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**TO:** BSCC Chair and Members

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**SUBJECT:** Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant: Review of FFY 2015 Fund Activity and Application for Federal Funds FFY 2016: **Requesting Approval**

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### Summary

This agenda item requests Board actions and offers information on the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) for Federal Fiscal Years 2015 and 2016. The first request is for Board approval of FFY 2015 and 2016 JAG applications and for approval to submit the applications to the Bureau of Justice Assistance. (Attachments E1-1 and E1-2 respectively). The second informs the Board of the BSCC's FFY 2015 and FFY 2016 awards and budget summaries (Attachments E1-3 and E1-4 and E1-5 and E1-6 respectively). The third informs the Board that these applications and the current JAG State Strategy (Attachment E1-7) are posted on the BSCC website, as required.

### Background

On September 26, 2016 BJA notified staff that FFY 2015 and FFY 2016 JAG funds were temporarily frozen due to technical noncompliance with reporting requirements. These included a requirement to submit for review the JAG application to the Board at least 30 days prior to its submission, to post the application on the BSCC website for public view and to provide an opportunity for public comment.

Staff responded by providing BJA with documentation of Board approval on January 14, 2014 for the current State Strategy, Board approval on May 8, 2014 for the submission of the FFY 2015 application and Board approval on February 15, 2015 for current grant cycle, subject to FFY 2015 and FFY 2016 BJA awards. Staff also provided BJA with documentation of an Executive Director update on June 9, 2016 describing the tentative FFY 2016 award. Finally, staff posted the FFY 2015 and FFY 2016 applications on its website. The current State Strategy was posted on the website in 2014 after Board approval and has remained there since then.

Initially BJA viewed these prior Board approvals as insufficient to meet the requirements and directed staff to explicitly notify the Board of these matters, include copies of the pertinent information and provide 30 days for the Board to comment. On October 18, 2016, the Executive Director sent an email and the attachments (FFY 2015 and FFY 2016 JAG applications, FFY 2015 and FFY 2016 BJA Award Notices and FFY 2015 Budget Summary) to all Board Members to comply with this instruction.

On October 20, 2016, BJA advised staff that the previously referenced documentation was sufficient to remove the freeze from the FFY 2015 funds and the funds are anticipated to be released the week of October 31, 2016. BJA further advised that the FFY 2016 funds will be released on November 17, 2016, following the 30 day notice to this Board.

### **Recommendation/Action Needed**

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Staff recommends Board approval of staff's FFY 2015 and 2016 JAG applications and their submissions to BJA.

### **Attachments**

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- E1-1: FFY 2015 JAG application
- E1-2: FFY 2016 JAG application
- E1-3: FFY 2015 BJA Award
- E1-4: FFY 2016 BJA Award
- E1-5: FFY 2015 Budget Summary
- E1-6: FFY 2016 Budget Summary
- E1-7: JAG State Strategy