



Justice Grants Administration

JGA (FO)

MISSION

The mission of the Justice Grants Administration (JGA) is to support community-based organizations' and government agencies' efforts to strengthen and improve programs, policies, and services for the District's criminal and juvenile justice systems.

SUMMARY OF SERVICES

The JGA manages the life cycle of federal grants, sub grants, and pass through funds to other District agencies and community based organizations in accordance and compliance with federal grant guidelines . JGA also provides the financial and programmatic monitoring and evaluation for all of these grants and arranges and coordinates technical assistance and training for grantees as needed..

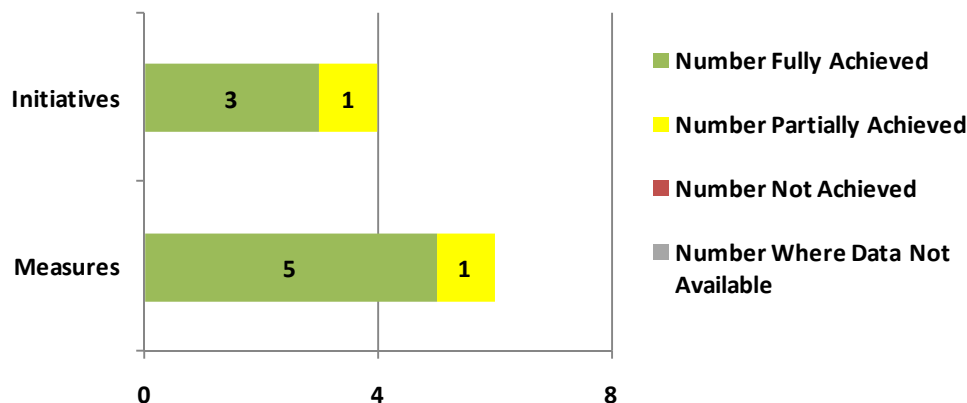
AGENCY OBJECTIVES

- 1) Improve the coordination and use of justice grant awards to enhance public safety and justice in the District of Columbia.
- 2) Strengthen juvenile justice and criminal justice policy and practices.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- ✓ Increased funding capacity. Awarded \$2,821,871 from local and federal funds and brought the JJAG into compliance with OJJDP regulations, ensuring continued access to Title II, V, JABG, and EUDL grant funding.
- ✓ Maximized available federal funding to multi-year community and faith-based organizations, and District agencies to strengthen juvenile and criminal justice initiatives aligned with the Mayor's priorities.
- ✓ Improved off-site grantee monitoring--in addition to 100% monitoring through a variety of methods--that aided in identifying at-risk groups or areas that benefit from enhanced strategies related to crime and violence prevention and substance abuse treatment in the District of Columbia.

OVERVIEW OF AGENCY PERFORMANCE





Performance Initiatives – Assessment Details

Performance Assessment Key:

- Fully achieved Partially achieved Not achieved Data not reported

OBJECTIVE 1: Improve the coordination of justice grant awards to enhance public safety and justice in the District of Columbia.

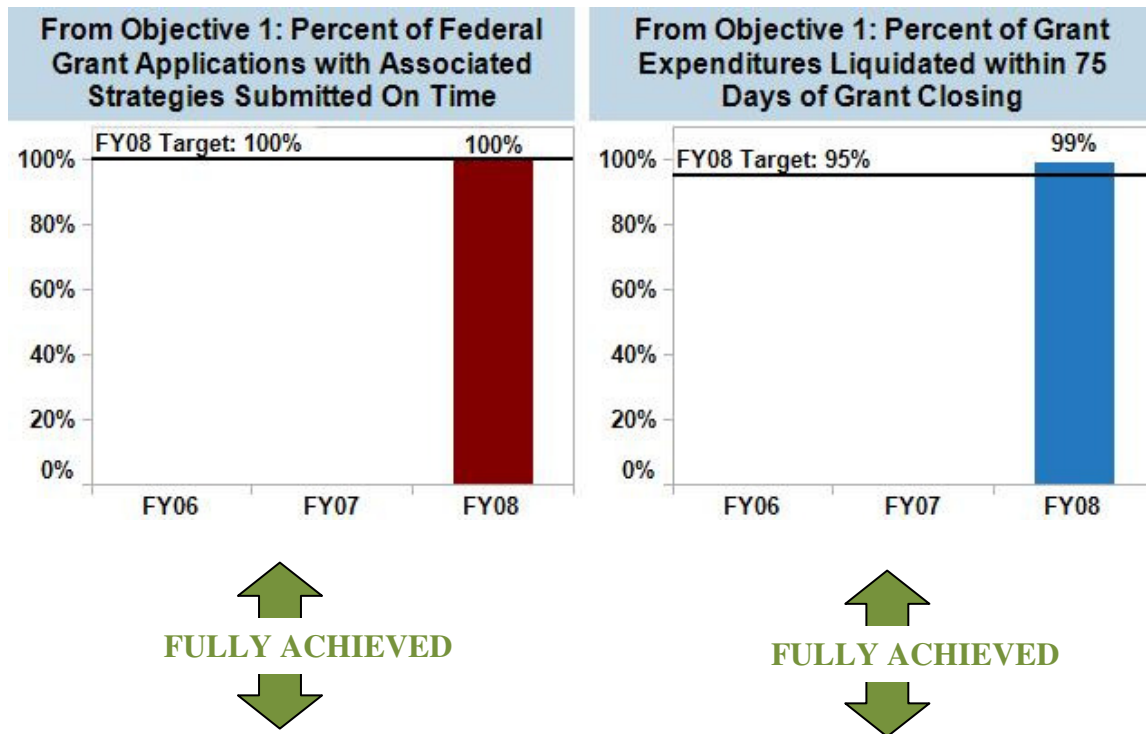
- INITIATIVE 1.1: Identify at-risk groups or areas that would benefit from enhanced strategies related to crime and violence prevention and substance abuse treatment.**
Fully Achieved. JGA worked in close partnership with OCA and other stakeholders in the District’s criminal and juvenile justice system to identify and respond to areas of priority need. In particular, due to concerns about rising youth violence, JGA prioritized youth violence and gang activity as a funding area for FY 08 and made grant awards to community based and government agencies to address youth violence. JGA also secured local funding from the City Council to support the Mayor’s Focused Improvement Areas and link service activities in these areas with violence reduction.
- INITIATIVE 1.2: Implement recommendations from the 2007 Evaluation of the Justice Grants Administration Grantor/Grantee Process to ensure that future grantees further enhance the District’s crime, violence prevention and substance abuse treatment strategies.**
Partially Achieved. JGA provided funding to a number of community and faith based organizations to focus on prisoner re-entry services; mentoring, workforce development, and third party monitoring services for youth returning from commitment at Oak Hill; and diversion and prevention services to stop youth from penetrating further into the juvenile justice system. All grantees participated in training and technical assistance from JGA, and grantees from JGA’s primary juvenile and criminal justice funding initiatives were evaluated.
- INITIATIVE 1.3: Develop logic models with performance measures for all community and faith based programs funded through JGA.**
Fully Achieved. As part of JGA’s local solicitations, all grantees were required to submit concrete performance measures and logic models identifying the expected outcomes and process for their grant activities. JGA required quarterly programmatic reports, conducted site visits, provide technical assistance, and required formal evaluations for some of its grantees to hold them accountable for these performance measures.

OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen juvenile justice policy.

- INITIATIVE 2.1: Support the Juvenile Justice Advisory Group and their goals by implementing their decisions on juvenile justice grant awards.**
Fully Achieved. JGA provided increased support and assistance to the JJAG so it could become a stronger voice for coordination and collaboration around juvenile justice issues in the District. This support included ensuring the JJAG was in compliance with OJJDP mandates and helping the JJAG to develop and facilitate meetings with clear agenda items and outcomes such as completion of the JJAG’s annual report and development of the District’s juvenile justice three year plan.



Key Performance Indicators – Highlights



More About These Indicators:

How did the agency's actions affect this indicator?

- JGA received a total of thirteen new federal grant awards - a total of \$3,517,682.
- JGA arranged and coordinated a grants program orientation and conducted two technical assistance and training workshops.
- JGA managed the life cycle of approximately 28 federal grants during fiscal year 2008.
- JGA secured \$1,350,000 in local funding.

What external factors influenced this indicator?

- Coordinated services with local and federal stakeholders to secure additional funding for Enforcement of Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL); Community-based Violence Reduction Fund; Justice Assistance Grant Supplemental funding and local earmark funding.

How did the agency's actions affect this indicator?

- JGA's consistent attention to detail throughout the grant administration process resulted in less than one-percent of available grant funding remaining as un-liquidated at the end of fiscal year 08. JGA continued to strengthen and restructure its office through training, staff changes and development, and the creation of new policies and procedures to help guide these efforts.

What external factors influenced this indicator?

- JGA worked in close partnership and received support and assistance from its federal grants managers and the cooperation of its sub-grantees around reimbursement expenses.



Key Performance Indicators – Details

Performance Assessment Key:

● Fully achieved
 ● Partially achieved
 ● Not achieved
 ● Data not reported

	FY06 Actual	FY07 Actual	FY08 Target	FY08 Actual	FY09 Projection
OBJECTIVE 1: Improve the coordination of justice grant awards to enhance public safety and justice in the District of Columbia.					
● Federal Grant Applications with associated Strategies submitted on time.	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	100%
● Site Monitoring Visits Completed.	N/A	N/A	100%	99%	100%
● Subgrant applications including Program Evaluation Plans.	N/A	N/A	100%	100%	100%
● Grantee Request for Funds audited and processed within 15 Business Days.	N/A	N/A	90.0%	90.0%	92.5%
● Grant expenditures liquidated within 75 days of grant closing.	N/A	N/A	95%	99%	97%
● Funded programs measuring outcomes using approved logic models and performance measures. . .	N/A	N/A	85%	100%	100%
OBJECTIVE 2: Strengthen juvenile justice policy.					
<i>None applicable to this objective in FY08.</i>					