



BJA BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

GMS Report
Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program
2012-AJ-BX-0015
Reporting Period: October 1 - December 31, 2013

This report is generated for the City of Austin grantee for federal award number 2012-AJ-BX-0015. The award amount is \$ 1,000,000. It reflects performance measurement data for the period October 1 - December 31, 2013. Any funds reported only represent an estimate of dollars allocated or used for activities covered by this award.

Project Description

The goal of the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program is to improve community safety by designing and implementing effective, comprehensive approaches to addressing crime within a targeted neighborhood as part of a broader strategy to advance neighborhood revitalization through cross-sector community-based partnerships. Research suggests that crime clustered in small areas, or "crime hot spots," accounts for a disproportionate amount of crime and disorder in many communities. In times of limited resources, local and tribal leaders need tools and information about crime trends in their jurisdiction and assistance in assessing, planning, and implementing the most effective use of criminal justice resources to address these issues. They also need a core foundation of resources and tools to support data-driven strategy development, community-driven capacity building for collaborative problem solving, and assistance to identify and implement evidence-based and innovative strategies to target these drivers of crime. A multi-faceted approach like the BCJI Program targets crime in the locations where most crime is occurring. This approach can have the biggest impact while also building the capacity of the community to deter future crime. This new program is a part of the Administration's larger Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI) that supports local and tribal communities in developing place-based strategies to change neighborhoods of distress into neighborhoods of opportunity. Recognizing that interconnected solutions are needed in order to resolve the interconnected problems existing in distressed communities, the BCJI Program is designed to provide neighborhoods with coordinated federal support in the implementation of comprehensive place-based strategies to effectively reduce and prevent crime by connecting this support to broader comprehensive neighborhood revitalization efforts. The FY 2012 program will fund planning and implement grants, as well as enhancement grants. The city of Austin will utilize this grant to: improve public safety; address social impacts including physical disorder, social economic status, and resources and collective efficacy; and ensure the long-term planning and implementation of revitalization strategies within the Rundberg neighborhood. The city will collaborate with various partners and focus on strategies that address social disorder, language barriers, reentry, at-risk youth, nuisance abatement, and trust between undocumented residents and police. Grant funds will be used to: provide overtime to officers to conduct law enforcement and community policing efforts; contract services to perform crime analysis; support research and evaluation; and provide confidential funds for undercover law enforcement activities. CA/CF

Performance Measurement Data

Grant Fund Allocations	Allocated Amount for Planning	Allocated Amount for Implementation
Oct - Dec 13		
2. Please report how the funding for your BCJI award is allocated for the areas listed below for the life of the award during planning and implementation. These are estimated funding allocations, not amounts spent.		
Law Enforcement Partner	66,709	415,000
Research Partner	75,000	225,000
All Other Allocated Funds	8,291	210,000

Performance Measurement	Planning Please only answer Planning -OR- Implementation, NOT both.
1. Was your plan approved during the reporting period? If yes, skip ALL Planning measures by selecting 'Save' at the bottom of each section.	No
2. For the purposes of the planning period, have you completed data analysis?	Yes
3. Have you identified the data that will need to be collected as part of your BCJI project?	Yes
A. Select Yes/No	
B. If yes, please describe the data that will be collected:	
UCR (Part I & II), juvenile, nuisance, socioeconomic, arrest reports, calls for service, offender risk assessments, surveys.	
4. Does your law enforcement partner provide you with crime data?	Yes
5. How often did you get crime data from your law enforcement partner during the reporting period? Select One.	Other
A. Other	
B. If other, please describe:	As needed, the program is managed by the Austin Police Department.
6. How many NEW hot spots has your team selected to target with your BCJI strategy during the reporting period?	3
7. Have you conducted analysis of the identified crime drivers during the reporting period?	Yes

Identify Types of Data	Access to Data?	Analyzed?	Was the Data Address Specific?	Not Applicable
Oct - Dec 13				
8. Please report your access and analysis to the following data types during the reporting period. (Check the box to select or indicate "yes" for each appropriate option listed below that best fits your BCJI strategy/program.)				
Official police or incident reports	Yes	Yes	No	No
Calls for service	Yes	Yes	No	No
Arrest reports	Yes	Yes	No	No
Criminal histories	Yes	Yes	No	No
Socioeconomic data (includes health and human services data, school data, poverty data, and other community data)	Yes	Yes	No	No
Evidentiary or adjudication data (includes any courts data)	No	No	No	No
Corrections data (includes probation and parole data)	No	No	No	No
Offender risk assessments	No	No	No	No
Juvenile data	Yes	Yes	No	No
Surveys of officers	No	No	No	No
Surveys of community members	No	No	No	No

Surveys of offenders	No	No	No	No
Surveys of victims	No	No	No	No
Focus groups	No	No	No	No
Other	No	No	No	No

Performance Measurement	Planning Please only answer Planning -OR- Implementation, NOT both.
8. If other types of data were selected, please explain:	NR
9. Have you conducted community engagement activities during the reporting period?	
A. Select Yes/No	Yes
B. If yes, please describe the activities you conducted:	Community meetings, informational website, online forum, and social/digital media.
10. Do you have a cross-sector management team?	Yes
11. Please indicate how many of each type of the following groups were represented on your cross-sector management team during the reporting period.	
A. Developmental —education, early childhood learning centers, health resources, and other assets that allow residents to attain skills and wellness needed for success	8
B. Commercial —business development/retention, job programs, and other assets associated with production, employment, transactions, and economic development	1
C. Recreational —parks, open space, arts organization, restaurants, and other assets that create value in a neighborhood beyond work and education	0
D. Physical —housing, commercial buildings, roads, sidewalks, and other assets associated with the built environment and physical infrastructure	1
E. Social —residents, community engagement, and other assets that establish well-functioning social interactions	7
F. Criminal justice/law enforcement, other public safety and criminal justice personnel	5
G. Other	1
H. If other, please describe	Neighborhood Planning (1)
12. How many community resident members were part of your BCJI project during the reporting period?	
A. Enter number	200
B. Please explain:	
Over 200 community resident members attended BCJI project meetings during the quarter. APD and the University are currently developing a way to best track the number of project participants.	
13. How many community resident members were part of the planning for your BCJI project during the reporting period?	
A. Enter number	30
B. Please explain:	
Approximately 30 community resident members (neighborhood leaders, revitalization team members, contact team leaders) assisted APD and the University with planning efforts during the reporting period.	
14. How many cross-sector management team meetings took place during the reporting period?	6
15. Have you identified the proposed strategies/interventions to implement in the target area?	Yes
16. Have you reviewed the research base for your proposed strategy?	
A. Select Yes/No	Yes
B. If no, please explain:	NR

17. Please indicate the type of activity you are planning to implement. Check all that apply.	
A. Law enforcement (hot spots, drug enforcement, violent crime)	Yes
B. Disorder abatement and blight remediation	Yes
C. Juvenile programs and youth development	Yes
D. Housing programs	No
E. Economic development (job creation, business development)	No
F. Primary/secondary or adult education programs	No
G. Place-based crime prevention/CPTED	Yes
H. Collective efficacy, social cohesion, and resident mobilization	Yes
I. Fear of crime	Yes
J. Reentry to high-crime areas	No
K. Other community services, such as mental health counseling or substance abuse programs	No
L. If other, please describe:	NR

18. Did you have any contact with your research partner during the reporting period?	Yes
19. How many times did your research partner contribute to the planning of the BCJI initiative or share research findings during the reporting period?	12
20. Please describe the contact made with your research partner during the reporting period:	

Key personnel from the City and The University of Texas at Austin met weekly throughout the reporting period (phone and in-person meetings). The University discussed research findings and recommendations during three community meetings (October, November and December) to capture resident input and identify any potential issues with proposed innovative crime solutions.

21. Did the information from your research partner prompt any changes to your planned implementation strategies/activities during the reporting period?	Yes
A. Select Yes/No	
B. If yes, please describe the changes:	

The City submitted the implementation plan for review with the original goals and objectives. The University's recommendations created a realistic, narrowed framework and strategic approach for moving forward.

22. Did you have any contact with a training and technical assistance provider during the reporting period?	Yes
23. How often did you have contact with a training and technical assistance provider during the reporting period? Select one.	Monthly
24. Did anyone in your team attend or participate in any formal TTA conferences, trainings, etc., during the reporting period?	No
A. Select Yes/No	
B. If yes, please explain	NR
25. Did you have any unaddressed training and technical assistance needs during the reporting period?	No
A. Select Yes/No	
B. If yes, please explain:	NR

*NR = not reported

Performance Measurement	Implementation Please only answer Planning -OR- Implementation, NOT both.
26. Did you have any implementation activities during the reporting period? If no, skip ALL Implementation measures by selecting 'Save' at the bottom of each section.	No
27. Please list the milestones you expect to achieve over the life of the award. Milestones refer to objectives that you will achieve over the course of the award.	NR
28. What project activities were scheduled during the reporting period?	NR
29. What project activities were conducted during the reporting period?	NR

30. Did you have any contact with a training and technical assistance provider during the reporting period? Select one.		NR
32. Did anyone in your team attend or participate in any formal TTA conferences, trainings, etc., during the reporting period?		
A. Select Yes/No		NR
B. If yes, please explain	NR	
33. Did you have any unaddressed training and technical assistance needs during the reporting period?		
A. Select Yes/No		NR
B. If yes, please explain:	NR	
34. How many TOTAL partnerships were active during the reporting period?		NR
35. Did you establish any NEW partnerships during the reporting period?		NR
36. How many NEW partnerships were formed with the following agency types during the reporting period? (Enter the number of each partnership for each option.)		
A. Developmental —education, early childhood learning centers, health resources, and other assets that allow residents to attain skills and wellness needed for success		NR
B. Commercial —business development/retention, job programs, and other assets associated with production, employment, transactions, and economic development		NR
C. Recreational —parks, open space, arts organization, restaurants, and other assets that create value in a neighborhood beyond work and education		NR
D. Physical —housing, commercial buildings, roads, sidewalks, and other assets associated with the built environment and physical infrastructure		NR
E. Social —residents, community engagement, and other assets that establish well-functioning social interactions		NR
F. Criminal justice/law enforcement, other public safety and criminal justice personnel		NR
G. Other		NR
H. If other, please explain:	NR	
37. How many cross-sector management team meetings were conducted during the reported period?		NR
38. How many additional subgroup meetings (other than with the cross-sector team) were conducted during the reporting period?		NR
39. How many training/briefing sessions were conducted in addition to team meetings during the reporting period?		NR
40. Please indicate the number of times members of the cross-sector management team met with community members to share information and discuss the project during the reporting period. Please provide an answer for each option.		
A. Large groups (30 or more participants)		NR
B. Medium groups (11–29 participants)		NR
C. Small groups (up to 10 participants)		NR
D. In one-on-one interviews/dialogues		NR
E. Other meetings		NR
F. If other, please describe	NR	
41. Please briefly describe your communications/interactions with the community members:	NR	
42. Did you develop systems for sharing information during the reporting period?		NR
43. Please indicate the types of information-sharing systems that you developed during the reporting period. Check all that apply.		
A. For sharing information with the cross-sector management team		NR

B. For sharing information with community members/residents		NR
C. For sharing information with other external stakeholders such as funders or elected officials		NR
D. If you selected any of the choices above, please briefly describe your information-sharing system:	NR	
44. Did you share information with your cross-sector management team during the reporting period?		
A. Select Yes/No		NR
B. If yes, please describe the information you shared:	NR	
45. How many hot spots have you identified during the reporting period?		NR
46. Are you continuing to conduct analysis in the identified hot spots?		
A. Select Yes/No		NR
B. If no, please explain:	NR	
47. Did any of the target areas change during the reporting period?		
A. Select Yes/No		NR
B. If yes, please explain the nature and reason for the change:	NR	
48. Did any of the hot spots change during the reporting period?		
A. Select Yes/No		NR
B. If yes, please explain the nature of and reason for the change:	NR	
49. What is the population in the target area? Please report the population that most closely represents the target area.		NR
51. Please select the appropriate strategy/program type that you are implementing. Check all that apply.		
A. Law enforcement (hot spots, drug enforcement, violent crime)		NR
B. Disorder abatement and blight remediation		NR
C. Juvenile programs and youth development		NR
D. Housing programs		NR
E. Economic development (job creation, business development)		NR
F. Collaboration with education partners		NR
G. Resident mobilization and leadership development		NR
H. Place-based crime prevention/CPTED		NR
I. Collective efficacy		NR
J. Social cohesion		NR
K. Fear of crime		NR
L. Reentry to high-crime areas		NR
M. Other community services, such as mental health counseling or substance abuse programs		NR
N. If other, please describe:	NR	
52. Did you have any contact with your research partner during the reporting period?		NR
53. How many times did your research partner contribute to the implementation of the BCJI initiative or share research findings during the reporting period? Please enter a number value.		NR
54. Please describe the contact made with your research partner during the reporting period:	NR	
55. Did the information from your research partner prompt changes to your strategies that you are implementing during the reporting period?		
A. Select Yes/No		NR
B. If yes, please describe the changes:	NR	
56. Do you have a sustainment plan?		
A. Select Yes/No		NR

B. If yes, please describe:	NR
57. Have you identified any resources that will help sustain the strategy/program you have implemented once Federal grant funds have been fully expended? For the purpose of this measure, resources can include in-kind and financial commitments.	
A. Select Yes/No	NR
B. If yes, please describe the resources:	NR
58. Will you be able to sustain the program efforts after all funds are used?	
A. If other, please explain:	NR
59. Will you be able to sustain your community partnerships after all funds are used?	
A. Select Yes/No	NR
B. If no, please explain:	NR
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Grantee Comments

Grantee comments were added as follows:

October to December 2013

[No Comments Entered]

Narrative

Grantee-level narrative for the period October 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013 were reported as follows:

BJA 7 Questions

Question: What were your accomplishments during reporting period?

Response:

The planning year successfully concluded with the submission of a comprehensive implementation plan and research report.

Question: What goals were accomplished, as they relate to your grant application?

Response:

Improvements to public safety: traditional law enforcement solutions were employed during the reporting period.

Social impacts including physical disorder, social economic status and resources, and collective efficacy were explored during the development of the implementation plan.

The cross-sector partnership continued to discuss long-term plans for neighborhood-based revitalization strategies.

Question: What problems/barriers did you encounter, if any, within the reporting period that prevented you from reaching your goals or milestones?

Response:

Engaging the community - particularly high at-risk youth, refugee, immigrant, and non-English speaking populations - has been a challenge. LISC and the Vera Institute have been working with key project personnel and related training is scheduled for the January - March 2014 quarter.

Question: Is there any assistance that BJA can provide to address any problems/barriers identified in question #3?

Response:

No

NR

Question: Are you on track to fiscally and programmatically complete your program as outlined in your grant application? (Please answer YES or NO and if no, please explain.)

Response:

Yes

NR

Question: What major activities are planned for the next 6 months?

Response:

Following acceptance of the implementation plan and research report (and release of the fund hold), the City will move forward with all approved implementation activities.

Question: Based on your knowledge of the criminal justice field, are there any innovative programs/accomplishments that you would like to share with BJA?

Response:

Not at this time.

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