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GMS Report
Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program
2012-AJ-BX-0015
Reporting Period: January 1 - June 30, 2014

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 January 1 - June 30, 2014. 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
Apr - Jun 14		

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.	
	Jan - Mar 14	**Apr - Jun 14**
1. Was your plan **approved** during the reporting period? If yes, skip ALL Planning measures by selecting 'Save' at the bottom of each section.	Yes	Yes
2. For the purposes of the planning period, have you completed data analysis?	NR	NR
3. Have you identified the data that will need to be collected as part of your BCJI project?		
A. Select Yes/No	NR NR	
B. If yes, please describe the data that will be collected:		
Jan - Mar 14 NR		
Apr - Jun 14 NR		
4. Does your law enforcement partner provide you with crime data?	NR	NR
5. How often did you get crime data from your law enforcement partner during the reporting period? Select One.		
A. If other, please describe:		
Jan - Mar 14 NR		
Apr - Jun 14 NR		
6. How many **NEW** hot spots has your team selected to target with your BCJI strategy during the reporting period?	NR	NR
7. Have you conducted analysis of the identified crime drivers during the reporting period?	NR	NR

*NR = not reported

Identify Types of Data	Access to Data?	Analyzed?	Was the Data Address Specific?	Not Applicable
Jan - Mar 14				

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	NR	NR	NR	NR
Calls for service	NR	NR	NR	NR
Arrest reports	NR	NR	NR	NR
Criminal histories	NR	NR	NR	NR

Identify Types of Data				
Socioeconomic data (includes health and human services data, school data, poverty data, and other community data)	NR	NR	NR	NR
Evidentiary or adjudication data (includes any courts data)	NR	NR	NR	NR
Corrections data (includes probation and parole data)	NR	NR	NR	NR
Offender risk assessments	NR	NR	NR	NR
Juvenile data	NR	NR	NR	NR
Surveys of officers	NR	NR	NR	NR
Surveys of community members	NR	NR	NR	NR
Surveys of offenders	NR	NR	NR	NR
Surveys of victims	NR	NR	NR	NR
Focus groups	NR	NR	NR	NR
Other	NR	NR	NR	NR

*NR = not reported

Identify Types of Data	Access to Data?	Analyzed?	Was the Data Address Specific?	Not Applicable
Apr - Jun 14				
Official police or incident reports	NR	NR	NR	NR
Calls for service	NR	NR	NR	NR
Arrest reports	NR	NR	NR	NR
Criminal histories	NR	NR	NR	NR
Socioeconomic data (includes health and human services data, school data, poverty data, and other community data)	NR	NR	NR	NR
Evidentiary or adjudication data (includes any courts data)	NR	NR	NR	NR
Corrections data (includes probation and parole data)	NR	NR	NR	NR
Offender risk assessments	NR	NR	NR	NR
Juvenile data	NR	NR	NR	NR
Surveys of officers	NR	NR	NR	NR
Surveys of community members	NR	NR	NR	NR
Surveys of offenders	NR	NR	NR	NR
Surveys of victims	NR	NR	NR	NR
Focus groups	NR	NR	NR	NR
Other	NR	NR	NR NR	

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Performance Measurement	Planning Please only answer Planning -OR- Implementation, NOT both.	
	Jan - Mar 14	**Apr - Jun 14**
8. If other types of data were selected, please explain:		
Jan - Mar 14 NR		
Apr - Jun 14 NR		
9. Have you conducted community engagement activities during the reporting period?		

A. Select Yes/No	NR	NR
B. If yes, please describe the activities you conducted:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

10. Do you have a cross-sector management team?	NR	NR
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	NR	NR
B. **Commercial**—business development/retention, job programs, and other assets associated with production, employment, transactions, and economic development	NR	NR
C. **Recreational**—parks, open space, arts organization, restaurants, and other assets that create value in a neighborhood beyond work and education	NR	NR
D. **Physical**—housing, commercial buildings, roads, sidewalks, and other assets associated with the built environment and physical infrastructure	NR	NR
E. **Social**—residents, community engagement, and other assets that establish well-functioning social interactions	NR	NR
F. Criminal justice/law enforcement, other public safety and criminal justice personnel	NR	NR
G. Other	NR NR	
H. If other, please describe		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

12. How many community resident members were part of your BCJI project during the reporting period?		
A. Enter number	NR NR	
B. Please explain:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

13. How many community resident members were part of the **planning** for your BCJI project during the reporting period?		
A. Enter number	NR NR	
B. Please explain:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

14. How many cross-sector management team meetings took place during the reporting period?	NR	NR
15. Have you identified the proposed strategies/interventions to implement in the target area?	NR	NR
16. Have you reviewed the research base for your proposed strategy?		
A. Select Yes/No	NR NR	
B. If no, please explain:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	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)	NR	NR
B.	Disorder abatement and blight remediation	NR	NR
C.	Juvenile programs and youth development	NR	NR
D.	Housing programs	NR	NR
E.	Economic development (job creation, business development)	NR	NR
F.	Primary/secondary or adult education programs	NR	NR
G.	Place-based crime prevention/CPTED	NR	NR
H.	Collective efficacy, social cohesion, and resident mobilization	NR	NR
I.	Fear of crime	NR	NR
J.	Reentry to high-crime areas	NR	NR
K.	Other community services, such as mental health counseling or substance abuse programs	NR	NR
L.	If other, please describe:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR	
Apr - Jun 14	NR	

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

Jan - Mar 14	NR	
Apr - Jun 14	NR	

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

Jan - Mar 14	NR	
Apr - Jun 14	NR	

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

Jan - Mar 14	NR	
Apr - Jun 14	NR	

25.	Did you have any unaddressed training and technical assistance needs during the reporting period?		
	A. Select Yes/No	NR	NR
	B. If yes, please explain:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR	
Apr - Jun 14	NR	

*NR = not reported

Performance Measurement	Implementation Please only answer Planning -OR- Implementation, NOT both.

	Jan - Mar 14	Apr - Jun 14
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	Yes

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.

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	The City continues to rely on existing and new cross-sector partners; current and future grant awards and leveraged resources; and, federal support, including training and technical assistance, to meet project milestones. We hope that the efforts of this collaboration will result a continuum of strategies to comprehensively address and reduce instances of Part I and Part II crimes. The objectives that the cross-sector partnership will achieve during the project period include:

Identify a neighborhood with a concentration of crime hot spots which have for a period of time composed a significant proportion of crime or types of crime.

Identify new and build upon existing planning efforts to revitalize the neighborhood and address issues that relate to the crime issues identified.

Enhance the Rundberg Revitalization Team with the presence of criminal justice, social service, and neighborhood revitalization partners.

Offer ongoing community engagement and leadership building support and ensure the community is engaged in the process.

Facilitate collaboration between the Austin Police Department, project partners, and the University of Texas to conduct an analysis of crime drivers and an assessment of needs and available resources.

Develop a strategy that offers a continuum of approaches to address the drivers of crime, including potentially, enforcement, prevention, intervention, and revitalization strategies.

Establish effective partnerships both to provide solutions along the continuum and commit resources to sustain what works. Implement a comprehensive and coordinated strategy with support from the BCJI TTA provider.

Assess program implementation in collaboration with the University of Texas and other research partners, and plan for sustainment of effective strategies with private and public funding.

28. What project activities were **scheduled** during the reporting period?

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	All project activities are outlined in the approved implementation plan. During the reporting period, scheduled activities included ongoing engagement through monthly community meetings, monthly Rundberg Revitalization Team meetings, and law enforcement operations (mobile walking beat, apartment/landlord coalition, marketplace); regular project staff meetings (informal); and, financial and programmatic management and reporting.

29. What project activities were **conducted** during the reporting period?

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	All of the above listed scheduled activities were conducted during the reporting period.

	Jan - Mar 14	Apr - Jun 14
30. Did you have any contact with a training and technical assistance provider during the reporting period? Select one.	NR	Yes
31. How many contacts did you have with a training and technical assistance provider during the reporting period? Select one.	NR	Monthly
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	Yes
B. If yes, please explain		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	LISC held a three-day meeting in San Antonio in April. Following the meeting, LISC and DOJ representatives traveled to Austin for a 2-day site visit.

	Jan - Mar 14	Apr - Jun 14
33. Did you have any unaddressed training and technical assistance needs during the reporting period?		
A. Select Yes/No	NR	No
B. If yes, please explain:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR

Apr - Jun 14	NR		

34. How many **TOTAL** partnerships were active during the reporting period?	NR		3
35. Did you establish any **NEW** partnerships during the reporting period?	NR		Yes
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		1
B. **Commercial**—business development/retention, job programs, and other assets associated with production, employment, transactions, and economic development	NR		0
C. **Recreational**—parks, open space, arts organization, restaurants, and other assets that create value in a neighborhood beyond work and education	NR		0
D. **Physical**—housing, commercial buildings, roads, sidewalks, and other assets associated with the built environment and physical infrastructure	NR		1
E. **Social**—residents, community engagement, and other assets that establish well-functioning social interactions	NR		1
F. Criminal justice/law enforcement, other public safety and criminal justice personnel	NR		0
G. Other	NR		0
H. If other, please explain:			

Jan - Mar 14	NR		
Apr - Jun 14	N/A		

37. How many **cross-sector management team meetings** were conducted during the reported period?	NR		6
38. How many **additional subgroup meetings** (other than with the cross-sector team) were conducted during the reporting period?	NR		8
39. How many **training/briefing sessions** were conducted in addition to team meetings during the reporting period?	NR		18
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		6
B. Medium groups (11–29 participants)	NR		0
C. Small groups (up to 10 participants)	NR		0
D. In one-on-one interviews/dialogues	NR		0
E. Other meetings	NR		0
F. If other, please describe			

Jan - Mar 14	NR		
Apr - Jun 14	N/A		

41. Please briefly describe your communications/interactions with the community members:			

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	The cross-sector management team hosts monthly Rundberg Revitalization Team meetings and monthly community meetings. Both monthly meetings are open to the public and provide opportunities for input and discussion. BCJI project staff from the City of Austin and University of Texas have ongoing electronic, in-person and phone conversations with community members about issues ranging from public safety and education to housing and nuissance abatement. Community members are becoming more open and willing to share their concerns.

42. Did you develop systems for sharing information during the reporting period?	NR		No

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	No
B. For sharing information with community members/residents	NR	No
C. For sharing information with other external stakeholders such as funders or elected officials	NR	No
D. If you selected any of the choices above, please briefly describe your information-sharing system:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

44. Did you share information with your cross-sector management team during the reporting period?		
A. Select Yes/No	NR	NR
B. If yes, please describe the information you shared:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

45. How many hot spots have you identified during the reporting period?	NR	3
46. Are you continuing to conduct analysis in the identified hot spots?		
A. Select Yes/No	NR	Yes
B. If no, please explain:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

47. Did any of the target areas change during the reporting period?		
A. Select Yes/No	NR	No
B. If yes, please explain the nature and reason for the change:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

48. Did any of the hot spots change during the reporting period?		
A. Select Yes/No	NR	No
B. If yes, please explain the nature of and reason for the change:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

49. What is the population in the target area? Please report the population that most closely represents the target area.	NR	6,000
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	Yes
B. Disorder abatement and blight remediation	NR	No
C. Juvenile programs and youth development	NR	Yes
D. Housing programs	NR	No
E. Economic development (job creation, business development)	NR	No
F. Collaboration with education partners	NR	Yes
G. Resident mobilization and leadership development	NR	No
H. Place-based crime prevention/CPTED	NR	No
I. Collective efficacy	NR	Yes
J. Social cohesion	NR	Yes

K. Fear of crime		NR	Yes
L. Reentry to high-crime areas		NR	No
M. Other community services, such as mental health counseling or substance abuse programs		NR	No
N. If other, please describe:			

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

52.	Did you have any contact with your research partner during the reporting period?	NR	Yes
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	36
54.	Please describe the contact made with your research partner during the reporting period:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	We correspond and informally meet (by phone or in person) with our research partner an average three times per week. During the reporting period, the University PI and research team assisted with crime analysis, juvenile programming projects (elementary and middle school levels), and the hiring process.

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	No
	B. If yes, please describe the changes:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

56.	Do you have a sustainment plan?		
	A. Select Yes/No	NR	Yes
	B. If yes, please describe:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	The City of Austin and cross sector partnership are establishing effective partnerships both to provide solutions along the continuum and commit resources to sustain sucessful project activities. Over the next six months, the City will assist the Rundberg Revitalization Team with establishing a Development and Sustainability Workgroup. The activities of this volunteer workgroup, as described in the project's implementation plan, should lead to significant leveraged resources and funding.

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	No
	B. If yes, please describe the resources:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

58.	Will you be able to sustain the program efforts after all funds are used?		
	A. Yes	NR	
	B. If other, please explain:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

59.	Will you be able to sustain your community partnerships after all funds are used?		
	A. Select Yes/No	NR	NR
	B. If no, please explain:		

Jan - Mar 14	NR
Apr - Jun 14	NR

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Report Created on February 10, 2016

Grantee Comments

Grantee comments were added as follows:

January to March 2014
[No Comments Entered]
April to June 2014
[No Comments Entered]

Narrative

Grantee-level narrative for the period January 1, 2014 - June 30, 2014 were reported as follows:

BJA 7 Questions
Question: What were your accomplishments during reporting period?
Response: Described in above section
Question: What goals were accomplished, as they relate to your grant application?
Response: Described in above section
Question: What problems/barriers did you encounter, if any, within the reporting period that prevented you from reaching your goals or milestones?
Response: None
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: Described in above section
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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