo, Washington) and Michelle has been working with these individuals to ensure they are in compliance with requirements, and they are spending their funds timely.
- This quarter Michelle is working with subrecipients to roll out online quarterly performance reporting. This should be easier for the Counties and will allow questions to populate or be skipped according to their answers.

2023 – Goal is for JAG applications will go out in June with a due date of end of July.

- We are amending the application to make it simpler/easier to follow. We hope to have a Zoom call in May to go over the application process and clear up questions/issues that we ran into last year.
- We will be requesting an application for Elder Abuse project and this will be part of the awards that will be issued with 2023 JAG Grant funds.

2024 – We have received the Grant \$950k and project period is 10/1/2023 – 9/30/2027

Emily Cathcart asked if we have received a communication from the federal government regarding grant funds.

Lisa Bosse explained that she does receive a general email from Elizabeth Pike. She hasn't seen anything regarding the freezing of funds other than the initial memo about the freezing of funds that was pulled back. She added that the STOP FY2025 grant solicitation is on hold right now and will not be posted until the green light is received. The STOP FY2024 was released on May 8, 2024 with a due date of June 20, 2024.

Francine discussed how all their DOJ grants opportunities to renew are still frozen.

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Byrne SCIP

Lisa Bosse stated the RFA has been sent to Procurement, and we should expect that it will be posted within the next one to two weeks.

Francine discussed how the advisory group for SCIP will be doing grant review work in the spring. She mentioned that Derek is expecting a lot of applications as a lot of interest has been shown.

Lisa Bosse will send an email to everyone on the JAC when the Byrne SCIP RFA is posted.

Lisa Bosse explained that the Senior Grants Specialist that was working on the Byrne SCIP has taken another position with the state.

The next JAC meeting will be on June 9, 2025. The invitation has gone out.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30.