



## JEAN PETERS BAKER Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney

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Tammy Lovill  
State Policy Advisor  
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Bureau of Justice Assistance  
U.S. Department of Justice

RE: Support for No-Cost Extension Grant Adjustment Modification (GAM-596708) for  
Award 15PBJA-21-GG-01611-JAGX

Dear Ms. Lovill:

The Jackson County Prosecuting Attorney's Office is seeking a one (1) year no-cost extension for Grant Award Number 15PBJA-21-GG-01611-JAGX. The current period of performance for this award is 10/1/21 – 9/30/24. The unobligated funds balance as of 8/26/24 is \$673,255. However, with the submission of the 7/1/24 – 9/30/24 FFR (#1117902), the balance will be \$310,966.

### **Jackson County - \$289,500**

#### ***Personnel (\$280,815) funds have been expended and will be reported on 7/24-9/24 FFR***

Grant funded two full-time assistant prosecutor positions who focused on existing and future violent crime reduction efforts within the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office, one full-time assistant prosecutor who managed diversion programs, and one full-time data and information analyst who converted information acquired through investigations and prosecutions into useable criminal intelligence in the form of data maps, searchable databases, coordinates with other law enforcement partners to identify potential crime trends and other valuable information crucial to our violent crime reduction efforts in Jackson County. All personnel and fringe benefit funds have been expended and will be reported in the 7/1/24 – 9/30/24 quarterly report.

#### ***Travel/Training (\$8,685.00) requesting one year no cost extension for travel/training funds***

Grant funds will allow the Jackson County Prosecutor's Office to send staff members to two future conferences such as the Office of Administration Course hosted by the National District Attorney's Association. This is a multi-disciplinary training for office administrators who supervise staff in a prosecutor's office, focusing on the challenges faced daily. Topics will include, but not limited to, adhering to federal mandates, revising office policies for our new normal, creating/maintaining a productive workforce, techniques for implementing diversity, education, and inclusion.

The Jackson County Prosecutor's Office will send staff members to future training such as the Annual Training Conference hosted by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals. NADCP annual conference focuses on addiction, mental health, and the justice system, bringing together leaders from all models of treatments courts, the recovery community, law enforcement, veteran service organizations and other key stakeholders to learn the latest evidence-based practices for serving individuals with substance abuse and mental health disorders.

Conferences, locations, and dates to be determined. Jackson County will notify the program manager for prior approval before proceeding with conference travel, expenditures, etc. Jackson County will follow their own written travel policy.

All funds will be expended by the expiration of grant.

***Ramifications if NCE is not Approved***

Without JAG funding, Jackson County doesn't have resources to pay for travel/training benefits.

***Accomplishments to Date***

Expended all personnel and fringe benefit funds.

***One Year Project Plan if Extension Is Granted***

Project plan has not changed from our original proposal. If granted an extension Jackson County will extend grant funds for training/travel described above.

***Revised Timeline/New Requested End Date: 9/30/25***

**City of Kansas City - \$302,291**

Project plan has been modified from the original proposal. Change of Scope GAM 597821 reflects the budget for the City of Kansas City described below.

***Personnel (\$36,152)***

Grant funds one full-time City of Kansas City position, Neighborhood Liaison. The liaison will be the project manager and oversee the grant. This position will perform site visits to ensure program is adhering to subaward scope.

***Dumpster Rentals (\$20,625)***

Dumpsters will be rented to deter landlords and others from illegally dumping and creating blighting conditions which may attract crime and other threats to public safety.

***Supplies (\$514)***

Grant funds the purchase of general supplies for grant staff/program.

All funds will be expended by the expiration of the grant.

***Subawards (\$245,000)***

***SAVE KC Program - Arts Tech (\$145,000)***

The Kansas City Health Department had difficulties managing Client Advocate Case Worker and Social Case Worker positions. On June 26, 2024, members of the SAV KC Board met to discuss and approved the movement of two FTEs from the City of Kansas City (KC) Health Department to Arts Tech, a third-party non-governmental agency, that have been funded through grant years 2021 – 2024. Arts Tech will serve as the fiscal agent for the Save KC Program. Grant funds will support the salary and fringe benefits for the Client Advocate and Social Case Worker and Program Director, program operational expenses and professional services. Arts Tech will not have the positions filled into October 1, 2024.

The Client Advocate will provide victims and those at risk of being targeted by violence access/assistance to social services, safety planning and on-going support in coping with the impact of the victimization.

The Social Case Worker will support victims of gun violence, provide access/assistance to needed state funds and services.

All funds will be expended by expiration of the grant.

**Violence Reduction Program - Kansas City Crime Commission (\$100,000)**

Kansas City Metropolitan Crime Commission, Metropolitan Community Service Program (MCSP) coordinates the City of KCMO Adopt A Street Program and the Second Chance Program and provides a Risk Reduction Center. KCCC is a sub-awardee that oversees and supports the community engagement and prevention efforts of the Violence Reduction Program. Grant funds will support the salary and fringe benefits of the Executive/Program Manager and Neighborhood Conflict Mediation Services. The Executive/Program Manager position listed in the original BDW under personnel is employed by KCCC.

The Executive Director/Program Manager will oversee, and support community engagement and prevention efforts of the Violence Reduction Program to help reduce violence and build trust between the community and law enforcement.

Neighborhood Conflict Mediation Services - Funding will support partnerships with community organizations to provide conflict resolution and mediation services, restorative justice processes and facilitation support for efforts to improve community and law-enforcement relations in identified in high-violence neighborhoods.

All funds will be expended by expiration of the grant.

***Ramifications if NCE is not Approved***

Without JAG funding, the City of Kansas City doesn't have resources to pay the neighborhood liaison position, supplies, dumpster rentals, the SAV KC Program and Violence Reduction Program described above.

***One Year Project Plan if Extension Is Granted***

Project plan has been modified from the original proposal. Change of Scope GAM 597821 reflects the budget for the City of Kansas City described above. If granted an extension the City of Kansas City will expand the neighborhood liaison position, purchase general supplies, dumpster rental, the SAV KC Program and Violence Reduction Program through 9/30/25.

***Revised Timeline/New Requested End Date: 9/30/25***

**City of Grandview - \$11,455 *funds have been expended and will be reported on 7/24-9/24 FFR.***

Grant funds purchased non-ballistic carriers, training and safety equipment to enhance public safety, enhance officer training and safety.

All funds have been expended and will be reported in the 7/1/24 – 9/30/24 quarterly report.

**City of Independence - \$57,227 *funds have been expended and will be reported on 7/24-9/24 FFR.***

Grant funds purchased a virtual simulation training system to increase officer safety, while increasing the community's overall safety as well.

All funds have been expended and will be reported in the 7/1/24 – 9/30/24 quarterly report.

**City of Raytown - \$12,792 *funds have been expended and will be reported on 7/24-9/24 FFR.***

Grant funds purchased ballistic shields for tactical and patrol operations to provide better training and increase officer safety. The shields purchased replaced shields that were beyond their service life.

All funds have been expended and will be reported in the 7/1/24 – 9/30/24 quarterly report.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks for your help.

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