

## **FY19 Title II Formula Grants Program Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**Q:** The SAG roster must be submitted October 1, 2018 but if the SAG doesn't meet all membership requirements at that point, what is the window of time for the SAG to become compliant in order to be eligible for FY19 award?

**A:** OJJDP will contact you upon review of your SAG roster to discuss any deficiencies and related eligibility for the FY19 award.

**Q:** Page 4 of this solicitation indicates that "It is not necessary to re-submit the FY 2018 approved 3-year plan, if there are no proposed changes being made." When will states be notified of the acceptance and/or denial of their proposed plans for 2018, so they will be better situated to adequately address this requirement?

**A:** You will know upon receipt of the award notification whether any additional information is required for plan approval. This will be communicated via the special conditions in the FY18 award document. Please review all special conditions on the FY18 award to ensure understanding of these requirements.

**Q:** Do states need to submit a statement of "No changes" under each section in the narrative?

**A:** If a state has no changes to its approved 3-year plan, one overall statement of no changes is sufficient. If a state makes changes to its 3-year plan, it must submit updates to all relevant narrative sections.

**Q:** When can we expect to hear about formula grant allocations for FY18 and FY19?

**A:** OJJDP is contacting states now with FY18 allocation information so state budgets can be revised. There have been no FY19 appropriations as of yet for the Title II Formula Grants program. An announcement will be made when that information is available. Per the solicitation, use the FY18 amount for planning purposes for the time being.

**Q:** Who is allowed to sign the certification forms?

**A:** The signatory can be the head of the designated state agency (DSA) or his or her management official designee.

**Q:** If a state was in compliance last year then all it needs to submit is the SAG roster and three forms on October 1st?

**A:** For Category 1 on October 1st, please submit the Year 2 Eligibility Assurances and Certifications form, State Advisory Group (SAG) roster, Plan for Compliance Monitoring, Plans for DSO, Separation, and Jail Removal (where applicable) the Training Certification form, the Compliance Plans and Resources Certification (where applicable), and your budget "placeholder" document (see page 4-5 of the solicitation for additional information).

**Q:** For the Compliance Monitoring data, what reporting period should we use?

**A:** Please use FY18 data (October 1, 2017-September 30, 2018) for the compliance data submission due under Category 2 by February 28, 2019.

**Q:** The ‘Certification of Adequate Plans and Resources’, in section 2, references a data reporting period of 10/1/2017 to 9/30/2018. This reporting period has not yet ended. Should the dates instead reference the 2016/2017 data reporting period? That’s the last reporting period of data that OJJDP has approved.

**A:** The Compliance Plans and Resources certification has been corrected to reflect a reporting period of October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017.

**Q:** Is the compliance plan due under category 1 developed on the basis of data covering the 10/1/16 - 9/30/17 reporting period?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** How can a state write a plan to address noncompliance with DSO, separation or jail removal in FY18, when the FY18 reporting period has not yet ended and the state has not received an official determination of compliance or noncompliance?

**A:** Plans for DSO, separation and/or jail removal should be based on the state's FY17 data and compliance status.

**Q:** On the Certification of Compliance Monitoring Data form, section (2)a references a submission date for the FY18 data period. Does OJJDP want us to pre-fill this blank with an estimated submission date, or leave it blank?

**A:** The submission date has been deleted from the revised solicitation, and is no longer required.

**Q:** On Year 2 Form: What do we do if we were out of compliance in 2018, but have determined that our FY18 plan still fully addresses any conditions that led to non-compliance? Can we just re-send the 2018 plan for 2019?

**A:** There is not a need to change your plan if you have determined that it is still the appropriate course for addressing the most recent compliance issues that have been identified in your state.

**Q:** If a state was in compliance and eligible for its full FY18 funding, must it still submit a response for number 4 on the Year 2 Eligibility Assurances and Certifications form?

**A:** Yes, all states are required to provide a Plan for Compliance Monitoring, irrespective of compliance status.

**Q:** With respect to the DMC plan requirements, can OJJDP provide definitions for the 5 contact point options?

**A:** A planned addendum and training to be provided in November will address this and other more detailed DMC questions.

**Q:** On the compliance & DMC document from the solicitation, question #6 states: “what safeguards will you put in place to ensure that as you work to reduce DMC, while still protecting the public, holding youth accountable, and equipping youth to live crime-free, productive lives?” This is not a question. What is the question?

**A:** The revised solicitation contains the following corrected wording: “What safeguards will you put in place to ensure that as you work to reduce DMC, you are still protecting the public, holding youth accountable, and equipping youth to live crime-free, productive lives?”

**Q:** Is OJJDP no longer requiring that states follow the DMC Reduction Model in their response to DMC?

**A:** OJJDP is no longer requiring use of the DMC Reduction Model.

**Q:** Can OJJDP provide additional guidance and details on the requirement for outcome-based evaluation of DMC efforts?

**A:** A planned addendum and training to be provided in November will address this and other more detailed DMC questions.

**Q:** For the data to be used for the DMC plan, because some states have different fiscal years, can this be for a time period set by the state (as we did last year)?

**A:** Yes, this is allowed. Please note, however, that OJJDP evaluates DMC compliance on the basis of activities undertaken during the FY18 time period, irrespective of the exact data collection period.

**Q:** Are the Relative Rate Index (RRI) spreadsheets and 5-Step RRI analyses no longer required?

**A:** Correct; they are no longer required.

**Q:** Are states required to provide only a statewide view of DMC data?

**A:** Yes.

**Q:** Under the DMC Plan requirements, contact points #3) pre-trial detention and #4) disposition commitments require both “secure and non-secure” data. Can OJJDP provide more information on the requirement to provide non-secure data?

**A:** A planned addendum and training to be provided in November will address this and other more detailed DMC questions.

**Q:** We submitted a new three-year plan last year for DMC and the new requirements are different than what we did last year. Is our plan from last year to be completely changed?

**A:** Prior year DMC plans may be re-framed to respond to current solicitation requirements.