NDAA Granted Over $4M for Efforts Focused on Youth Crime Prevention, Human Trafficking, Impaired Driving, Mental Health

ARLINGTON, Va – The National District Attorneys Association (NDAA) announced today it has been awarded over $4M in new federal grants to advance efforts across the criminal justice system.

As part of their public duty to fight crime and help victims, the nation’s prosecutors work together with the greater law enforcement community on diverse criminal justice reforms. The awards for fiscal year 2019 span the areas of youth crime prevention, human trafficking, impaired driving and mental health. Details of the awards follow.

▪ **US Department of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention**

NDAA has been awarded funding from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) to train prosecutors who work within the juvenile justice system nationwide.

Under this three-year grant, NDAA will continue its work with juvenile prosecution units with the goal of rehabilitating youth and maintaining safe communities. NDAA will deliver trainings around the country on issues relevant to juvenile practice, provide technical assistance, and develop best-practice guidelines for dealing with juvenile criminal issues.

▪ **US Department of Transportation, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration**

NDAA’s National Traffic Law Center (NTLC) was awarded a grant under the U.S. Department of Transportation’s (DOT) Commercial Driver’s License Program Implementation (CDLPI) program.

In support of DOT’s ONE driver, ONE license and ONE record initiative, NDAA’s NTLC will provide training on critical Commercial Driver’s License issues, including masking and crimes of human trafficking on our nation’s roadways specific to the commercial driver.

▪ **US Department of Transportation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration**

NDAA’s National Traffic Law Center received a multi-year, multi-million-dollar grant from the DOT’s National Highway Traffic Safety Administration to improve the quality of justice in traffic safety adjudications.

NDAA will work to elevate highway safety issues through the compilation, creation, and dissemination of legal and technical information and by providing training to benefit prosecutors, judges, law enforcement officers and others in the justice system.

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NDAA will partner with the Council of State Governments (CSG) on a national training and technical assistance program to improve law enforcement responses to people with mental health disorders and intellectual and developmental disabilities.

As a sub-grantee under this award, NDAA will assist CSG and other partners to provide training and technical assistance to entities across the criminal justice system, including those in the mental health and substance use space, with the goals of reducing crime and recidivism.

NDAA will team up with the CNA, a nonprofit research and analysis organization and current partner under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program, to provide training and technical assistance and contribute to the development of prosecution assessments as part of the Public Safety Partnership (PSP) program.

NDAA will partner with CSG on a Data-Led Governing program to provide national training and technical assistance to aid states in developing data collection standards to ensure data can be shared and analyzed in a way that facilitates the use of data in decision-making across the criminal justice system.

Formed in 1950, NDAA is the oldest and largest national organization representing state and local prosecutors in the country. With more than 5,300 members representing over two thirds of the state and local prosecutors' offices, NDAA is recognized as the leading source of national expertise on the prosecution function and is a valuable resource for the media, academia, government, and community leaders. NDAA's mission is to provide state and local prosecutors with the knowledge, skills, and support they need to ensure that justice is done and that public safety rights are protected.

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