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Justice Assistance Grant Board

District Attorneys Council, Federal Grants Division
421 N.W. 13th Street, Suite 125
Oklahoma City, OK 73106

MINUTES

February 23, 2021
10:00 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Hermanson, Sunne Reidel Day, Carol Iski, Janelle Bretten, David Culver, Josh Young, Joy Thorp, Bob Cook, William Melodick, David Wright, Tim Turner, Donnie Anderson, Jason Hicks, Milicent Newton-Embry and Jason Nelson.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Brian Kuester, Timothy Downing, Trent Shores.

STAFF: Stephanie Lowery, Kacy Holland, and Amanda Blasko

1. Call to Order – Brian Hermanson

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

2. Roll Call – Brian Hermanson

A roll call determined a quorum was present.

3. Open Meeting Compliance – Stephanie Lowery

It was noted that the agenda for the meeting of the Justice Assistance Grant Board had been properly posted and the Office of the Secretary of State had been notified. The meeting agenda was posted at the District Attorneys Council on February 9th, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

4. Introduction of Guests – Brian Hermanson

Each board member introduced themselves and their affiliated agency.

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval of the November 18, 2020 Meeting Minutes – Brian Hermanson

The minutes from the November 18, 2020 meeting were presented for review and approval. A motion was led by Joy Thorp and a second by Sunne Day to approve the minutes as submitted. The motion passed.

6. 2021-2023 JAG Award Process– Amanda Blasko and Stephanie Lowery

Stephanie informed the board of the current available funds. There is currently \$4,092,029.56 to award. This is broken up from having left over money from 2018, 2019, and 2020 JAG. We will not be receiving the 2021 JAG money until next October. We will only be awarding money that we have in hand. There is also interest money on all three award years. So the money will increase because we are currently earning interest every day. For comparison, two years ago when we awarded JAG money the total was \$3,957,696. Applications were made available on OKGrants on February 8th and the application deadline is March 12th. Once we reach the

deadline we will be reviewing those applications. There is a JAG Board Meeting scheduled for April 14th for the applicant presentations.

7. Creation of JAG Board Subcommittee to Lead Application Review Process – Stephanie Lowery/Amanda Blasko

There needs to be a JAG Board Subcommittee to review and approve the JAG Applications. It will need to have less people than to make quorum for the regular board meetings. There is usually 4-5 people on the subcommittee. A motion was led by Tim Turner to approve the subcommittee, with a second from Jason Hicks. All in favor. Motion passes. The committee will consist of Brian Hermanson, Tim Turner, Jason Hicks, Donnie Anderson, William Melodick, and Joy Thorp.

8. Possible Approval of the 2021-2025 State Strategic Plan—Stephanie Lowery

There are still a few items that needed to be updated. The board had the opportunity to review a draft in order to get feedback. DoJ now requires that we submit a strategic plan every 5 years. We have streamlined our strategic plan over the past few years. The board decided to take no action.

9. Future Agenda Items—Brian Hermanson

Please contact Amanda or Stephanie with potential future agenda items.

10. Announcements—Brian Hermanson

Brian thanked everyone for attending the meeting. Those attending were informed to have their presentations prepared by April 14th.

13. Adjournment – Brian Hermanson

Joy Thorp led a motion to adjourn with a second by Jason Hicks. All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.