

State Competitive Justice Assistance Grant--Building Healthy Teen Relationships

Purpose of Funds: The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant program is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system from multijurisdictional drug and gang tasks forces to crime prevention and domestic violence programs, courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. JAG funded projects may address crime through the provision of services directly to individuals for communities and by improving the effectiveness and efficiency of criminal justice systems processes and procedures.

The original proposal was for \$188,156 and the award will be for \$75,662.

Receiving Department: Denver District Attorney

Amount: \$75,662

Type of Grant: Competitive

Number of People Served: Education prevention programs provided to 1300 high school and middle school students, 25 youth victims will receive services, 16 peer educators will be trained.

One .67 FTE will be created, one .20 FTE position will be prevented from being eliminated

Public Process: The Denver District Attorney's Office identifies grants that will meet the needs of the agency and clients and applies for them. The DA Office submitted a complete list of Recover Act Grants to the City's ARRA committee. Once awards are received the agency follows the City's Grant Acceptance process.

Proposed Spending: Denver DA Office will contract with Project PAVE to implement program, funding for personnel and operating. The overall goal of the Building Healthy Teen Relationships project is to implement a multi-faceted, comprehensive approach to teen domestic violence prevention that educates and empowers youth to carry a prevention message to their peers and younger students. This goal will be accomplished through the combined efforts of Project PAVE educators, the Denver District Attorney's Office, students at Denver's East High School, school staff and administration, parents and other key community members.

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