

JAC Minutes – March 18, 2024

Francine Garland started the meeting.

Many new members and faces at this meeting; therefore, each member provided an introduction of themselves, and Lisa kept track of attendance during this process.

Attendees: Derek Gorneau, Amy Quinlan, Lisa Marchese, Heather Putnam, Debra Poulin, Alicia Hunter, Rebecca Austin, Sheriff Lancaster, Chief Morris, Chief Kilbride, Shira Burns, Francine Garland-Stark, Elizabeth Ward-Saxl, Hannah Longley, Mary Kunhardt

Guests: Lisa Bosse (DPS Grant Manager), Augustin Buyeye and Michelle Morse (DPS Grant Specialists)

It was noted that we had a quorum.

The people who were in attendance in the last meeting are not here today.

- Tabled Approval of minutes from last meeting.
- Lisa will email those that were in attendance to vote on approval.

Francine provided an overview of JAC Executive Order and By-Laws to the members in order to share the mission and goals of the Committee.

Francine gave an overview of STOP Grant to preface her discussion of the recent RFA scoring of two applications.

STOP Grant RFA was sent out this winter for remaining funds of the F2023 Grant.

- Comes out of the Office of Violence Against Women.
- \$1.3 million awarded in the fall.
- Certain portions of the grant must be granted to the courts, law enforcement, the Prosecutor's office, victims' services agencies (5% must go to culturally specified entities) and a small portion is awarded at the discretion of the council.
- 20% is meaningfully addressed for sexual assault.
- Typical STOP Grant cycle includes the RFA being sent out in July.
- Applications are due by the first week of August.
- Committees meet in late August/early September to do the reviews and make recommendations to the council.
- Awards are made with a start date around October 1st.
- In some instances, there are insufficient applications that do not meet the criteria so there is money left.
 - If that amount of money is over \$50k, we issue an additional RFA in the winter.
 - This is what took place this last year. There was a special RFA released in March.
 - We received 2 applications. Both were recommended to council, and both were approved.

- Her Safety Net - satisfied the culturally specific entity.
 - Her Safety Net had been working closely with Safe Voice (Safe Voice had been training Her Safety Net).
 - The application from Her Safety Net was based on violence against women and sexual assault but the budget didn't indicate anything for sexual assault. The application was approved based on the violence against women portion and the amount requested was reasonable and the fact that they had been working closely with Safe Voice, who have more experience as a subrecipient.
 - Francine asked for a motion to approve. Rebecca Austin asked to abstain as they are a partner.
 - Unanimous approval for full amount.
- Maine Transgender Network
 - The application was based on victim services.
 - The original budget had included a retreat and details were vague, we asked MTN to provide additional details on this budget item. MTN determined that they would use funds to continue their current advocacy/community work and would instead fund the retreat costs themselves.
 - The remaining VS funds in the RFA were awarded to Culturally Specific entity (as required by Federal Grant); therefore, there were no longer any VS F2023 for MTN.
 - Lisa noted that F2022 STOP Grant had remaining funds in the Courts category and requested approval from Federal Manager, Kevin Sweeney, to use these funds to help MTN complete their project work. MTN had smaller awards in 2022 and 2023. This was acceptable to Kevin; therefore, it was proposed to fund MTN request using F2022 STOP Grant funds and add to their existing F2022 Contract and extend date to 9/30/2024..
 - Asked for a motion to approve \$30,579 2022 STOP funds be added to this project.
 - Unanimous approval.

Lisa Bosse discussed the various grants. Lisa will provide a copy of the summary when meeting minutes were completed.

A few members of the Committee expressed an interest in the RSAT Grant and requested additional information surrounding these funds. They were going to reach out to Lisa after the meeting to obtain additional information.

Derek Gorneau discussed SCIPS. Power Point information was provided.

Question pertaining to SCIPS from John Kilbride.

- Could the project be used to pay for the cost to destroy weapons that were used in a crime?

- Second part of his question, could the project be used to pay for a gun buy-back program?
 - Derek believes the answer to both questions is yes and that we could check with the Training and Technical Assistant to confirm this.

Question pertaining to SCIPS from Lisa Marchese.

- Will this grant be in competition with the JAGG grant?
 - Derek answered that it will not be in competition as it is in addition to the JAGG grant.

Question pertaining to SCIPS from John Kilbride.

- Is this funding just for law enforcement?
 - Derek said that is it not just for law enforcement.

Francine Garland discussed the need for volunteer participation.

- Mary volunteered for community representation.
- Hannah volunteered as a statewide community health provider.
- John Kilbride volunteered for law enforcement.
- Amy Quinlan stated that they have a new chief of courts person who could potentially serve but will need to speak with this person.
- Shira Burns volunteered for prosecution.
- Francine Garland as Chair will represent victim services.
- Derek will follow up with the Training and Technical Assistant to learn more about legal counsel and whether that is meant to be counsel to the committee or an attorney willing to serve with their attorney license.

The next meetings will take place as follows:

- **04/01/2024** – Byrne SCIPS 9:00-11:00am meeting via Zoom and Derek will ask TTA of Byrne SCIPS to join the meeting and provide an overview and answer any questions Committee may have.
- **06/03/2024** – JAC Meeting 9:00 – 10:30am Zoom
- **12/09/2024** – JAC Meeting 9:00 – 10:30am Zoom
- **03/03/2025** – JAC Meeting 9:00 – 10:30am Zoom

Invitations to these meetings will be sent out shortly to ensure all members can add them to their calendars ahead of time.

No further business was discussed, and meeting was adjourned by Francine.