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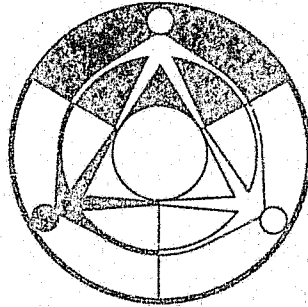
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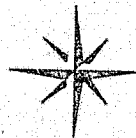
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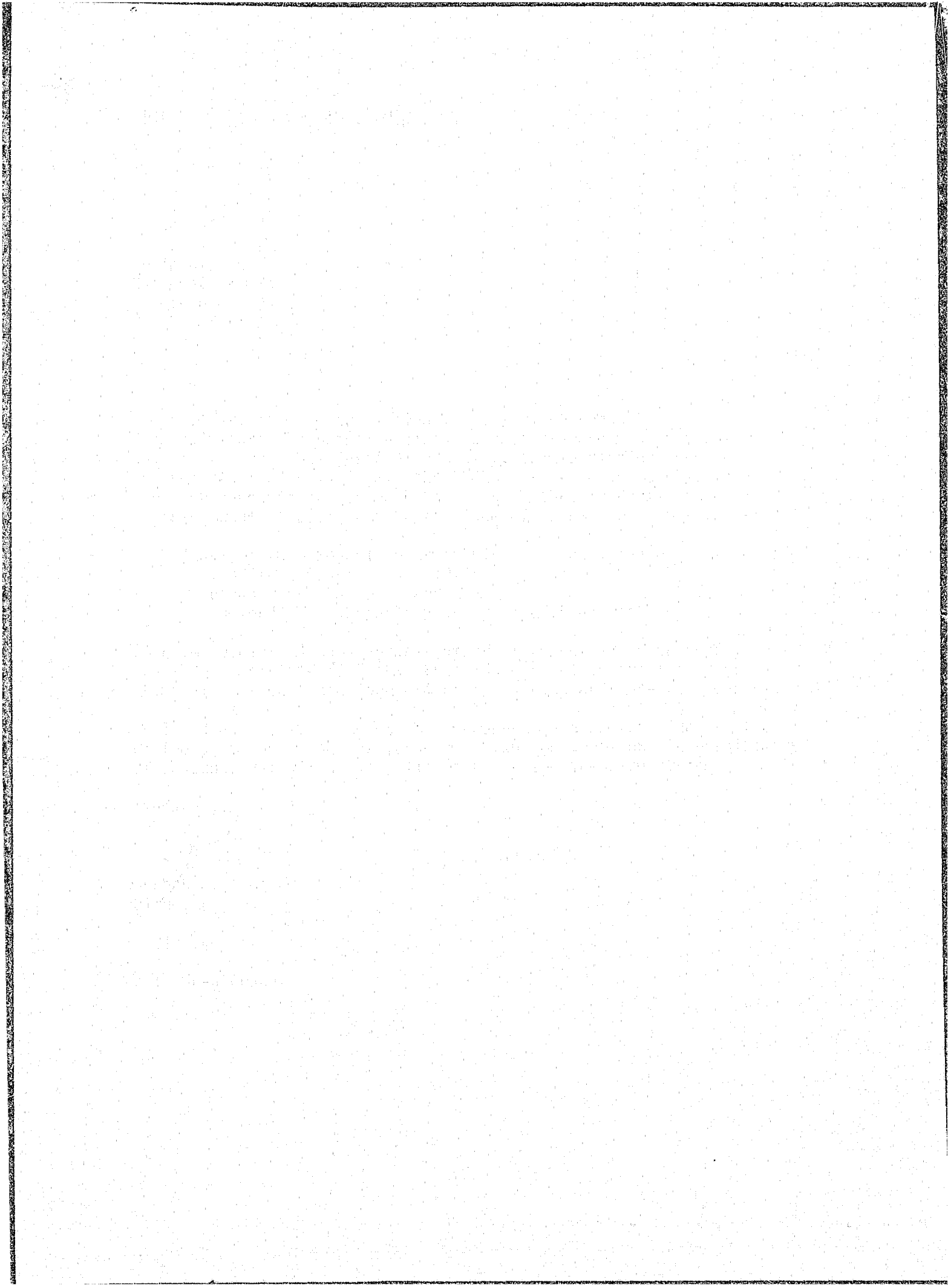
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## INTRODUCTION

The purpose of this compendium is to make available to SPA courts specialists summaries of notable court-related projects which might be applicable to the needs of their respective states. We hope it will not only stimulate ideas but will also produce a foundation of program knowledge which SPA courts specialists can use to formulate or lend support for worthwhile new programs.

A Compendium of Selected Criminal Justice Projects, published by LEAA in June, 1975, contains only those projects which had been in operation for 12 months or more and could provide evidence of measurable impact on the criminal justice system. Many specialists working in the courts area felt that there was a need for a more compact compendium which contained only court-related projects and which had, as its main criterion for project inclusion, project endorsement by those in the field.

LEAA then asked the American University Criminal Courts Technical Assistance Project to compile a compendium of notable court-related projects for distribution to SPA courts specialists at the National Workshop for Courts Specialists, to be held in Cleveland, Ohio, March 28 - April 1, 1976.

As a first step, two college students, interning at the Criminal Courts Technical Assistance Project, culled out of the LEAA Compendium all of the court-related projects. A broad definition of courts, including the prosecution, defense and probation functions, was agreed upon. They selected about one-half of these projects for inclusion in the new compendium using the following criteria:

1. A rough geographical representation;
2. A five-to-three block grant to discretionary grant ratio;
3. A balanced representation of the various types of projects; and
4. Innovation and significance.

These projects were then classified by region and by category.

The following categories were selected:

- I. Appellate Processes
- II. Architecture/Court Technology
- III. Citizen's Initiative Programs
- IV. Court Administration/Management
- V. Court Reorganization
- VI. Defense Services (State and Local)

- VII. Education/Training (Judicial and Other Court Personnel)
- VIII. Information Systems
- IX. Juror Utilization
- X. Juvenile Courts/Juvenile Justice Processes
- XI. Law Reform (Code Revision, Statutory Review, Rules Review and Revision)
- XII. Pretrial Release/Intervention/Diversion
- XIII. Probation
- XIV. Prosecution Services (State and Local)

The next step was phone calls to each of the 10 LEAA Regional Office courts specialists. Each specialist was asked to select eight projects from those in his region pulled from the Compendium and/or to suggest others which he felt were notable. Due to absences of particular LEAA regional office courts specialists and time limitations, the interns found it necessary to call many SPA courts specialists for their choices. SPA courts specialists were asked to forward project summaries or information on projects not included in the compendium.

Wherever SPA courts specialists had suggested projects in response to one of the questions in the "Questionnaire for SPA Courts Specialists," these projects were included in the compendium, if possible. Because there was little or no representation in certain categories some LEAA regional office courts specialists were contacted a second time for other project ideas. Projects were also drawn from a compilation of projects prepared by the Courts Division, Office of Regional Operations, LEAA, to fill in gaps.

The page format of the LEAA Compendium was modified somewhat for the description of projects. Due to strict limitations of time in preparation, some of the more specific information is not cited. However, reference sources have been provided at the bottom of the page if further information is desired.

One important piece of information that was not contained in the Compendium of Selected Criminal Justice Projects has been added in this compendium: the reason why LEAA Regional Office of SPA courts specialists think a particular project is noteworthy. Thus, this compendium contains a representative sample of significant LEAA supported programs in operation today, based on the judgment of LEAA, LEAA regional office and SPA courts specialists.

Projects are presented in the compendium according to project type, and in alphabetical order of project titles within each project classification. A list of cross-references for projects which fall into more than one classification is included at the very end of the compendium.



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IN SENATE  
January 11, 1911.

REPORT  
OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE LAND OFFICE  
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PASSED BY THE SENATE  
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THE UNIVERSITY OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK  
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**PROJECT NAME:** Court of Appeals  
Pre-Hearing and Screening Staff (AOC)

**PROJECT TYPE:** Appellate Processes

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Administrative Office of  
the Courts  
Raleigh, North Carolina

**STATE:** North Carolina (Region IV - Atlanta)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To enable judges of the Court of Appeals to remain current with their caseload.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project provides the judges of the Court of Appeals with a pre-hearing research and screening staff of three attorneys and one secretary. This research team serves to increase the productivity levels of the judges so as to expedite the appeals process and to remain current with increasing numbers of docketed appeals.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Effectiveness in reducing case backlog.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** N/A

**GRANT NUMBER:** 30-028-174-12

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$88,000

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** N/A

**REFERENCE:** Gordon Smith  
Planning Director  
Raleigh, North Carolina



**PROJECT NAME:** Criminal Law Task Force

**PROJECT TYPE:** Appellate Processes

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

**STATE:** Alabama (Region IV - Atlanta)

Department of Court Management  
Montgomery, Alabama

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To create a Criminal Law Task Force that will assist in reducing the backlog of cases in the Court of Criminal Appeals.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Before the inception of this project, there existed a backlog of cases in the Court of Criminal Appeals. In order to eliminate the backlog as well as to develop more expeditious procedures and to demonstrate the effectiveness of paraprofessionals, a task force of five law clerks was created to provide research assistance to the judges of the court. Training of task force interns covered such matters as transcripts of evidence, trial court record composition, trial court procedures, research procedure and information sources, memorandum format and content, argument and judicial consideration. Common duties included preparing memoranda for oral arguments, drafting opinions, researching points of law, and proofreading.

**IMPACT (if available):** The Court of Criminal Appeals became current by the beginning of the 1974-1975 term. All three appellate courts in Alabama are now operating without a backlog.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Effectiveness in accomplishing project objectives.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$22,250 (11 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 73 DF04 0044

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$20,000 (11 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 12/72 - 11/73

**REFERENCE:** Charles Y. Cameron  
State Court Administrator  
Montgomery, Alabama

**PROJECT NAME:** Fourth Appellate  
District Defender Project,

**PROJECT TYPE:** Appellate Processes

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Judicial Council of California  
Administrative Office of the Courts  
San Francisco, California

**STATE:** California (Region IX - San Francisco)

**AREA SERVED:** Jurisdiction

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To reduce the backlog of court cases and to expedite the appellate process for indigent adults by contracting with a nonprofit corporation to provide legal services.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Appellate Defenders Inc., a nonprofit corporation, provides a staff of five specialists to handle criminal appeals of assigned indigent clients. The staff also advises and supervises court-appointed private attorneys to ensure uniformity of representation and provides a practical training program in criminal appellate advocacy for law students and new attorneys. Ultimately, the program hopes to develop a large group of qualified criminal appellate specialists.

**IMPACT (if available):** Before the program began, the court backlog was reported between three and four months; the court is now current. An improvement in the caliber of representation is evidenced in the reported higher quality of briefs and concomitant reduction in criticism of the defense by the bench.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The program has been quite successful.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$209,480 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 0873-2

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$125,000

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 10/72 - 12/74

**REFERENCE:**

Ervin J. Tuszynski  
Court of Appeal, Fourth  
Appellate District  
San Diego, California

**PROJECT NAME:** Research Screening  
Attorneys

**PROJECT TYPE:** Appellate Processes

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Iowa Supreme Court  
Des Moines, Iowa

**STATE:** Iowa (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To increase the speed and efficiency of case disposition by establishing a staff and procedures for review of each case prior to court hearing.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The research staff speeds case disposal by forwarding analyses to the bench in the following areas: (1) how much oral argument time (if any) should be allowed; (2) whether the case should be heard by a five-judge division or by the full bench; (3) what disposition is recommended, what supporting statement of facts, analysis of legal issues, and arguments; and (4) which cases should have priority in the submission schedule. A statistical clerk is responsible for ensuring that all parties are on time in their filings, thus eliminating potential delays in this area.

**IMPACT (if available):** The Iowa Supreme Court had no pre-argument screening capability before this project began in 1971. Since that year, the rate of case disposal has risen 50 percent from 24 cases to 36 cases per month.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The program has accomplished its objectives.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$94,960 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 702-74-00-0495-33-04

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$50,979 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 8/71 - 10/75

**REFERENCE:** William O'Brien  
Iowa Supreme Court  
Des Moines, Iowa

**PROJECT NAME:** Courtroom  
Videotape Project

**PROJECT TYPE:** Architecture/Technology

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Multanomah County  
Courthouse  
Portland, Oregon

**STATE:** Oregon (Region X - Seattle)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To provide a vehicle for determining the practicability and acceptability of using professionally designed and complete videotape recordings of court proceedings to provide court record and expedite case processing in a more economical manner.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project will acquire, install and utilize videotape cameras, recorders, display screens and necessary peripheral equipment for the district court. The existing court personnel will be trained to operate the equipment.

**IMPACT (if available):** Not available. Video equipment due to be installed by March 15, 1976, use to commence March 22, 1976.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Innovative use of advanced technology.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$18,480 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-A2.22

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$16,632

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/75 - 7/76

**REFERENCE:** Judge Richard L. Unis  
Multanomah County Courthouse  
Portland, Oregon

**PROJECT NAME:** D.C. Superior Court  
Model Courtroom Project

**PROJECT TYPE:** Architecture/Technology

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

D.C. Superior Court  
Washington, D.C.

**STATE:** Washington, D.C. (Region III -  
Philadelphia)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To design and build a prototype of the courtrooms proposed for the Superior Court of the District of Columbia in an existing courtroom.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Superior Court of the District of Columbia is now in the process of developing final plans for a new courthouse which will house all trial courtrooms for the District of Columbia court system (with the exception of the Traffic Court), as well as containing all judges' chambers and selected support functions. The D.C. Superior Court will renovate an existing courtroom so that it is a model of the small courtrooms planned for their new facility. This prototype courtroom will have a circular design and novel arrangement of the judge's bench, jury box and counsel tables. Judges, attorneys and jurors will be able to critique the new design before interior plans for the new courthouse are finalized. The fixtures will be moveable to encourage experimentation. Video-tape, closed circuit television and security equipment will be provided and tested in the new courtroom.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is an experimental project and there are not many others of this type.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$279,195 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-DF-99-0009

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$279,195

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/74 - 7/75

**REFERENCE:** Joseph M. Burton  
D.C. Superior Court  
Washington, D.C.

**PROJECT NAME:** Electronic Transcription of Court Testimony **PROJECT TYPE:** Architecture/Court Technology

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

19th Judicial District Court  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**STATE:** Louisiana (Region VI - Dallas)

**AREA SERVED:** District

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

The objective of this project is to apply the capabilities of computer technology to the area of court transcript preparation to effect a significant decrease in the out-of-court time needed for this task and thus reduce the current delays in the appellate process.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The plan envisions the implementation of computer-assisted preparation of court testimony in as many divisions of this court as are able to participate. This project will be implemented in three phases. Successful and satisfactory performance of any prior phase is requisite to the subsequent phases. The three phases are: I. Implementation of a computer-aided transcription system. Phase I will consist of implementing and evaluating a computer-aided transcription system for use by court stenotype reporters; II. Implementation of a manual system interface. Phase II will consist of implementing and evaluating an interface between a manual transcribing system and an automated transcript printing process for manual shorthand reporters; III. Expansion to other jurisdictions. Phase III will consist of implementing Phase I in other jurisdictions using on-line terminals into the Baton Rouge system.

**IMPACT (if available):** The program has reduced court backlog significantly, especially after trial.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Uniqueness of program.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$78,289

**GRANT NUMBER:** N/A

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$70,460

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 9/74 - 8/77

**REFERENCE:** Kathy Aumiller  
Project Director  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**PROJECT NAME:** TV Information  
Display System

**PROJECT TYPE:** Architecture/Court Technology

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

County Commissioners of Delaware  
County  
Media, Pennsylvania

**STATE:** Pennsylvania (Region III - Philadelphia)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To expedite the movement of court participants unfamiliar with the courthouse to their proper location.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project uses proven commercial technology, i.e., a public TV information display system, for up-to-date information pertaining to the status and location of the current court activities in the Delaware County, Pa. (Media) Courthouse. The system described is to be very similar to the well-know TV information display found at all major airline ticket centers. The system will be designed to display information pertaining to court participants (victims, witnesses, jurors) at 13 courthouse locations used by the general public. This system will expedite the movement of persons unfamiliar with the courthouse to their proper location, thereby reducing confusion and displeasure with the court appearance experience because of not knowing where to go after arriving at the courthouse.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is an innovative use of technology in the judicial system.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$32,981 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-DF-03-0017

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$29,683

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 6/75 - 6/76

**REFERENCE:** Richard S. Morelli  
Department of Justice  
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

**PROJECT NAME:** National District  
Attorney Commission on Victim/Witness  
Assistance

**PROJECT TYPE:** Citizen Initiative

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
National District Attorneys'  
Association  
Washington, D.C.

**STATE:** Washington, D.C. (Region III -  
Philadelphia)

**AREA SERVED:** Multi-State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To deliver help to crime victims and witnesses; to determine the actual extent of victim/witness problems; and to encourage nonparticipating district attorneys to get involved in victim/witness assistance programs.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Victim/Witness Assistance Project began operation on July 7, 1975 in New York City's King County. The project is the culmination of a joint planning effort undertaken by the New York Division of Criminal Justice Services, the New York City Criminal Justice Coordinating Council, the Kings County District Attorney's Office, the New York City Police Department, New York City Office of Court Administration and the Vera Institute of Justice. The commission has recently been refunded for a second year of operations. Its primary goal for the second year is to provide direct help to 440,000 crime victims and witnesses. The commission is now serving as a de facto national clearinghouse for victim witness assistance programs and maintains liaison with numerous criminal justice agencies. Commission films "The Justice Maze" and "The Justice System and You" have been widely shown across the country.

**IMPACT (if available):** During the second half of its first year, the commission's eight participating offices rendered direct services to over 106,000 crime victims and witnesses.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This project represents a nationwide effort to stimulate solutions to the problem.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$1,107,469 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-DF-99-0020

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$996,722

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 10/74 - 9/75

**REFERENCE:** Richard P. Lynch  
1900 L Street, N.W., Ste. 712  
Washington, D.C. 20036



**PROJECT NAME:** Rape Reduction  
Project - B

**PROJECT TYPE:** Citizen's Initiative

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
City of Seattle, Washington

**STATE:** Washington (Region X - Seattle)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To reduce the incidence of forcible rape in Seattle and to increase the willingness of victims to cooperate with the criminal justice system through upgrading the methods by which criminal justice, medical and social service personnel interact with rape victims.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Rape Reduction Project uses two community resources to implement its goals of increasing victim willingness to report and prosecute rape offenders: the Rape Relief Program of the University of Washington YWCA, and the Harborview Medical Center. A rape crisis line provides access to the project 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A full-time director closely coordinates five program elements: (1) medical and support services from the Harborview Medical Center which provides medical specialists and the services of a social worker to assist and counsel the rape victim; (2) information, referral, and advocacy; (3) third-party reporting for victims who do not wish to report a rape directly to the police; (4) model procedures to be worked out which will set official standards for sensitive and uniform handling of rape cases from the first report through the courtroom trial; and (5) public information and education campaigns developed to inform the public and special target audiences about rape reduction services.

**IMPACT (if available):** During the first year of operation, reported rapes increased 20 percent from 273 to 327, while the proportion of cases in which a victim refused to prosecute a known suspect dropped from 36 percent (33 out of 91) to 23 percent (24 out of 104).

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

N/A

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$107,978 (nine months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 1528

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$97,180 (nine months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 9/73 - 6/75

**REFERENCE:** Dolores Ettress  
Rape Reduction Project  
Seattle, Washington

**PROJECT NAME:** Illinois Court  
Watching Project

**PROJECT TYPE:** Citizen Initiative

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
N/A

**STATE:** Illinois (Region V - Chicago)

**AREA SERVED:** Multi-County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To conduct a program in seven Illinois counties using trained volunteers to monitor and report on the trial process in the lower criminal courts and to recommend improvements.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project has published two handbooks: How to Watch a Court and How to Watch a Court - Part II. Monitors fill out case reports and personnel evaluation forms daily for each of the courts being observed; the project staff tabulates the data in weekly and monthly forms for the individual courtroom. State and local committees issued interim public reports and confidential reports to the judiciary.

**IMPACT (if available):** During 1974-75, the project trained more than 250 volunteers in four counties to monitor and collect data in their courts.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The long- and short-term impact of this program is an upgrading of the judicial process.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$50,000 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** N/A

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$45,000

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/74 - 7/76

**REFERENCE:** Kay D. Heyman  
Citizen Resource Specialist  
Illinois Law Enforcement  
Commission

**PROJECT NAME:** Sex Crime Prosecution  
Unit/Crisis Center - Polk County, Iowa

**PROJECT TYPE:** Citizen's Initiative

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

N/A

**STATE:** Iowa (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

This project is designed to provide special services to sex crime victims, predominantly rape victims.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Luthern Hospital of Des Moines, Iowa maintains a crisis center, on a 24-hour basis, providing consultation services and free medical treatment for rape victims. All law enforcement agencies cooperate, along with the prosecutor's office. Medical, social, police and prosecutor services are coordinated to provide care and consultation to victims. After-care consultation is available to victims for the purpose of "helping them return to normalcy of life." The county prosecutor personally handles prosecution in such cases. Select nurses in three local hospitals have been given special training in handling of rape victims. Wide support and publicity has been given the project through newspapers, TV, radio and public speakers before high schools, civic and professional groups. Instructional literature has been published on whom to call and the services available, including crime prevention information.

**IMPACT (if available):** From October 8, 1974 to February 12, 1975 90 incidents have been reported, with a 35 percent conviction rate. There has been a 37 percent increase in reported incidents during this period.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This project has been highly successful.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$66,037 (24 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 702-75-04-7700-33-3

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$48,945 (24 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 8/74 - 8/76

**REFERENCE:** David Brown  
Project Director  
Des Moines, Iowa

**PROJECT NAME:** The Urban Court Program      **PROJECT TYPE:** Citizen's Initiative

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**      **STATE:** Massachusetts (Region I - Boston)

Mayor's Safe Streets Committee,  
City of Boston, Massachusetts

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To provide the Dorchester District Court with responsive human service capabilities in key areas of its functioning.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Dorchester District Court is seeking to increase community involvement in court activities. It has, therefore, been possible to design a program which utilizes local residents in certain roles as responders to human problems and deliverers of human services. The project will provide an opportunity for community residents to be sensitized to the case-by-case difficulties which the court faces in its role as responder to a variety of human problems. Urban Court has three basic components: the disposition panel - this component will accept referrals from the bench of defendants who have been tried and found guilty, and will develop presentence reports and sentencing recommendations for use by the judge in his/her sentencing decisions; the mediation project - this component is designed to provide dispute settlement services at a point before the criminal process begins; the victims project - this component is designed to respond to the needs of victims, needs which are currently not thoroughly addressed or understood in terms of assessment and service delivery.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Integrates a number of innovative approaches to victim care.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$459,081

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-DD-99-0015

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$412,774

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 5/75 - 4/76

**REFERENCE:** Margaret Skarrow, Director  
560 Washington Street  
Dorchester, Massachusetts

**PROJECT NAME:** Witness Information Service

**PROJECT TYPE:** Citizen Initiative

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Court Observers, Inc.  
Peoria County Courthouse  
Peoria, Illinois

**STATE:** Illinois (Region V - Chicago)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To provide information to witnesses in court proceedings.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Information is provided to defense and prosecution witnesses on a 12-hour basis, five days a week, on when and where to appear, court procedure and legal terminology are explained. Information is provided on victim compensation and witness protection services. Data is collected on case flow and continuances. Area employers were asked to support a guarantee that employees need not suffer financial loss because of the need to appear as a witness.

**IMPACT (if available):** Employers have supported guarantee against financial loss. Reporting and scheduling procedures in State's Attorney Office have improved.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

It demonstrates the increased responsiveness of the courts to the needs of citizens.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$34,147 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 0061-05-DF-75

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$30,732

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 6/75 - 6/76

**REFERENCE:** Kay D. Heyman  
Citizen Resource Specialist  
Illinois Law Enforcement  
Commission

**PROJECT NAME:** A Pilot Project to Aid the Judiciary in the Administration of Criminal Justice in Santa Clara County

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/ Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Office of the County Executive  
County of Santa Clara  
San Jose, California

**STATE:** California (Region IX - San Francisco)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To formulate goals, standards and recommendations which will assist the judiciary in the administration of the criminal justice system in Santa Clara County.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project is designed to formulate goals, standards and recommendations which will assist the judiciary in the administration of the criminal justice system in Santa Clara County. In this regard, the project will define the current and future role of the judiciary in relation not only to the courts, but also to the total criminal justice system. It will focus on the development of standards and goals. A further result of this project is that the testing and demonstration of the methodology used in conducting the proposed work may be used as a model for other jurisdictions.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:** Promising project.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$144,348 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 74-DF-09-0036

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$129,913

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/74 - 6/75

**REFERENCE:** N/A

**PROJECT NAME:** Adjudicatory Planning Unit **PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:** **STATE:** Rhode Island (Region I - Boston)

Court Component Committee  
c/o Office of State Court Administration  
Providence, Rhode Island

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To perform comprehensive and integrated planning for the court system in Rhode Island.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Adjudicatory Planning Unit, to be established under the aegis of the Court Component Committee, will constitute a joint planning capability for the judiciary, encompassing the Office of the Court Administrator, the Office of the Attorney General, the Public Defender and the several courts of the state of Rhode Island. While performing comprehensive and integrated planning for the court system in Rhode Island, the unit will also allow independence of this planning capability essential to the proper functioning of the judiciary. This unit, for example, will have the primary responsibility for planning in regard to the allocation and use of funds made available from LEAA through the Rhode Island SPA to the judiciary. Also, it is expected to enhance, by making formal, the current informal cooperation in research and planning carried out by the Court Component Committee. While located under the fiscal and administrative jurisdiction of the office of the supreme court's administrator, the unit will be responsive to a steering committee of the CCC to assure adequate input from other judicial agencies. A second year of LEAA funding will be requested, after which time this project is expected to be absorbed with state funds.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Project has potential.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$66,667 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 76-DF-01-0001

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$60,000 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 8/75 - 8/76

**REFERENCE:** Dennis Revens  
Director of Planning  
Providence, Rhode Island

**PROJECT NAME:** Assistant Trial Court  
Administrator's Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Administrative Office of the Courts  
State House Annex  
Trenton, New Jersey

**STATE:** New Jersey (Region II-New York)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To improve the efficiency of the New Jersey court system by the ongoing provision of trial-level administrative expertise in each judicial district of the state.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The program will accomplish specific objectives within six major areas of court case processing: 1) to conduct yearly administrative audits on each of the 524 municipal courts and maintain ongoing supervision of those courts; 2) to reduce criminal case processing time and improve the handling of defendants in all of the upper courts in each of New Jersey's 21 counties; 3) to minimize detention of juveniles and eliminate inappropriate filings of juvenile complaints; 4) to expand and standardize the activities of assistant court administrators relative to criminal justice planning; 5) to relieve the assignment judge in each county of the certain responsibilities consistent with National Criminal Justice Standard 9.3 in order that he might devote his energies to matters which more greatly require judicial supervision; and 6) to expand the use of computers on the vicinage level so as to include applications which are research and management aids, as well as applications which will substitute for current manual efforts.

**IMPACT (if available):**

Intake services have been provided in the areas of scheduling and docketing.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The program has proved to be highly flexible, providing each segment with what it needs.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$169,326 (5 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 74 DF-02-0010

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$152,294 (5 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 6/75 - 11/75

**REFERENCE:** Hon. Arthur J. Simpson, Jr.  
Project Director  
Trenton, New Jersey



**PROJECT NAME:** Coordinator of Ogden  
City Court Services

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Ogden City Corporation  
Ogden, Utah

**STATE:** Utah (Region VIII - Denver)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To speed court processes, to provide community and correctional services, and to develop needed service programs by hiring a court services coordinator.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The court coordinator, hired by the coordinator of the Ogden City Court Service project, lessens the nonjudicial workload of every judge in Ogden, Utah, by arranging staff meetings and contacting needed social service agencies. The coordinator also functions as a point of contact within the judiciary for outside agencies, sends court calendars to appropriate agencies and designs updated forms for various court affairs. Other coordinator functions include dispensing presentencing reports to judges, setting up a pretrial release program (mainly for misdemeanants) and a night court, and establishing an Alcohol Detoxification center outside the court's jurisdiction.

**IMPACT (if available):** Between February 1973 and January 1975, the project reports that the number of backlogged preliminary hearings was reduced from 134 to 38 (72%), and the number of juries pending was reduced from 134 to 25 (78%).

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

N/A

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$18,401 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 2-74-H-1-3

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$16,561 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 3/72 - 6/75

**REFERENCE:** Judge E.F. Zeigler  
Ogden City Court  
Ogden, Utah

**PROJECT NAME:** Court Administration -  
Reporters to Relieve Congestion in Courts

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
Judicial Department  
Supreme Court of South Carolina

**STATE:** South Carolina (Region IV - Atlanta)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To obtain two court reporters for South Carolina circuit courts to assist in reducing the backlog of cases.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Chief Justice of the State Supreme Court has ordered additional weeks of circuit criminal court time in South Carolina in order to reduce an overwhelming criminal court docket case backlog. This grant provides needed assistance to the clerk of the Supreme Court, who controls the court reporters throughout the state. These additional reporters will assist in case transcriptions and other duties until the backlog is relieved.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is the first time the State Supreme Court has accepted federal funds.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Action

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$62,208 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-197

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$55,987 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 11/75 - 10/76

**REFERENCE:** N/A

**PROJECT NAME:** Court Management  
Caseflow Study

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
Legislative Judicial System Study  
Committee, South Carolina

**STATE:** South Carolina (Region IV - Atlanta)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

Examine and evaluate the record keeping systems maintained by the clerks of court of South Carolina.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project primarily focuses on the court of general trial jurisdiction, the circuit court. At least one county in each of the state's 16 judicial circuits will be studied. Twenty counties in all will be examined. A physical inventory of all civil and criminal cases filed on and after January 1, 1971, through the summer of 1974 was made. The Court Management Case Flow Study was a project coordinated jointly with the State Legislature and State Judicial Department. The project was administered by the State Court Administrator's Office and provided staff and research capabilities to a legislative committee assisting in the promulgation of a unified judicial system legislative package. Such legislation is presently pending and will be considered by the 1976 General Assembly. Analysis of criminal cases is from the date of indictment filing through the last dispositive action taken. Five categories of disposition are used: dismissal, nolle prosequi, judgment of court, jury verdict and guilty plea.

**IMPACT (if available):** As a result of this study legislation unifying the state court system was passed.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Important issue in state.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Action

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$110,000 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 74-006

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$100,000 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 6/73 - 6/74

**REFERENCE:** Skip Townsend  
Courts Specialist  
Columbia, South Carolina

**PROJECT NAME:** Courts Management

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Board of County Commissioners  
1219 Ontario Street  
Cleveland, Ohio

**STATE:** Ohio (Region IV - Chicago)

**AREA SERVED:** Multi-County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To develop technical assistance capabilities for various criminal justice agencies; to develop programs for the consolidation of court services; and to establish in the courts of Cuyahoga County the capability to assume responsibilities for the operation of research and development functions.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project was established in May of 1970 with the following objectives: reduce docket delay; improve the information exchange among justice agencies; and improve the process of planning, allocating and controlling the resources of the justice system. In the current year, the project will develop a position paper and analyze the feasibility of establishing a regional justice information system in county and suburban municipal courts. In addition, it will provide overall management assistance to the courts and the county in the development of program solutions to the transition and relocation of court agencies.

**IMPACT (if available):** Numerous information systems and management subsystems have been established.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

A great deal of money has been expended on this project, which is one of the better known of its type.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$33,333 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** N/A

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$26,816 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 5/70 - 12/76

**REFERENCE:** Court Management Project  
118 St. Clair Avenue  
Cleveland, Ohio

**PROJECT NAME:** Denver Court  
Diagnostic Center

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Denver County Court  
Denver, Colorado

**STATE:** Colorado (Region VIII - Denver)

**AREA SERVED:** Multi-County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To improve decisions concerning case disposition by establishing a program to provide basic psychological and diagnostic testing information on offenders to court judges and probation and parole supervisory personnel.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The program includes a six- to eight-hour battery of tests given to the offender covering such issues as intelligence, reasoning, personality problems and hypertension. A psychiatrist, psychologist and intern evaluate results within 48 hours to a week after testing, and they send results to the referring agency (e.g., county and district court judges, probation and parole departments) for use in sentencing decisions, supervision planning and parole supervision. Evaluations are descriptive only and make no recommendations on case handling. Tests are administered at the clinic and county jail.

**IMPACT (if available):** Diagnostic evaluation of offenders provided. The project staff is capable of handling more than 104 referrals per quarter year; however, they are presently evaluating only 75 per quarter.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a model project that has proved to be highly efficient.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$250,000 (18 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 73 ED 08 0009(B)

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$98,125 (18 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 1/72 - 6/76

**REFERENCE:** Jack Nelson  
City and County Building  
Denver, Colorado

**PROJECT NAME:** District Court  
Administrator 2B Judicial District

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
N/A

**STATE:** Iowa (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** Multi-County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

This project is designed to bring into the judicial process modern management techniques including court calendar assignments, case scheduling and processing, jury management, form and procedural standardization, facility planning and continuous analysis of the judicial process toward improvement.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The 2B part of the District Court involves 13 counties and 14 circuit judges. Substantial results have been realized in several areas of the judicial process. Among most notable achievements are standardization of jury questionnaires, organizing court clerks into an association meeting bi-monthly to note and solve mutual problems, reducing jury panels to only required numbers of jurors which saved \$7,000 in a five month period on travel and juror pay expenses, and at the same time improved the courts image among jurors by avoiding waste of time.

**IMPACT (if available):** With a 42.4% increase in cases in 1974 over previous year, at the end of 1974 the increase in pending cases was 26.4%, indicating increased efficiency in case processing.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Accomplishment of objective.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$68,818 (24 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 702-75-03-0002-31-02

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$60,937 (24 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 8/74 - 8/76

**REFERENCE:** Allen Way  
Project Director

**PROJECT NAME:** Implementation of  
Alabama Courts Master Plan

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Alabama Department of Court Management  
Montgomery, Alabama

**STATE:** Alabama (Region IV - Atlanta)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

Implementation of a five-year Master Plan for Courts, Prosecution, Defense and Law Reform.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This award, in the amount \$482,222, to the subgrantee, Alabama Department of Court Management, has as its principal goal the successful implementation of initial efforts under the five-year Master Plan for Courts, Prosecution, Defense, and Law Reform in the State of Alabama. This is a continuation of the efforts originally funded and implemented under LEAA Discretionary Grant No. 73-DF-04-0044. This award will continue to accelerate the initial implementation of programs contained in the Master Plan, and assist in establishing an appropriately revised and reorganized judicial system in Alabama which reflects current thinking and philosophy relative to the administration of justice. The Master Plan, in essence, is a road map by which those involved with the administration of justice in Alabama may be guided during the period covered by the plan. The plan allows for progress in an orderly and well-defined manner, avoiding conflicts, duplications, and uncoordinated efforts. Efforts contemplated under this award include projects for improved court management, structural reorganization, law reform, operations support, information system capabilities, and training and education.

**IMPACT (if available):** State is proceeding with the passage of a new judicial article and judicial legislation.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Model project for entire country.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$535,802 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75 DF 04 0025

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$482,222 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/73 - 2/76

**REFERENCE:** Donald Lee  
501 Adams Avenue  
Montgomery, Alabama

**PROJECT NAME:** Judicial Systems Study

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Calvin N. Rolfson  
North Dakota Judicial Council  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

**STATE:** North Dakota (Region VIII - Denver)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

Make recommendations for needed improvements in the state's judicial system.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project will be responsible for developing a study to assess the quality of judicial facilities in North Dakota and make recommendations for needed improvements in the state's judicial system. This project will also make possible an increase of personnel in the office of the court administrator; develop a central and unified method of financial accounting, bookkeeping and budgetary accountability; create a continuing education and training mode for judges; and establish a management information system within the state's judicial system.

**IMPACT (if available):** The study resulted in the development of a comprehensive management information system and a judicial education and training program.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Success of program in accomplishing objectives.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$101,144 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 74-DF-08-0024

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$91,030 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/74 - 6/75

**REFERENCE:** Barbara Gletne  
Box B  
Bismarck, North Dakota



**PROJECT NAME:** Justice System  
Interpreter Model Development

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

County of Pima  
Tucson, Arizona

**STATE:** Arizona (Region IX - San Francisco)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

The development of a justice system interpreter services model which will effectively and efficiently provide language services to non-English Spanish-speaking persons.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This study will result in the development of a justice system interpreter services model which will effectively and efficiently provide language services to non-English Spanish-speaking persons. The finalized model can be implemented, tested, and improved for adoption by other justice systems of similar size and characteristics. This project will emphasize the utilization of interpreter services during the trial stage of the process in the court of general jurisdiction.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

State has a large population of Spanish-speaking persons. The lack of such a project could constitute a violation of the rights of these persons.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$38,258 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 73-DF-09-0045

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$28,492 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 8/73 - 7/74

**REFERENCE:** Darrell Mitchel  
5119 North 19th Ave., Suite M  
Phoenix, Arizona

**PROJECT NAME:** Management Planning  
Unit II

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

NYS Judicial Conference  
New York, New York

**STATE:** New York (Region II - New York)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To continue and expand the operations of the Management Planning Unit in the Office of the State Administrator.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The unit was established to assist the state administrator in the performance of his research, planning and standard setting function and, in particular, has been responsible for developing and implementing recommendations for improving the administration of the courts. During the first year of funding, the unit has concentrated on planning and implementing a felony case processing program to reduce backlogs and speed the disposition of cases in New York City as follows: (a) The first phase of the plan provided emergency funding for 15 new supreme court criminal term parts in New York, Bronx and Kings counties. In addition, funds were provided for State Division of Probation mobile units to assist in eliminating pre-sentence report backlogs in Kings County; and (b) The second phase consisted of a plan jointly developed with the Division of Criminal Justice Services for improved court administration in New York City. The plan proposed the administrative coordination of the New York City Criminal Court and the Supreme Court, criminal branch in New York and Bronx counties. This phase was subsequently implemented in March 1973.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Creation of a planning capability within the court system itself.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$333,325 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 1006

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$221,062 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 4/72 - 3/74

**REFERENCE:** Mrs. Susan Johnson  
New York State Office of  
Court Administration  
New York, New York

**PROJECT NAME:** Office Manager,  
Prosecutor's Office

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Passaic County Prosecutor's Office  
Passaic County, New Jersey

**STATE:** New Jersey (Region II - New York)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To free the prosecutor and assistant prosecutor from performing tasks like budgeting, supplies, personnel and record-keeping that can be handled by non-legal personnel.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The program calls for the hiring of an office manager to handle time-consuming day-to-day office chores, allowing the prosecutor to devote all his efforts to the prosecution of cases.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a promising project.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Action

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$27,778 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** N/A

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$25,000 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 2/76 - 1/77

**REFERENCE:** Burrell Ives Humphreys  
Passaic County Prosecutor  
Passaic County, New Jersey

**PROJECT NAME:** St. Louis Court Improvement

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Missouri Court of Appeals,  
Eastern District  
Civil Courts Building  
St. Louis, Missouri

**STATE:** Missouri (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** Multi-County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

The St. Louis Committee on Courts was established as an agency which would analyze the criminal justice system and implement appropriate policies and recommendations derived from that analysis for the improvement of the courts.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Utilizing other court management studies, the committee analyzes the post-arrest process, highlighting problem areas and pinpointing reasons for delay throughout the criminal justice system. Various elements of the system (the judiciary, members of the bar, citizens) review the committee's findings and formulate appropriate solutions. In order to accomplish this, the committee analyzes cases by means of data collection, personal interviews, study of pertinent statutes, rules and constitutional provisions. The committee hopes to improve the court system by generation of data, development of sound proposals, and through cooperation of appropriate agencies comprising the criminal justice system, assist in implementation of these proposals.

**IMPACT (if available):** The committee has proven to be an effective catalyst, affecting modernization of the court system and reduction of caseload for other agencies within the criminal justice system.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This project is extremely cost-effective in accomplishing its goals.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$25,349

**GRANT NUMBER:** 3-MP-14-73-E3

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$22,814

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 8/73 - 6/75

**REFERENCE:** Lucile Hiley Ring  
Civil Courts Building  
St. Louis, Missouri

**PROJECT NAME:** Visiting Judges Project

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Administration/  
Management

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Cleveland IMPACT Cities Program  
Cleveland, Ohio

**STATE:** Ohio (Region V - Chicago)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To reduce pretrial backlog and delay for court cases and to meet statutory case-processing limitations set by the Ohio criminal code by referral of certain cases to visiting judges.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project paid retired judges and visiting judges from other jurisdictions (five in all) to hear cases which had been pending for longer than six months in the Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas. Support personnel, including a project director, deputy sheriffs and court reporters, were hired to assist the judges in expediting these cases. While visiting judges had been used by the court in previous years, the scope of their activity was expanded by this project by scheduling cases and calendars specifically for the visiting judges.

**IMPACT (if available):** The visiting judges reduced the backlog of untried cases from 1,566; of which 216 had been pending for over six months, to 991 (a 37 percent reduction in nine months), of which only 40 were over six months old (an 82 percent reduction).

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a relatively simple project which accomplished its objectives.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$369,647 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 74-DF-05-0014

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$308,403 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 3/73 - 3/75

**REFERENCE:** John Curran  
Court Administrator  
Cleveland, Ohio

**PROJECT NAME:** Enabling Legislation  
for the Judicial Article

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Reorganization

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Governor's Commission on the  
Administration of Justice  
Montpelier, Vermont

**STATE:** Vermont (Region I - Boston)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To create a more effective and efficient judicial system by establishing a research commission to develop a unified statewide court system as mandated by Amendment 5 to the Vermont Constitution.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The National Center for State Courts was contractor for this comprehensive research effort to prepare requisite draft legislation and court rules to facilitate orderly transition to a unified court system. Professional staff consisted of the project director, a director of field research, a research associate and three research assistants. Steps included review of previous studies of the judicial system and court administration in Vermont and other states, data gathering and analysis (visits, questionnaires, statistical review), consultation with judges, legislators, lawyers, county officials and media representatives concerning recommendations and alternatives, writing draft legislation, court rules and a work plan for implementation, review of the draft by the courts and the legislature, writing a final draft, and implementing the work plan.

**IMPACT (if available):** Legislation was defeated by the State Senate. It did, however, raise issues and generate discussion.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The project points up the difficulties of trying to set up a uniform court system in rural state with small constituencies. It looked good on paper but ran into difficulties.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$52,222 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 74-DF-01-0013

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$47,000 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 6/74 - 5/75

**REFERENCE:** Lawrence J. Turgeon  
Court Administrator  
Montpelier, Vermont

**PROJECT NAME:** Shawnee County  
Unified Court Services

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Reorganization

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
Shawnee County Courthouse  
Topeka, Kansas

**STATE:** Kansas (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To provide more effective and efficient rehabilitation services by uniting a variety of juvenile and adult probation programs and related correctional services under one central administration.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Shawnee County Unified Court Services program coordinated a previously fragmented system of service delivery. The positions of director and assistant director of court services were created within the county court, having jurisdiction over misdemeanants, felons, juveniles, divorce cases and mental illness cases. The merger of service brought together adult and juvenile probation services, correctional services to the jail and the district court trustees. Four supporting programs were also integrated into the project. These were volunteers in corrections, group and domestic counseling services, the court mental health clinic and central records and clerical services. An information system was being developed to provide evaluation capability and case tracking information for all clients of unified court services.

**IMPACT (if available):** The reorganization was implemented, and integration and cross-provision of services were initiated. Further reorganization followed the evaluation, and an improved structure for judicial superintendency was effected after evaluation.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

N/A

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$185,686 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 73-E-2062

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$108,107 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 12/72 - 11/74

**REFERENCE:** Lloyd Zook  
Acting Director of Court Serv.  
Topeka, Kansas

**PROJECT NAME:** Unified Court Administration

**PROJECT TYPE:** Court Reorganization

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

State Supreme Court Administration  
State Capitol  
Pierre, South Dakota

**STATE:** South Dakota (Region VIII - Denver)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To provide management planning and support for a major reorganization of the South Dakota court system.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Amendments to the South Dakota State Constitution, effective in January 1975, provided for the elimination of justices of the peace and district county courts and the creation of a unified, statewide court system, budget and personnel structure. This grant permitted the hiring of a state court personnel officer and a management consulting firm. The firm analyzed funding, personnel and records systems. It then produced budget estimates for the first year of unified operation; proposed pay schedules and personnel rules; a recommended personnel organization; court accounting, budgeting and travel regulations; a budgetary manual; and a new records and forms management system. Nearly all the firm's recommendations were accepted. The salary of the personnel officer, who worked with the consultants as they developed their recommendations, has now been assumed by the state.

**IMPACT (if available):** Reorganization permits elimination of seven unnecessary judgeships and 130 lay magistrates. Stronger central administration has permitted the shifting of judges and cases to match resources to workloads, draft improvements in judicial training. Publish uniform fine and bond schedules, etc.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The project was quite successful in streamlining a court reorganization effort.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$84,677 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 3-05-13-001

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$63,500

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 6/74 - 6/75

**REFERENCE:** Ellis D. Pettigrew  
State Capitol  
Pierre, South Dakota



**PROJECT NAME:** Comprehensive Legal  
Defense Services for the Accused Indigent

**PROJECT TYPE:** Defense Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

N/A

**STATE:** Iowa (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

Comparative analysis of public defender, court-appointed and private defense counsel for accused indigent felons to determine system best for defendant and county.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

All ramifications of each approach to defense were studied. Data was produced as to quality of services, effectiveness of disposition, standards used in selection of court-appointed counsel, legal effects of administrative decisions in prosecution and Polk County correctional system on defendants and comparative costs. Four attorneys, one assistant and two stenographic workers comprised the office.

**IMPACT (if available):** Public defender system proved substantially better than court-appointed council from several data supported aspects. Random sampling of privately-hired counsel generally showed parity with the public defender.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This project has been highly successful in accomplishing its objectives.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$396,837 (39 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 72-DF-0017

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$261,806 (39 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 4/73 - 6/76

**REFERENCE:** Clair Cramer  
3125 Douglas Avenue  
Des Moines, Iowa

**PROJECT NAME:** Criminal Defense Lawyers Course

**PROJECT TYPE:** Defense

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

State Bar of Texas and Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association  
P. O. Box 12487, Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

**STATE:** Texas (Region VI - Dallas)

**AREA SERVED:** Statewide

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To provide courses of instruction to attorneys inexperienced in criminal practice so that there will be a sufficient number of skilled criminal defense lawyers to handle the defense of indigent defendants in both state and federal courts.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The project will be under the joint sponsorship of the State Bar of Texas and the Texas Criminal Defense Lawyers Association. Overall direction and supervision will be provided by a Project Executive Committee made up of an equal number of representatives of each organization. TCDLA will be primarily responsible for contributing to the substantive development of the course content and materials, and obtaining well-qualified instructors to participate in the program. The State Bar will be primarily responsible for the administrative and logistical elements of the program. Training methods will include lecture, videotape demonstration and live demonstration. The format will be the basic institute approach. Teaching staff for all courses will be composed of foremost practitioners in the field of criminal law. The project will provide intensive skills training to approximately 320 attorneys under the Criminal Defense Lawyers Project. Also, 750 lawyers will receive basic training in Federal Criminal Law. In addition, 750 or more attorneys throughout the state will receive information and training on the new Penal Code and recent developments therein.

**IMPACT (if available):**

N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Defense lawyers find this type of training very important.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Action

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$171,379 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** AC-75-D3-7787

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$104,786 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 4/1/75 - 3/31/76

**REFERENCE:** James Martin, Program Admin.  
State Bar of Texas  
P. O. Box 12487, Cap. Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

**PROJECT NAME:** Expansion of State  
Public Defender Services, State of  
New Jersey

**PROJECT TYPE:** Defense Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Office of the Public Defender  
Trenton, New Jersey

**STATE:** New Jersey (Region II - New York)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To reduce the workload of Public Defenders in New Jersey, by providing funds for additional attorneys, investigators and supporting staff.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The activities of the Office of the Public Defender Trial Program in the past three fiscal years have contributed to a reduction in court backlog as reported by the Administrative Office of the Courts. There were 13,627 cases pending plea or trial on June 30, 1972; this was reduced by 8 percent to 12,531 on June 30, 1973. While it is impossible to measure the impact of speedy disposition of cases, it is generally accepted that delayed justice contributes to the crime problem. In spite of an increasing demand for services, the quantity and quality of case dispositions has demonstrated the effective use of SLEPA funds, and the dedication of our staff to maintaining a high level of production. At the present time our attorneys are disposing of 187 cases per man. The standard workload of a defense attorney as promulgated by the National Commission on Standards and Goals for the Criminal Justice System provides that defense counsel should not be required to carry a caseload of more than 150 felonies or 200 juvenile delinquency cases. Based on the percentage of adult and juvenile cases in the Office of the Public Defender, that National Standard would be 162 cases per attorney.

**IMPACT (if available):** Backlog has decreased from 10.1 to 7.8 per month, despite a caseload increase.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The disparity between capability of prosecutor and the public defender.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Action

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$333,334 (five months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** A-18-74

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$300,000 (five months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 5/74 - 10/74

**REFERENCE:** Stanley C. Van Ness  
Public Defender  
Trenton, New Jersey

**PROJECT NAME:** Implementing Discovery Rules

**PROJECT TYPE:** Defender Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

16th Judicial Circuit  
1802 Traders Bank Building  
1125 Grand Ave.  
Kansas City, Mo.

**STATE:**

Missouri (Region VII)

**AREA SERVED:**

County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To assure an opportunity for defense and prosecution of "discovery" of the evidence that will be used at trial, and thus expedite cases.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project provides for two officials, one assistant prosecutor and one assistant Public Defender. These individuals have offices adjacent to the prosecutor's office warrant desk.

As arrestees are brought to the warrant desk, a copy of all information pertinent to the case is delivered to the assistant prosecutor and the public defender. Each studies the case documents and interviews the arrestee. A decision is then reached as to whether prosecution will continue (charges filed) or appropriate pretrial diversion action is a justified course of action.

From April thru August 1975, 863 felony cases were thus reviewed; 290 cases were diverted before the preliminary hearing; 1194 witnesses did not have to appear; 2213 county jail days were saved; 3628 total days were saved that would have taken prosecutors, judges, defenses and miscellaneous adjudication processing time.

**IMPACT (if available):**

N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

It results in saving much time and money.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$35,6000 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-ACE5-8023

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$32,020 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 4/75 - 3/76

**REFERENCE:** Edwin Carlton  
Traders Bank Building  
1125 Grand Ave.  
Kansas City, Missouri 64106

**PROJECT NAME:** Methods of Providing Representation for Indigent Criminal Accused

**PROJECT TYPE:** Defender Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
Washington State Bar Association

**STATE:** Washington (Region X - Seattle)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To determine the need for and alternative methods of providing defender services statewide and to investigate appropriate ways in which the Washington State Bar Association might facilitate and encourage the development of such services.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Washington State Bar Association members worked through appropriate committees to conduct evaluations of current programs, consider data on the need for services and review recommendations for the kind and quantities of needed services. Reviews of operating defender systems included representatives of local bar associations.

**IMPACT (if available):** Defender systems have been implemented in accordance with recommendations.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

For first time in state, state and local bar associations are involved in indigent defense services. Judges have been forced to pay more attention to the indigent problem.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$37,130 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 1505

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$33,417 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 10/74 - 9/75

**REFERENCE:** N/A

**PROJECT NAME:** Public Defender  
Inmates Services

**PROJECT TYPE:** Defense Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Office of the Public Defender  
Annapolis, Maryland

**STATE:** Maryland (Region III - Philadelphia)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To provide effective defense counsel through the public defender system within 24 hours after arrest and throughout each stage of the criminal process for all indigent offenders.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This is a specialized unit in the office of the public defender which provides legal services to inmates confined within the Maryland Correctional System. Specifically, these services are provided in the areas of post-conviction relief, writs of habeas corpus, detainers, parole revocation hearings and cases involving jail time credit. The project is designed not only to provide services to inmates but also to aid the correctional system in processing cases that involve legal problems. Staff for this project is the major item requested in the second year budget. This includes one section chief, one assistant public defender, four paralegal investigators and one secretary.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Provides services that perhaps no other state has thought of providing.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$110,857 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** N/A

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$99,771 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 1/75 - 12/76

**REFERENCE:** Peter J. Lally  
Courts Specialist  
Annapolis, Maryland

**PROJECT NAME:** Public Defender Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Defense Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Pennington County Commissioners  
County Courthouse  
Rapid City, South Dakota

**STATE:** South Dakota (Region VIII - Denver)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To lower the cost of representation of indigent defendants by replacing the court-appointed attorney program with a public defender project.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Pennington County Public Defender Project operates under the auspices of the county government and replaces the old court-appointed attorney system for representing indigents. All referrals come from the court, which also decides if defendants are sufficiently needy to qualify. (Those not liable for a jail sentence are not eligible.) Felons and misdemeanants comprise the 90 percent adult clientele, who are provided legal assistance by the four attorneys through the appeal process, if necessary. In-service training consists of sending a representative annually to the National Conference of Criminal Defense and Public Defenders and to the Denver and Northwestern University law schools.

**IMPACT (if available):** Indigent defendants served. In 1974, according to project reports, 1,100 clients were served (an increase of 120% over the previous year), and 500 were released on recognizance because of the project court-appointed counsel which would have cost the county \$245 per case, compared to \$137 for the Public Defender.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a pilot project that has been quite successful, and was the basis for legislation.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$50,000 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 3-05-07-601

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$30,000

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 2/73 - 3/76

**REFERENCE:** Lawrence Zastrow  
519 Kansas City  
Rapid City, South Dakota

**PROJECT NAME:** Public Defender  
Juvenile Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Defense Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Public Defender  
800 Equitable Building  
Baltimore, Maryland

**STATE:** Maryland (Region III - Philadelphia)

**AREA SERVED:** Jurisdiction

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To provide rapid and effective defense counsel for all indigent juvenile offenders in order to reduce the court's backlog.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The program enables 15 assistant public defenders and 15 interviewers/aides to provide defense counsel and specialized representation in the major juvenile courts of Maryland. The assistant public defenders work on a day-to-day basis with judges and juvenile masters to represent all indigent clients. The interviewers/aides assist in the gathering of information surrounding a case, investigating family background, and interviewing juvenile clients. The project has prepared a special manual to be used in the interviewing process.

**IMPACT (if available):** The program has allowed the court system to keep up with its work load, initially reducing the number of open cases from 5,000 to 1,200 petitions during the period from March 1972 to March 1973.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The sheer volume of cases handled is significant. The program has been extremely successful.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$408,376 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 3190-CT-5

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$367,538 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 3/72 - 3/75

**REFERENCE:** Alfred J. O'Fenall  
Deputy Public Defender  
Baltimore, Maryland



**PROJECT NAME:** Regional Public Defender Project

**PROJECT TYPE:** Defense Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Burleigh County  
Burleigh County Courthouse  
Bismarck, North Dakota

**STATE:** North Dakota (Region VIII - Denver)

**AREA SERVED:** Multi-County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**  
To establish a public defender project to provide legal counsel for indigent defendants in a 10-county region.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Regional Public Defender Project provides a public defender and assistant, supervised by a five-member board of trustees, comprised of three attorneys from Burleigh County and two attorneys from Morton County, who give legal representation to indigent defendants in a 10-county region. Eligibility for services is determined by the judge in each individual county. Formerly, such defense counsel had been randomly appointed from among local attorneys. The project staff gathers statistics on how many indigent cases they handle in the 10-county area and computes the average cost per case.

**IMPACT (if available):** Project officials report that 200 defendants are represented each year, at a cost-per-case of about \$90. They do not have comparative statistics on case outcomes of publicly represented versus privately represented defendants.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This project may be applicable in other areas.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block      **RECENT BUDGET:** \$48,947  
**GRANT NUMBER:** 4-14 (A-1)      **RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$18,947  
**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 4/71 - 6/75      **REFERENCE:** Benjamin C. Pulkrebek  
Public Defender  
Bismarck, North Dakota

**PROJECT NAME:** Salt Lake County  
Career Criminal Defense Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Defender Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
Salt Lake Legal Defender Association  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**STATE:** Utah (Regional VIII - Denver)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**  
To provide adequate defense services to persons identified and prosecuted by the Salt Lake county attorney as career criminals.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**  
This project will provide two additional trial attorneys and a legal investigator for the staff of the Salt Lake Legal Defender Association in order to provide adequate defense services to persons identified and prosecuted by the Salt Lake county attorney as career criminals. This project will provide defense services comparable in resources to the prosecution services of the county attorney made possible by a Career Criminal project grant from LEAA. This project will enable the Defender Association to handle career criminal cases with a minimum of delays, substantially reduce the caseloads for attorneys handling career criminal cases and provide more intensive services to career criminal cases.

**IMPACT (if available):** The caseload of members of the Legal Defender Association was substantially reduced. In addition, four acquittals were obtained in 17 cases.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**  
It is rare to have defense counterpart of prosecution career criminal program.

<b>TYPE OF FUNDS:</b> Discretionary	<b>RECENT BUDGET:</b> \$78,960 (12 months)
<b>GRANT NUMBER:</b> 76-DF-08-0006	<b>RECENT LEAA SHARE:</b> \$71,064 (12 months)
<b>PERIOD OF OPERATION:</b> 10/75 - 9/76	<b>REFERENCE:</b> F: John Hill, Salt Lake Legal Defender Association Salt Lake City, Utah

**PROJECT NAME:** Court  
Interpreter Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Education/Training

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

City of Bethel  
Bethel, Alaska

**STATE:** Alaska (Region X - Seattle)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To develop a curriculum of "literary training" and basic legal education which will prepare individuals to serve as interpreters of legal data between English and Central Yupik and to train these in-court interpreters in all three Central Yupik Eskimo dialects.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

An Eskimo language workshop has become a part of Kuskokwim Community College in Bethel. Three qualified persons with comprehension of speech in English and Yupik were trained through class work, personal tutoring by legal specialists and work in the offices of various legal professionals.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Provision of language services in courts helps put people in touch with criminal justice system.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$73,930 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-DF-100014

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$66,537 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 2/75 - 1/76

**REFERENCE:** Edward Hoffman, Sr.  
Mayor  
Bethel, Alaska

**PROJECT NAME:** Criminal Justice  
Research Assistance Project (Creighton  
Legal Information Center)

**PROJECT TYPE:** Education/Training

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Creighton University School of Law  
Omaha, Nebraska

**STATE:** Nebraska (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To expand and refine its program of service to the rural Nebraska criminal justice bar.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

In its second year, the Creighton Legal Information Center (CLIC) will expand and refine its program of service to the rural Nebraska criminal justice bar, and will focus the CLIC experience in a way to facilitate the transfer of the CLIC theory and methodology to other interested law schools and criminal justice research clinics. Headquartered at the Law School, CLIC utilizes law students under the supervision of faculty advisors to prepare legal research memoranda, upon request, for judges, prosecutors, defense attorneys and command-level policemen in the 91 rural counties of Nebraska. In this sense, CLIC performs a long-range legal "clerking" function. The staff also publishes a monthly newsletter and, as time permits, prepares in-depth studies of important criminal justice issues (legislative, judicial and social) for the benefit of practitioners. Increasingly, the project staff hopes to begin developing practical tools, such as desk-books, to aid out-state lawyers in a more systematic fashion.

**IMPACT (if available):** The CLIC approach renders an enormously valuable service to criminal justice officials and appears to strengthen the fiber of the criminal justice community by closely integrating the law school into the system and by keeping heretofore isolated practitioners abreast of recent developments.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The project has generated much favorable publicity.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$171,953 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 76DF-99-0003

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$154,758 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 9/75 - 9/76

**REFERENCE:** James Foster  
State Capitol Building  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**PROJECT NAME:** Judicial Education  
and Training Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Education/Training

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Office of the State Court Administrator  
State Capitol  
Bismarck, North Dakota

**STATE:** North Dakota (Region VIII - Denver)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To obtain funds to plan and conduct a comprehensive training program for judges, judicial officers and court personnel through December 31, 1976. As all judicial training needs cannot be met on an instate basis, funds are being requested to allow a number of judges and court personnel to attend out-of-state training seminars.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project will provide funds for instate and out-of-state educational programs for North Dakota's judiciary. The utilization of sound management practices through a central judicial office coordination will be enhanced and the burden of the bulk of grant administration will shift from the Law Enforcement Council to the Office of State Court Administrator. The Office of State Court Administrator will develop a records system to monitor training functions attended by the state's judiciary and support personnel. The Committee on Judicial Education will develop guidelines for the administration of the mandated training legislation to include a system of prioritizing attendance at out-of-state training functions. Instate training programs will be conducted for district judges, county judges of increased jurisdiction, county justices, municipal judges, juvenile supervisors, clerks of court and court reporters. Out-of-state training will be for all levels of the judiciary and support personnel. Included in the application are funds for a part-time clerical person to develop and maintain the records system and assist in logistical planning and support for instate seminars.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a comprehensive plan for instate and out-of-state training for all court personnel in the state, including clerks and court reporters.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$38,550 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 6-57 (F-3)

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$34,695 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 1/76 - 12/76

**REFERENCE:** William G. Bohn  
State Court Administrator  
Bismarck, North Dakota

**PROJECT NAME:** Prosecutors'  
Coordinator Office

**PROJECT TYPE:** Education/Training

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys Office  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**STATE:** Indiana (Region V - Chicago)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To promote continuing education, technical assistance and information exchange for state-level prosecutors by establishing a prosecutors' coordinator office.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Prosecutors' Coordinator Office serves as a liaison between prosecutors and other government and nongovernment groups. It also sponsors regional conferences and training programs for prosecutors, covering such topics as enacted legislation and controlled substances in the proposed judicial penal code. A clearinghouse publishes a bimonthly newsletter discussing awards or available grants and news from the prosecutors' coordinator office, and board of directors of the Indiana Prosecuting Attorneys' Association. A weekly legislative bulletin summarizes progress of proposed bills. The office receives and distributes information to prosecutors and maintains a basic law library for their use.

**IMPACT (if available):** Ten training sessions were held in 1974. The National Prosecutor Deskbook lists the office as one of the top seven prosecutor training programs in the nation.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This program has produced excellent results with a relatively small amount of money.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$293,719 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** G-74C-G08-09-022

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$264,347

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 2/72 - 3/76

**REFERENCE:** David Bahlman, Director  
219 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana

**PROJECT NAME:** Texas Center for the  
Judiciary

**PROJECT TYPE:** Education/Training

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:** State Bar of Texas  
P. O. Box 12487  
Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

**STATE:** Texas (Region VI - Dallas)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To continue the operation of the Texas Center for the Judiciary providing training and publications for judges and support personnel throughout the state. Both instate seminars and financial assistance for education at the national level are provided.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** The Texas Center for the Judiciary will implement and manage the project. The Center will be governed by the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee, Judicial Section, State Bar of Texas. The Center will staff and provide financial assistance for judges and supportive personnel to attend nationally recognized colleges and seminars, and will also help prepare manuals and benchbooks. The education and training will predominantly cover the areas of criminal law, juvenile law, and the administration of justice.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Judges find the training and publications to be very important.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Action

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$409,885 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** AC-76-D03-3466

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$368,899 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 1/1/76  
12/31/76

**REFERENCE:** Jack Dillard  
P. O. Box 12487  
Capitol Station  
Austin, Texas 78711

**PROJECT NAME:** Texas Justice of the Peace **PROJECT TYPE:** Education/Training  
In-Service Training Program

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Criminal Justice Division  
Office of Governor  
610 Brozos  
Austin, Texas 78791

**STATE:** Texas (Region VI - Dallas)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To improve the quality of services delivered by justices of the peace, by establishing regional training programs for non-lawyer justices and new justices.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Mandatory 40-hour training sessions were given to newly-elected justices of the peace, while mandatory 20-hour sessions of in-service training were given to previously elected justices. The advanced curriculum covers inquests, driver's license suspensions, review examinations, forcible entry, alcoholic beverage laws, the new penal code, and search warrants. The training curriculum includes judicial ethics, game laws, administrative hearings, setting bond, traffic laws, arrest with and without warrant and opinions of attorneys general. Guest instructors are recruited from the Texas legal profession.

**IMPACT (if available):** Non-lawyer justices receive training. The project has provided a 40-hour course to 918 justices of the peace during four years of operation while 1,544 justices have participated in a 20-hour advanced course. A deskbook detailing all justice of the peace responsibilities was published in 1973.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Judges find this kind of training valuable.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$174,142

**GRANT NUMBER:**

AC-76-D03-3365

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$156,728

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 10/70 - 12/76

**REFERENCE:**

Judge Ronald Champion, Ex. Dir.  
Texas Justice of the Peace  
Training Center  
Southwest Texas State Univ.  
San Marcos, Texas 78666



**PROJECT NAME:** Court Automated  
Information System

**PROJECT TYPE:** Information Systems

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Eighth Judicial District Court  
Clark County Courthouse  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**STATE:** Nevada (Region IX - San Francisco)

**AREA SERVED:** Jurisdiction

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To establish an automated cross-reference and retrieval system as part of a thorough modernization of the court records system.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

One of the most serious problems in the criminal justice system of Clark County is the crowded and backlogged criminal court calendar. The newly expanded and automated micro-film system provides the court instant access to docket information. It also serves as a new tool for drafting the trial calendar and for monitoring the progress of civil, juvenile and criminal procedures. The automated court information system provides the police, the district attorney, the public defender, the correctional institutions and the juvenile court a daily mechanized review of such items as criminal and civil docket status, pretrial detentions, work flow bottlenecks, workload trends and juror usage rates.

**IMPACT (if available):** The court automated information system is reported to be completely operational. Search speed has increased and manual sorting and xeroxing have been eliminated, resulting in a reported savings of 20 man-hours daily.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The project has proved highly successful.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$107,000 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 74-A-010

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$65,000 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/72 - 7/75

**REFERENCE:** Loretta Bowman  
Project Director  
Clark County Courthouse  
Las Vegas, Nevada

**PROJECT NAME:** Kansas City  
Municipal Court Criminal Records System

**PROJECT TYPE:** Information Systems

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Kansas City Municipal Court  
1101 Locust Street  
Kansas City, Missouri

**STATE:** Missouri (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To provide timely and accurate case status information to the courts, public and law community and to increase management efficiency by installing a computerized information system.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The remote on-line computer system installed at the Kansas City Police Department disseminates information to the municipal court and other elements of the regional criminal justice system. Activity point computer terminals throughout the court system have been installed to record all status changes in any case; updating, correcting and disseminating information previously programmed into the computer. The system allows defendants and attorneys to be notified of their court dates, of case location and time, whether further continuance has been granted and on what date it has been scheduled. The project also provides complete cash accountability within the court and the police department with regard to payment of traffic violations. Finally, it has served as the input medium for the building of a data base to be shared by the entire state criminal justice community.

**IMPACT (if available):** Approximately 150 defendants have been identified each month who are wanted on warrants and probation violations.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The project has enabled the court to keep its records up-to-date.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$36,272 (9 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 1-AC37-K1A

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$25,000 (9 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 1964 - Present

**REFERENCE:** Mr. Shelley Miller  
Court Administrator  
Kansas City, Missouri

**PROJECT NAME:** Philadelphia Standards  
and Goals Exemplary Court Project

**PROJECT TYPE:** Information Systems

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

D. Donald Jamieson  
Presiding Judge, Court of Common Pleas  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**STATE:** Pennsylvania (Region III - Philadelphia)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

An attempt by the Philadelphia Court System to significantly improve the quality of justice in the community through analysis, review and implementation of the Court and Information System Standards and Goals.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This award is composed of 10 separate sub-projects, the keystone of which is a project entitled "The Philadelphia Justice Information System" (PJIS) which will, with the help of the latest computer technology, attempt to coordinate and cross-utilize the data collected by the criminal justice system, providing management information for each participating agency, monitor the processing of each individual and each case and provide timely and accurate notification to every participant in the process of his appointments and responsibilities within the system. Other programs in the project will attempt to provide for: conflict free scheduling for all parties in the court action; an automated internal management system for the district attorney's office; an expanded capability for fugitive apprehension; technological improvement to the age-old process of transcribing court testimony; a study of presentence information requirements for the improvement of the sentencing process; and development of a management team to professionally prepare and administer budgets, and to oversee the implementation of the full exemplary court program.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The project was successful in achieving its objectives.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$1,960,172 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-DF-03-0003

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** N/A

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 9/74 - 9/75

**REFERENCE:** D. Donald Jamieson  
Presiding Judge  
Court of Common Pleas  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

**PROJECT NAME:** Criminal Jury Selection Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Juror Utilization

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Clerk of Court  
9th Judicial District Court  
Rapides Parish Courthouse  
Alexandria, Louisiana

**STATE:** Louisiana (Region VI - Dallas)

**AREA SERVED:** Jurisdiction

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To create a more efficient system of jury selection and to reduce the backlog of court cases resulting from a slow selection process.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project seeks to improve juror selection procedures. Approximately 500 questionnaires are mailed each month to prospective jurors inquiring as to their eligibility. A return envelope is provided for the information, which is processed by hand upon receipt at the program office. The responses are used to update and revise the list of persons qualified for duty, thereby reducing the amount of time required for the jury selection process in a trial. When eligible jurors have been identified, the sheriff's office hand-delivers a summons to report for duty. If a juror is unable to serve at that time, his name is returned to the eligible pool.

**IMPACT (if available):** The time required for jury selection has been cut in half, saving the sheriff's office time in their hand-delivery of summons to those persons who are ineligible, have incorrect addresses, or are deceased.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a highly successful program that has improved the morale of jurors and saved time and money.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$30,777 (14 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-C3-7.3-0061

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$8,014

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 10/72 - 10/75

**REFERENCE:** Mrs. Lottie Block  
Rapides Parish Courthouse  
Alexandria, Louisiana

**PROJECT NAME:** Improved  
Juror Utilization

**PROJECT TYPE:** Juror Utilization

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
Shawnee County, Kansas

**STATE:** Kansas (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To improve juror utilization by creation of a jury coordinator to manage juror activity.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project resulted from a study of recommendations offered by the LEAA publication "Guide for Juror Usage." Adapting the guide to Shawnee County needs, this project has been very successful in bringing organization in the management of jurors through a jury coordinator. He relieves the baliffs of the various divisions of the District Court who could not devote the time necessary to efficiently handling juror activity.

**IMPACT (if available):** Jury panels have been reduced, resulting in a savings to the county of \$10 per day per juror and resulting in less wasted time for jury poor members.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Approach seemed promising for other jurisdictions.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Action

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$14,718 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 74-A-2515-1-A

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$13,246 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 1/75 - 12/75

**REFERENCE:** Newton Vickers  
Shawnee County, Kansas

**PROJECT NAME:** Jury Systems Studies

**PROJECT TYPE:** Juror Utilization

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Bird Engineering - Research  
Associates, Inc.  
Vienna, Virginia

**STATE:** Not Applicable

**AREA SERVED:** National

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To develop management techniques which will improve jury operations.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The proposed research will develop important management techniques that courts can use with little or no outside help to analyze and improve their jury operations. By using these tools, courts can make their jury system less wasteful in terms of unnecessary juror waiting time and court expenditures and more palatable to citizens called upon to serve. Specific tasks to be undertaken by contractor include an analysis of the effectiveness and utility of various jury management practices (i.e. juror notification, juror selection, voir dire practices, etc.) the testing of the practical utility of the Guide to Juror Usage developed under an earlier Institute grant, NI-73-99-012-G, and an evaluation of the Guide's ability to function as an instrument of change. Project staff will perform a search of the literature on jury management practices, analyze information on jury management practices collected in the course of the previous study and collect data from 18 courts selected for formal evaluation of the Guide. The final product, a Jury Management Manual geared to the use of court administrators, judges and jury clerks, will integrate all of the research on the administration of jury systems.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

A jury management manual is very much needed.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$195,000 (18 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** J-LEAA-006-75  
(Contract)

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$195,000

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 6/74 - 12/75

**REFERENCE:** Carla Kane  
Staff Contact  
Vienna, Virginia

**PROJECT NAME:** Disturbed/Aggressive  
Juvenile Delinquent Treatment Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Juvenile Courts/Juvenile  
Justice Processes

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

New York State Division for Youth  
Department of Mental Hygiene  
New York, New York

**STATE:** New York (Region II - New York)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To establish a cooperative program to provide intensive treatment and rehabilitative services to disturbed and aggressive male juvenile delinquents placed with the Division of Youth by the Family Court.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Historically, the State's training schools have functioned as the place of last resort to which the most serious juvenile offenders have been sent by the Family Court. In the training schools, the DFY estimates that there are some 175 juvenile delinquents who are in need of intensive psychiatric therapy. Many of these children may be acutely or chronically mentally ill and in need of care and treatment in a mental hospital. This program is aimed at identifying the most violent and disturbed of these children, diagnosing their needs, and seeing that the required treatment is provided in an effective way by DMH and/or DFY, as may be appropriate in each case. The program will consist of two separately run components; a DMH-run diagnostic and stabilization unit and a long-term residential unit operated by DFY. Each component will have its own director, with a mutually agreed upon chief of service having initial overall and coordinative responsibility for the functioning of both components. Policies and procedures for both program components will be developed and revised as necessary by an advisory board consisting of representatives of DFY, DMH and DCJS, and such other agencies as may be agreed upon.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Pioneer program involving the cooperation of two state agencies to provide treatment and rehabilitation services to the most severely disturbed and violent children going before the courts.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** N/A

**GRANT NUMBER:** 1720B

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$1,266,766

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 5/75 - 6/76

**REFERENCE:** Dr. Richard Feinberg  
Bronx Childrens Psychiatric  
Center, New York

**PROJECT NAME:** Youth Diversionary Unit

**PROJECT TYPE:** Juvenile Courts/Juvenile Justice Process

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Rhode Island Family Court  
Providence, Rhode Island

**STATE:** Rhode Island (Region I - Boston)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**  
To provide an alternative to the traditional procedures of the juvenile court system by setting up a crisis intervention and counseling program for court referred youths.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Youth Diversionary Unit came into being to divert first-time offenders from traditional court proceedings. The Diversionary Unit of the Rhode Island Family Court, with resources totaling \$72,108 began accepting referrals in September, 1974. The case-workers handle a case for periods ranging from one week to two months in which a juvenile may receive a simple warning, or supervision and counseling or he may be referred to another agency.

**IMPACT (if available):** Recidivism has been reduced and approximately 20 percent of the total referrals have been removed from routine court procedures.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a project which has produced excellent results with recidivism. The chief judge of Family Court has taken personal interest in this program.

<b>TYPE OF FUNDS:</b> Block	<b>RECENT BUDGET:</b> \$80,120 (12 months)
<b>GRANT NUMBER:</b> 75-3921-C2G3	<b>RECENT LEAA SHARE:</b> \$72,108 (12 months)
<b>PERIOD OF OPERATION:</b> 5/75 - 4/76	<b>REFERENCE:</b> D.R. Heden Providence, Rhode Island



**PROJECT NAME:** Arkansas Criminal Law  
Revision Codification Project

**PROJECT TYPE:** Law Reform

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Office of the Attorney General  
State of Arkansas  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**STATE:** Arkansas (Region VI - Dallas)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To compare the Arkansas criminal code with the American Bar Association's minimum standards and to draft a revised criminal code for submission to the Arkansas General Assembly.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The President's Commission on Law Enforcement and the Administration of Justice recommended in 1968 that states make comparisons of their criminal codes with the American Bar Association (ABA) standards and make necessary amendments. Consequently, the Arkansas Supreme Court, the attorney general and the Arkansas Bar Association sponsored workshops to study the ABA standards. A commission was later appointed to develop procedural and substantive proposals. Thirty-eight people contributed to the effort, including 26 public officials and laymen and 12 staff members. Meetings were held on weekends from January 1972 through July 1974, and approximately 25,000 hours were expended on the effort.

**IMPACT (if available):** Arkansas criminal code revised. The revised criminal code, as drafted by this project, passed the legislature in February 1975, and was signed into law by the governor on March 3, 1975.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The revised code was adopted and approved, giving the state an up-to-date criminal code.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$50,000 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 74-161

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$45,000 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/71 - 6/75

**REFERENCE:** Frank B. Newell  
Project Director  
Little Rock, Arkansas

**PROJECT NAME:** Criminal Law Revision

**PROJECT TYPE:** Law Reform

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Commission to Revise Criminal Law  
State House  
Augusta, Maine

**STATE:** Maine (Region I - Boston)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To establish a commission to revise the criminal laws of Maine in order to improve the quality of the judicial process.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This proposed Maine Criminal Code, ordered by legislative mandate, represents the first time that the criminal laws of Maine have been systematically rewritten. In an attempt to articulate previously unexpressed, yet important, legal distinctions, the commission retained many statutes of the old code and borrowed from other state codes where appropriate. The new code delineates rules for determining Maine authority in criminal violations which occur partly in another state as well; legal definitions of self-defense, mistakes, accountability, justification of force, victim's consent, and many others as well. Chapter 623, Public Law 1975, authorized the continuance of the commission until March 1, 1976 to receive and evaluate proposed amendments to the code; to make such report and recommendations to the special session of the 107th Legislature as it may determine to be proper; to consider the inclusion of such crimes and offenses as are not now included in the code and to report its recommendations and to consult with a three-member subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Judiciary of the Legislature.

**IMPACT (if available):** Revised criminal code passed by legislature.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

First revision in 100 years.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$7759 (8 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 00 5171/9529

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$6983 (8 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/72 - 3/76

**REFERENCE:** Jon Lund  
Commission Chairman  
Augusta, Maine

**PROJECT NAME:** South Carolina Law  
Revision with Draft Legislation

**PROJECT TYPE:** Law Reform

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
South Carolina Bar Foundation

**STATE:** South Carolina (Region IV - Atlanta)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To prepare draft legislation and propose court rules revising South Carolina's Criminal Procedural Code; as well as to bring an analysis of the revision of South Carolina's Substantive Criminal Law with proposed legislation.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Bar Foundation will contract a chief consultant (retired dean of university of South Carolina School of Law and former circuit solicitor) and a reporter with staff. They will research two previous studies, present law and existing court rules and propose legislation and rules revision to the foundation and thence to the Legislature and State Supreme Court for promulgations.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Has a potential impact on the unification of the South Carolina code.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Action

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$39,717 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-224

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$35,745 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 2/76 - 2/77

**REFERENCE:** N/A

**PROJECT NAME:** Adult Diversion Project

**PROJECT TYPE:** Pretrial Release/Intervention/  
Diversion

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

**STATE:** Arizona (Region IX - San Francisco)

Dennis DeConcia  
Pima County Attorney's Office  
Tucson, Arizona

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To provide a community-based alternative to traditional prosecution for adults charged with a felony for the first time.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The defendants considered for this project are persons 18 years old or older charged with a felony offense whose suspected offense does not represent a continuing pattern of illegal behavior. The county attorney liaison officer refers defendants to the intake worker who writes and asks them to call the Adult Diversion Project office if they are interested in its services. Applicants are interviewed by a staff counselor who prepares a final work-up based on personal and social history. The intake worker then determines whether the arresting officer and the victim approve of the applicant's participation in the project. The accepted applicant takes part in a program of counseling, job training and placement which meets at least once a week, usually for a period of one to two years. Additional services are available through referral.

**IMPACT (if available):** The project estimates that diversion saves \$1,262 per felony case and that during its first year of operation, based on the 194 cases completed during that time, the program saved taxpayers over \$246,000.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a new and innovative project which has been producing significant tax savings.

<b>TYPE OF FUNDS:</b> Block	<b>RECENT BUDGET:</b> \$56,957 (12 months)
<b>GRANT NUMBER:</b> 74-4-2	<b>RECENT LEAA SHARE:</b> \$56,957 (12 months)
<b>PERIOD OF OPERATION:</b> 4/74 - 3/75	<b>REFERENCE:</b> Debby Jacquin 199 North Stone Tucson, Arizona

**PROJECT NAME:** Custody Classification  
Preprocessing Center

**PROJECT TYPE:** Pretrial Release/Intervention  
Diversion

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

County of Santa Clara  
San Jose, California

**STATE:** California (Region IX - San Francisco)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To receive and screen arrestees, sorting out those who need pretrial detention from those who do not and assuring that the appropriate charge is made at the appropriate level.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

A preprocessing center is proposed to receive and screen arrestees. The project seeks to improve the quality of justice by: (1) sorting out those arrested persons who do not require pretrial detention from those persons who require such detention (custody classification); and (2) assuring that arrested persons are initially charged at the appropriate level (felony/misdemeanor) and with the appropriate charge. The preprocessing center will be separate and distinct from the pretrial jail. It will operate 24 hours per day, seven days per week and provide: (1) arrest review by the senior police field supervisor; (2) a police-district attorney conference; (3) services of a pretrial release specialist to verify criteria for station-house release, and prepare court reports for those not released; (4) affidavits on the circumstances of the offense for district attorney and court review; (5) access to immediate crisis intervention and referral services; and (6) a decision on pretrial custody and charges. Research and evaluation are integral parts of the project.

**IMPACT (if available):**

N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a highly promising project.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$397,218 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 73-DF-09-0039 and  
73-ED-09-0007

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$297,913 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/1/73 - 6/30/74 **REFERENCE:** N/A

**PROJECT NAME:** Hennepin County  
Pretrial Diversion Project

**PROJECT TYPE:** Pretrial Release/  
Intervention/Diversion

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Operation De Novo, Inc.  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**STATE:** Minnesota (Region V - Chicago)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To divert adults and juveniles from the court system, where possible, and provide counseling and referral services.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This is a pretrial diversion program with a professional staff of 10: a director, program coordinator, job developer, five counselors and two intake and research specialists. They handle a monthly caseload of 350-400 offenders. Twelve groups are presently operating in-house. Clients are referred to existing community resources where necessary for food, medical care, employment, etc. A community board of directors oversees the program operation. This project is currently funded under a contract for services with Hennepin County.

**IMPACT (if available):** Increased diversions continued to bring down the per client cost (\$228, compared to \$618 one year ago)

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

It is cost effective and it works.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$184,036 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 3312710974

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$110,421

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/74 - 7/75

**REFERENCE:** James Tonsager  
Project Director  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

**PROJECT NAME:** Indianapolis Treatment  
Alternatives to Street  
Crimes (TASC)

**PROJECT TYPE:** Pretrial Release/  
Intervention

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:** Indiana Criminal  
Justice Planning Agency  
215 North Senate Avenue  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

**STATE:** Indiana (Region V - Chicago)

**AREA SERVED:** Single County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To increase treatment available to drug-addicted defendants by providing the courts with rehabilitative drug treatment alternatives.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Treatment Alternatives to Street Crimes (TASC) works in conjunction with the bail commissioners of the Municipal Court of Marion County to divert drug abusing offenders accused of nonviolent crimes to pretrial treatment programs. The typical client is a black male in his early twenties with a long arrest record. TASC interviews drug abusers in the city lock-up, advises them of treatment opportunities, and performs voluntary urinalyses. The test results are forwarded to the court, probation department, prosecutor, and defense attorney but may be used only in determining pretrial release conditions or sentencing and not in prosecuting the case. If the court agrees, TASC refers clients to drug treatment and rehabilitative agencies. TASC also provides the court with periodic progress reports on each client.

**IMPACT (if available):** Increased treatment to addicted defendants. This project has thus far admitted 368 clients, 96 of whom have successfully completed treatment, while 37 were returned to the court, 107 dropped out, three were rearrested while in treatment, and 125 are still in treatment.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

N/A

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$217,314 (1/73-3/76)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-ED-05-0009

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$195,091 (3/75-3/76)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** (1/73-3/76)

**REFERENCE:** Jan Goss, Director  
155 East Market Street, Suite  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46202

**PROJECT NAME:** Night Prosecutor Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Pretrial Release/Intervention/  
Diversion

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Office of the City Attorney  
Columbus, Ohio

**STATE:** Ohio (Region V - Chicago)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To ease community and interpersonal tensions without resorting to a criminal remedy by providing a nonofficial forum for parties involved in interpersonal disputes which will lead parties to mutually acceptable resolutions.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Night Prosecutor Program is situated within the city prosecutor's office. Persons wishing to file criminal affidavits involving misdemeanor or minor felony offenses are referred to the program by the police desk officer or the prosecutor's office when the offense involves a complaint of an interpersonal nature (e.g., family and neighborhood disputes). Parties involved in interpersonal disputes are offered the opportunity to settle their dispute prior to formal processing of the case. A 30-minute administrative hearing is conducted by trained hearing officers (law students), who give the parties an opportunity to reach a mutually satisfactory resolution of their case. The administrative handling of minor disputes avoids the necessity for arrest and prosecution and minimizes the need to process through the courts cases which are better handled and resolved with two-party consent and informal disposition. In addition to the handling of interpersonal disputes, the project conducts hearings for bad check and landlord-tenant cases.

**IMPACT (if available):** Between July 1973 and August 1974, the project diverted out of the criminal justice system 16 percent of all criminal cases, including traffic offenses. This represents the handling of 8,599 criminal complaints.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The project has generated a great deal of favorable publicity and has proved to be extremely cost effective.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$54,276 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 3702-08-E1-73-34

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** -0-

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 10/71 - 8/75

**REFERENCE:** Tom Vargo, Night Supervisor  
Night Prosecutor Program  
Columbus, Ohio



**PROJECT NAME:** Project F.O.U.N.D.  
(First Offenders Under New Direction)

**PROJECT TYPE:** Pretrial Release/Intervention/  
Diversion

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Baltimore City State's Attorney's Office  
Baltimore, Maryland

**STATE:** Maryland (Region III - Philadelphia)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To exclude from the criminal justice system those cases which do not have prosecutorial merit, to divert those defendants who should be provided services by other agencies outside the adjudicative process and to increase the effectiveness of prosecution of those cases that are actually brought to trial.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The program is responsible for diverting first offenders who have been charged with misdemeanors or "relatively minor offenses." Enrollees accepted into the program must be free of alcoholism, drug addiction and serious mental or emotional disorders. Additionally, offenders must be between 18 and 26 years of age in order to qualify. Once accepted, enrollees undergo a 90-180 day period of intensive supervision and counseling, with emphasis placed on remedial education and development of employable skills. At the end of the diversion period, charges against successful enrollees are dropped. All enrollees are carefully monitored as to the possibility of rearrest during this time. The staff, which comprises the major portion of this request include the following: director, three counselors, education coordinator, screener, community/court liaison, clerical assistant and part-time tutors.

**IMPACT (if available):** Approximately 140 jobs and 13 high school equivalency diplomas have resulted during this two year period of operation. Over 80 percent of individuals enrolling in FOUND leave the program successfully.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a unique program operating in a high-volume area.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$183,333 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** N/A

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$165,000 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/73 - 6/76

**REFERENCE:** Peter J. Lally  
Courts Specialist  
Annapolis, Maryland

**PROJECT NAME:** Public Defender  
Alternatives Outreach Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Pretrial Release/  
Intervention/Diversion

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Metropolitan Public Defender  
Portland, Oregon

**STATE:** Oregon (Region X - Seattle)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To reduce crime in metropolitan Portland through widespread use of alternatives to incarceration, enhancing offender rehabilitation.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Recruit, orient, and train outreach worker in functions of Metropolitan Public Defender, with emphasis on sentencing alternatives process and alternatives file. Survey metropolitan region for availability of alternative agencies and programs. Survey western states for availability of alternative agencies and programs. Maintain liaison with current and future alternative resources. Update and maintain alternatives file. Outreach worker funded as part of the regular budgetary process.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Unique approach to reduction of crime.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$24,220 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75A2.19

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$21,798

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/75 - 6/76

**REFERENCE:** Ann Ver Planck  
Project Director  
620 S.W. Fifth Ave., Ste. 408  
Portland, Oregon 97204

**PROJECT NAME:** Rapid Intervention Project

**PROJECT TYPE:** Pretrial Release/ Intervention/Diversion

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Family Court  
New York, New York

**STATE:** New York (Region II - New York)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To provide immediately available consultative and crisis intervention services to the Family Court in order to reduce the number of needless hospitalizations.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Rapid Intervention program began operation in April 1972, under an 18 month award from the Board. The professional staff performs short psychological evaluations of court clients and provide numerous other support services to Family Court clientele. These other services have been roughly classified, and, for a six-month period, were as follows: home visits - 353; patient escort - 397; agency visit - 264; enlist co-operation - 690; and follow-up - 1,480. Based on a short-term intensive evaluation by an independent evaluator, the applicant now intends to restructure the RIP program and the Mental Health Clinic into four integrated units with this new grant proposal: the intake, case screening and short evaluation group, the case-management group, the resource development group, and the full evaluation and treatment group. Working in concert, these groups will provide complete mental health and supportive social work services to Family Court clientele. This restructuring also provides for the administrative infrastructure recommended by the evaluator to avoid future difficulties and for an expanded community mental health worker component.

**IMPACT (if available):** It appears that the program has reduced total remands to mental health hospitals annually by more than 1,500 persons, representing an annual saving of approximately \$2.6 million, based on a cost figure of \$1,725 per remand.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This project provides on-the-spot mental health services to eliminate time-consuming and unnecessary hospital remands.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** N/A

**GRANT NUMBER:** 834A

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$394,982

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 12/71 - 6/75

**REFERENCE:** Lorin Nathan, Chief  
Court Planning  
New York, New York

**PROJECT NAME:** Santa Clara County  
Pretrial Release Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Pretrial Release/Intervention  
Diversion

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:** Santa Clara County **STATE:** California (Region IX - San Francisco)  
San Jose, California

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To increase the proportion of pretrial detainees released on their own recognizance by establishing a pretrial release program which screens all candidates and makes recommendations to the courts.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Pretrial Release Program provides three services to the courts of Santa Clara County: (1) systematically interviewing arrestees as soon after booking as possible and selecting, by means of a point system, those persons who, if granted pretrial release, would present an insignificant risk of flight or criminal conduct before disposition of their charge(s); (2) recommending to judges that such persons be granted pretrial release on their own recognizance; and, (3) accompanying released persons to their court appearances to minimize further the possibility of their failure to appear. Recommendation for release is based on the following criteria: record of prior convictions, family ties, employment stability, and residential stability. Program staff consists of one director, one assistant director, one secretary and 15-20 pretrial release specialists. Services are available around the clock at the main facility and during normal working hours at the women's facility.

**IMPACT (if available):** Between April 1971 and March 1972, 6,400 defendants were released on the personal recognizance, double the number so released in the year before the program. The average time between arrest and release was reduced from 72.8 hours to

**REASON FOR SELECTION:** 3.7 hours.

Program is successful.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$130,845 (14 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 71-51-701

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$78,507 (14 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 4/71- 6/72

**REFERENCE:** Ronald Obert, Project Director  
San Jose, California

**PROJECT NAME:** Unified Pre-trial  
Services Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Pretrial Release/  
Intervention/Diversion

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**  
N/A

**STATE:** Pennsylvania (Region III - Philadelphia)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To centralize all aspects of pretrial release on recognizance and pretrial services.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Activities include gathering information on eligibility for pretrial release, supplying information and services to defendants, their families and communities during the pretrial period, and using an investigative unit to prevent failures to appear at trials. This is a continuation of two previous projects.

**IMPACT (if available):** In the forerunner to this project, the failure-to-appear rate and the fugitive rate both declined.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a unique and innovative program.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$902,153 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** PH-75-C-7B-5-427

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$663,429 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/75 - 7/76

**REFERENCE:** Richard S. Morelli  
Special Assistant to  
the Director  
Division of Program Support

**PROJECT NAME:** Expanded Probation Services

**PROJECT TYPE:** Probation

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

City of Oakdale  
Oakdale, Louisiana

**STATE:** Louisiana (Region VI - Dallas)

**AREA SERVED:** Parish

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To reduce recidivism and facilitate social reintegration among misdemeanants by providing expanded probationary services as an alternative to incarceration.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project is designed as an alternative to incarceration for first offenders. It is staffed by two full-time probation officers under the supervision of the misdemeanor city court. Each offender is assigned to a probation officer. The officer assists the client in solving personal and family problems such as unemployment, marital difficulties, and poor housing through counseling and referrals. Emphasis is placed on using existing social resources and community agencies.

**IMPACT (if available):** At the end of 1974, 109 offenders had been placed on probation; 45 had completed their probationary status and were listed as inactive. Of the 64 remaining on probation, seven had committed violations of their probation contracts and the rest were reportedly meeting their requirements.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

N/A

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$15,250 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-C6-9.2-0201

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$8,460 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 3/73 - 2/76

**REFERENCE:** Aliven Johnson  
Probation Officer  
Oakdale, Louisiana

**PROJECT NAME:** Extra-Judicial Probation Project

**PROJECT TYPE:** Probation

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Texas Criminal Justice Council  
730 Littlefield Building  
Austin, Texas 78701

**STATE:** Texas (Region VI - Dallas)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To divert first-time offenders from the criminal justice system by establishing an extra-judicial probation project.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Operating under the auspices of the county government, this cooperative effort involves the prosecuting attorney, defendant, defense attorney, probation officer, and judge. One person staffs the project. Clients are referred to the project by the county grand jury, the district or county attorney's office, and the district or county judge before trial. The program serves persons charged with misdemeanors or felonies. There is no screening committee; the project accepts as many of the first-time offenders as possible. Alternatives to the filing of formal criminal charges have been devised which might involve probation or restitution payments to victims. Regardless of the program agreed upon, a probation officer issues periodic reports to the court on the client's progress for a period of time equal to the statute of limitations for the offense. After the probation period expires, the probation officer makes a recommendation on whether or not to dismiss the charges.

**IMPACT (if available):**

In 1973, the project received 373 clients, successfully closed 235 cases, placed eight on probation, and committed two to detention. (The remaining cases were still active at year's end.)

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Effectiveness in accomplishing project objectives.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Institutionalized (block)

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$43,000 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** EA-4-52-1987

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$25,285

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 1962-present

**REFERENCE:** Frank Grant  
Wichita County Probation Dept.  
Wichita Falls, Texas 76307

**PROJECT NAME:** Intensive Probation and Parole Supervision Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Probation

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Department of Institutions  
Denver, Colorado

**STATE:** Colorado (Region VIII - Denver)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

The major goal of this project is to continue the development of the intensive supervision aspect for probation and parole target offense caseloads in the three neighborhood centers, thereby reducing anticipated recidivism by 25 percent over a five-year period.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Second Judicial Probation Department and the State Adult Parole Division are providing coordinated services to reduce rape, assault, robbery and burglary offenses. More specifically, the following six objectives are being accomplished: 1) reduction of caseloads to 50/1 for probation and 45/1 for parole; 2) increase diagnostic capability and goal-oriented supervision; 3) improve the referral service system; 4) increase community awareness, education and involvement; 5) improve accessibility of services; and 6) improve the coordination and cooperation of probation and parole. The implementation of this project should reduce the reliance on institutional control of the offender. This is being accomplished by strengthening the probation and parole services with a larger staff of specially qualified personnel and more effective organization of community casework, supervision and treatment. One of the most prominent needs in those agencies most concerned with the offender is to provide more and better manpower and more effective organizational forms. This project is attempting to meet these needs by providing the manpower and training, and by establishing decentralized and community-responsive facilities.

**IMPACT (if available):** The primary goal of the project, the reduction of recidivism among project clients, continues to be met. During a recent three-month period, there was a recidivism rate of 2.16 percent for Project Probation clients as compared to 2.99 percent for Central Office probation clients.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a model project that has proved to be highly efficient.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Action

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$1,108,632

**GRANT NUMBER:** 72-ED-08-0008

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$997,768

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 6/74 - 5/76

**REFERENCE:**

Robert Trujillo, Director  
Division of Adult Parole  
John L. Yurko, Chief Probation Officer



**PROJECT NAME:** New Pride

**PROJECT TYPE:** Probation

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Manpower Administration  
City and County of Denver  
Denver, Colorado

**STATE:** Colorado (Region VIII - Denver)

**AREA SERVED:** City and County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

Project New Pride is a community-based program designed to effect a 40 percent recidivism reduction rate in relationship to the base recidivism rate for 120 program participants (robbery, assault, burglary), who are on probation.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Only those youth with a record of recidivism (two or more convictions) are admitted to the program, through direct referrals from Juvenile Court Probation Officers. Project Pride is a work-study program which employs all participants and grants public school credit. New Pride also provides follow-up services for an additional 60 youth who have completed the training portion of the program.

New Pride intensified its program responsibilities during its first year by offering visual perceptual handicap therapy and testing, as well as providing additional follow-up services. New Pride is designed to improve self-image, self-esteem, work ethics, and self-worth by developing the skills necessary for obtaining and retaining jobs. The use of tutors, counselors, cultural education, work-skills training and employment is designed to close the gaps in basic educational deficiencies, to eliminate the corrosive effects of idleness, to stimulate new productive interests and to effect a successful reintegration into the community and school system of youth who have been incarcerated.

**IMPACT (if available):** Project New Pride achieved during its first year of operation its intake goal of 60 Target High Impact multiple offenders.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a model project which has proved to be highly efficient.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Action

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$420,008

**GRANT NUMBER:** 72-IC-0012-(1)-66

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$377,708

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 6/74 - 5/76

**REFERENCE:** William H. McNichols, Jr.  
Mayor, City & County of Denver  
Denver, Colorado

**PROJECT NAME:** The Criminal  
Diversionary and Outreach Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Probation

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Roger Lott  
707 Lincoln Benefit Life Building  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**STATE:** Nebraska (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** City

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To give jobs and an opportunity to earn a good living to convicted felons.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This unique project is located in Omaha and serves to place select convicted felons into labor union jobs after conviction but before sentence is passed and commitment to a penal institution made. The project director and members of the selection committee are all union affiliated. The labor unions cooperate fully. The selectees are trained by unions when necessary and assume full membership and going pay scale for their particular job. Thus convicted felons are given an opportunity to earn a good living in lieu of spending time in prison. In its second year funding, 2,000 convicted persons have been interviewed and 65 placed in labor union jobs. In addition, the project personnel contact employers of convicted persons in an effort to save their jobs and return them to gainful employment. While the project is not primarily designed to save adjudication cost, on the basis of a \$10,000 per cost of an imprisoned person, a \$65,000 saving to date is apparent. Considering welfare and other costs that a prisoners family may mean to the taxpayers, considerably more saving is evident.

**IMPACT (if available):** No recidivism has been noted to date among those given the opportunity to become or continue as self and family supporting citizens.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a large, non-traditional and innovative program dealing with the courts.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$119,000

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-91

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$107,000

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/75 - 6/76

**REFERENCE:** Rober Lott, Director  
707 Lincoln Benefit Life Bldg.  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**PROJECT NAME:** Career Criminal Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

San Diego County District  
Attorney's Office  
San Diego, California

**STATE:** California (Region IX - San Francisco)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To design and implement a model program to identify for speedy prosecution those criminal defendants whose criminal histories indicate repeated commission of dangerous criminal acts.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The purpose of this project is to design and implement a model program to identify for speedy prosecution those criminal defendants whose criminal histories indicate repeated commission of dangerous criminal acts. Specifically, this is a prosecutor's program to concentrate effort on those individuals arrested for robbery and homicides related to crimes of robbery whose prior records indicate that they are career criminals. For the purposes of this project, a career criminal is one who commits robberies regularly and habitually, and/or generally has one or two open cases pending in the criminal justice system at any given time, and/or may have suffered a prior felony conviction, and/or has utilized his familiarity with the criminal justice system to avoid prosecution and punishment, and/or generally has not been influenced by traditional social service rehabilitative programs.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This project addresses an extremely important issue.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$280,039 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-DF-09-0041

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$247,118 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 6/75 - 5/76

**REFERENCE:** Frank Costa  
Deputy District Attorney  
San Diego, California

**PROJECT NAME:** Career Criminal Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Office of County Attorney  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**STATE:** Utah (Region VIII - Denver)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To speed the prosecution of those persons whose criminal histories indicate repeated commission of dangerous criminal acts. It will reduce pretrial and trial delay, reduce the number of continuances involving career criminals and reduce the number of cases dismissed on grounds other than the merits of the case itself.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

A special unit within the county attorney's office was established and staffed by experienced felony attorneys for the prosecution of the habitual offender. The project was established to decrease the amount of time it takes to prosecute career criminal cases. The project is staffed by four attorneys, one investigator, one data analyst, one data coordinator and one secretary. The project is also linked to the PROMIS program.

**IMPACT (if available):** The time from arrest to disposition of career criminal cases is approximately 54 days while other felony cases take from 65 to 70 days.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Unique in that it is working in conjunction with the Career Criminal Defender Project.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Discretionary

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$224,120 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-DF-08-0023

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$201,708

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/75 - 6/76

**REFERENCE:** H. Paul Van Dam  
County Attorney  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**PROJECT NAME:** Consumer Protection Unit

**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

District Attorney  
Parish of Jefferson  
Gretna, Louisiana

**STATE:** Louisiana (Region VI - Dallas)

**AREA SERVED:** Parish

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

Criminal investigation and gathering of information about all phases of criminal consumer and commercial fraud activities and unfair and deceptive trade practices.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project proposes the continuation of an investigative/prosecutorial unit known as the "Consumer Protection and Commercial Fraud Prosecution Unit" comprising personnel from the district attorney's office and requested supplemental personnel. The major responsibilities for this unit will be criminal investigation and the gathering of intelligence information about all phases of criminal consumer and commercial fraud activities and unfair and deceptive trade practices and combinations in restraint of trade schemes. The information obtained will be acted upon independently or transmitted to other appropriate police, enforcement or regulatory agencies for independent or combined action. The unit will act primarily to prevent and discourage illegitimate activity from being carried on in metropolitan Jefferson Parish. It will also maintain liaison with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies concerned with combating organized crime. Goals of the project are to reduce the number of 1) chain referral and pyramid sales schemes; 2) debt consolidation schemes; 3) merchandise swindles; 4) land frauds and deceptions; 5) charity and religious frauds and deceptions; 6) insurance frauds and deceptions; and 7) employment agency frauds and deceptions.

**IMPACT (if available):** The program has proved successful in the first months of operation.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a promising concept.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$40,060 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 74-C7-E.8.1-0123

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$25,000 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 5/75 - 4/76

**REFERENCE:** Maurice Robinson  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**PROJECT NAME:** Harris County District Attorney's Office, Special Crimes Bureau  
**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:** Harris County D. A.'s Office  
Special Crimes Bureau  
Harris County, Texas  
**STATE:** Texas

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

The project intends to use experienced trial prosecutors to investigate and handle organized crime, racketeering, and other unusual criminal cases in an effort to reduce incidence of these kinds of criminal activity.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:** Prosecutors on a 24-hour basis will be available to assist and advise law enforcement personnel on given problem situations, perpetuation of investigations, preparation of search warrants, witness affidavits, and the receiving and filing of actual criminal charges in their official capacity as assistant district attorneys. A complete informational, intelligence, and investigative file has been established on every individual and organization suspected of organized criminal activity. Briefings are held periodically with law enforcement and administrative activities and individual offenders. To combat the ever increasing penetration of organized crime into legitimate business, the division will sponsor orientation programs with area businessmen. Likewise the staff of Harris County District Attorney's office will be briefed periodically by members of this division. One lawyer has been assigned to the Harris County Organized Crime Intelligence Unit as liaison and legal advisor.

**IMPACT (if available):**

N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

N/A

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$330,371

**GRANT NUMBER:** AC-5-D2-2845

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$136,017

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** N/A

**REFERENCE:** N/A

**PROJECT NAME:** Nebraska County Attorneys' Association

**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Roger Lott  
707 Lincoln Benefit Life Building  
Lincoln, Nebraska

**STATE:** Nebraska (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To improve legal services by supporting the activities of the county attorneys through research assistance.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This grant provides a full-time project director and secretary to act as liaisons for the 93 county attorneys and their deputies. A monthly newsletter, The Report, keeps the attorneys abreast of legal developments and the activities of the Nebraska County Attorneys' Association. When the legislature is in session, a separate monthly on pending bills, Legislative Report, is issued. The Association also coordinates in-state and out-of-state training for prosecutors and attorneys. All county attorneys and their deputies come together four times a year for two- or three-day statewide meetings. Another project activity is the development and dissemination of appropriate handbooks.

**IMPACT (if available):** Support and research services provided to county attorneys. Last October, approximately 150 copies of a recently developed Criminal Procedure Handbook were distributed to the county attorneys and their deputies. A Juvenile Court Handbook is now being prepared. Staff are also updating complaint form books.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Nebraska needed the project and it works.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$36,700 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 74-82  
74-63

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$24,990 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 9/72 - 7/75

**REFERENCE:** Roger Lott  
Project Director  
Lincoln, Nebraska

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**PROJECT NAME:** Prosecutor, Screening,  
Diversion, Citizen Dispute and Victim/  
Witness Assistance

**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Office of the District Attorney  
Prosecutorial District Number 3  
Androscoggin/Franklin/Oxford Counties

**STATE:** Maine (Region I - Boston)

**AREA SERVED:** Multi-County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To relieve the court load through screening, diversion and victim assistance.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The project establishes a new division within the office of the district attorney to perform four new but essential tasks: 1. To screen, as early as possible, all felonies, private citizen complaints and selected serious misdemeanors to determine if prosecution is warranted and if a conviction can be sustained; 2. To assist private citizens in resolving disputes and to aid in trial preparation if such is justified; 3. To develop a diversion program, determining the availability of necessary agencies within Maine and the district, for those individuals who may be better handled outside the criminal justice system; and 4. To establish a program to aid victims and witnesses in understanding the criminal justice system and to assure cooperation and testimony at each stage in the process. Implementation of the New Maine Criminal Code will be a major consideration in all activities of this new division under this project.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The project is a first for the state.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$50,000 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 200-334-6800

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$45,000 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 11/76 - 11/77

**REFERENCE:** Thomas E. Delahanty, II  
District Attorney  
Auburn, Maine

**PROJECT NAME:** Statewide Association  
of Prosecutors

**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

**STATE:** Utah (Region VIII - Denver)

Utah Association of Counties  
Salt Lake City, Utah

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To continue the office of coordinators of prosecutorial services; to continue to function as a clearinghouse for pre-service and in-service training; to aid in the coordination of prosecutorial services.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The association assists prosecutors by providing: assistance to prosecuting attorneys through publication of information and accumulation of research material; the continued updating of the data bank of legal research; information on changes in the criminal laws; and analysis of prosecutors' needs.

**IMPACT (if available):** The association has conducted seminars and other training activities.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Project provides a valuable service.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$93,618

**GRANT NUMBER:** 5-74-E-2-1

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$73,570

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 6/73 - 6/76

**REFERENCE:** David S. Young, Director  
Statewide Association of  
Prosecutors

**PROJECT NAME:** Specialized Crime Division  
Dallas County District  
Attorney's Office

**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:** Dallas County District Attorney's Office  
Dallas County, Texas

**STATE:** Texas (Region VI - Dallas)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

Responsible for coordinating investigation, preparation and prosecution of major Commercial Fraud and Consumer Fraud cases within the Dallas County District Attorneys' Office.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The Specialized Crime Division serves as a catalyst to promote cooperation between and coordinate investigative activities of all area law enforcement and administrative agencies as they relate to Major Commercial Frauds, Consumer Frauds and various types of organized criminal activity. The unit is comprised of seven assistant district attorneys highly experienced in trial and investigative techniques in all types of criminal cases, including commercial fraud securities violations, conspiracies, gambling, narcotics and crimes of violence. The greatest proportion of these prosecutors came from key positions in the Dallas County District Attorney's Office and are assigned full time to this division.

**IMPACT (if available):**

With the specialized approach to cases within the grant categories, the court results already reflect a significant decrease in the number of cases being

**REASON FOR SELECTION:** reduced from felonies to misdemeanors through court disposition.

Effectiveness in accomplishing project objectives.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$432,788

**GRANT NUMBER:** N/A

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** N/A

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** N/A

**REFERENCE:** N/A

**PROJECT NAME:** Summer Legal Intern  
Prosecutor Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Kansas County and District  
Attorneys' Association  
Shawnee County, Kansas

**STATE:** Kansas (Region VII - Kansas City)

**AREA SERVED:** Multi-County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To train law students in criminal law and prosecution and provide inexpensive manpower for prosecutor's office.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

This project provides for the selection of senior law students to work in prosecutor's offices, during summer months in 28 counties. The students receive on-the-job experience in criminal law and prosecution.

**IMPACT (if available):** The project has resulted in 45 law students receiving training and providing valuable assistance to prosecutors in case preparation. Four out of ten, or 40 percent of the interns, have subsequently become affiliated with prosecutor's offices.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

The project has provided good assistance to local prosecutor's offices, giving relief during the summer months, and the students have gained educational experience.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Action

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$65,944 (seven months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-A-26-16-1B

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$52,875 (seven months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 2/76 - 9/76

**REFERENCE:** Jim Reardon, Exec. Director  
Kansas County and District  
Attorneys' Association

**PROJECT NAME:** Texas Prosecutors -  
Coordination and Educational Assistance  
Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Texas District & County Attorneys  
Association

**STATE:** Texas (Region VI - Dallas)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

The goal is to improve prosecution in Texas through education and coordination.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

The staff under the guidance of the Board of Directors will develop seminars and training programs throughout the year. Work will include the development of curriculum and course material. Curriculum will be based upon the most current need of prosecutors available and will include training with reference to legislation enacted by the Texas Legislature. The staff will write and publish a monthly newsletter to keep Texas prosecutors informed of prosecution activities in Texas. The purpose of the newsletter is to build a spirit of cooperation and professionalism among prosecutors, serve as an informational vehicle, and serve as an educational source. Manuals will be written by qualified persons. The staff will arrange and staff the development conferences. These conferences serve to develop policies, procedures, forms and other necessary tools needed to improve prosecution. The primary target groups are the 314 locally elected prosecutors, including criminal district attorneys, and county attorneys, and their assistants which exceed 400 in number. Investigators working for the prosecutors and other staff members are also included in the primary group.

**IMPACT (if available):** N/A

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This project could be of interest and use to somebody from another state interested in developing a similar project.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$430,933

**GRANT NUMBER:** AC5-D2-2689

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$387,840

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 4/75 - 3/76

**REFERENCE:** Dain P. Whitworth, Executive  
Director of Texas District &  
County Attorney's Association

**PROJECT NAME:** Uniform Crime-Charging Standards

**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office  
Los Angeles, California

**STATE:** California (Region IX - San Francisco)

**AREA SERVED:** State

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

To develop uniform crime-charging standards that are acceptable for implementation by California prosecutors.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Crime-charging standards were studied and evaluated by teams of deputy district attorneys and district attorneys in various parts of the state. An executive subcommittee consisting of 12 individuals chosen from the District Attorney's Advisory Committee plus the project's executive director developed crime-charging guidelines and recommendations. These guidelines were then submitted for approval to the District Attorney's Advisory Committee, which consists of representatives of the county prosecutors throughout the state.

**IMPACT (if available):** The set of uniform standards and a crime-charging manual for guidance of filing deputies were compiled and distributed to all prosecutors in California. The project staff expects that there will be voluntary compliance with the standards.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

Project will have far-reaching effects.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** Block

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$467,660 (18 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 1341-B

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$350,132

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 7/73 - 12/75

**REFERENCE:** M. Pargament, Deputy D.A.  
Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office  
Los Angeles, California

**PROJECT NAME:** Victim/Witness  
Assistance Program

**PROJECT TYPE:** Prosecution Services

**NAME OF SUBGRANTEE:**

Stark County Prosecutor  
Canton, Ohio

**STATE:** Ohio (Region V - Chicago)

**AREA SERVED:** County

**MAJOR OBJECTIVE:**

Improvement of prosecution by providing a system where witnesses will be available on short notice for speedy prosecution; improvement of community human relations through the giving of more attention to the victim and witness; crime prevention by the involving of more citizens as witnesses.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION:**

Under this program, the Stark County Prosecutor's Office cooperates with witnesses in criminal prosecution by giving consideration to the personal problems of the witness. Under the prosecutor's victim/witness coordination system a greater effort is made to prevent the witness from having to spend more than a minimum amount of time away from his business, job or family. The program director familiarizes himself with the case prior to the time of trial and works with the trial assistant handling the case in determining, in a more accurate way, specific times when witnesses will be needed.

**IMPACT (if available):** A total of 115 victims and 2,500 witnesses have been served to date.

**REASON FOR SELECTION:**

This is a unique and different community participation project.

**TYPE OF FUNDS:** N/A

**RECENT BUDGET:** \$21,200 (12 months)

**GRANT NUMBER:** 75-BC-DE7-5202

**RECENT LEAA SHARE:** \$19,800 (12 months)

**PERIOD OF OPERATION:** 5/75 - 4/77

**REFERENCE:** Allen C. Carter, Sr., Director  
Victim/Witness Assistance Prog  
Canton, Ohio

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