



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

Governor's Crime Commission

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**Governor's Crime Commission
Criminal Justice Improvement Committee
Thursday, July 23, 2020 – VIA WebEx
1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Meeting Minutes**

Members: Marvin Blount, Alan Cloninger, Robert A. Evans, Dan House, Todd Ishee, Hans Miller, Hubert Peterkin, Robert Schurmeier, Matthew Scott, James Williams, McKinley Wooten

GCC Staff: Keyon Ashe, Natalia Beckers, Nicki Livingston, Tim Parker, Navin Puri, Josh Rotenberry, Caroline Valand

Introduction: CJI Chair, Alan Cloninger, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. with roll call and reading of ethics statement.

Summary and discussion of 2020 CJI Funding Priorities presented by CJI Planner, Keyon Ashe: Mr. Ashe gave a recap of the committee accomplishments in local law enforcement block grants and statewide training grants with emphasis on school safety. Last two meetings in March and the special committee meeting in May 21, 2020 the committee was able to approve one hundred and thirty local law enforcement block grants and six large statewide training grants to move forward for approval. Currently working on modifications to be completed for the grants to be open in the fall of 2020.

Update on Future of Byrne Jag by CJI Lead Planner, Navin Puri: A lot is to be determined based on Federal JAG funding changes in Police reform and Criminal Justice reform efforts. Various proposals presented could have effects and penalties in the Byrne Jag funding for the State. Mr. Puri advises to keep the priorities based on what is presently set and relatively simple when moving forward to the next federal fiscal year of 2021.

Discussion of 2021 Funding Priorities: Executive Director, Caroline Valand, discussed moving forward for the Federal fiscal year of 2021 at the staff level for recommendations with focus on Byrne Jag block equipment grants and training grants for further flexibility and navigation on the federal level. Mr. Puri went over the draft outline of the priorities section on the continuation of the Block Grants.

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Recommendation/Approval of 2021 CJI Priorities:

Chair, Alan Cloninger, calls for the CALEA Accreditation (the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) to be discussed among committee and recommended as a priority for 2021 statewide. Members discussed how the CALEA accreditation program meets updated national standards according to best practices for law enforcement operations and administration.

Lead Planner, Navin Puri, explains to the committee on how to create the priority and keep statewide training by adding the accreditation and purpose in language format. Suggested to change statewide training priority to just training and accreditation and agencies can apply for the funding under this priority.

Chair, Alan Cloninger, calls for motion to make a funding priority for statewide training and accreditation. Roll call was given. Decision approved by committee members.

Chair Cloninger, calls for motion to approve the previous meeting minutes from May 21, 2020 and to approve the 2021 priorities, as amended, for the Byrne Jag standard equipment and statewide training and accreditation grant. Roll call was given. The members approved.

Old Business: None

New Business: Executive Director, Caroline Valand reminds committee members of the Coronavirus Emergency Supplemental Funding (CESF) grant applications currently being accepted. Date extensions have been made specifically to the sheriff's offices that can apply.

Chair, Alan Cloninger, adjourned the meeting at 2:00 P.M.

Meeting minutes taken by Natalia Beckers

Attachments: GCC Priorities 2020-2021, Governor's Crime Commission Priorities 2020