Key Elements of a Byrne JAG Strategic Plan

Identifying Priorities
• The priorities to be addressed through the allocation of Byrne JAG grant funds are clearly defined.
• The priorities identified are supported with relevant and timely information and data.
• The priorities identified are supported by diverse stakeholders.

Engage Stakeholders
• Engagement Strategy is explained (i.e., survey, planning board, focus group).
• Required stakeholders included: judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, corrections, indigent defense, victim services, juvenile justice delinquency prevention programs, community corrections and reentry services. Including non-traditional stakeholders also benefits the plan.
• Input from stakeholders informs plan elements.

Data to Drive Decisions
• Describes the process used by the state for gathering evidence-based data.
• Describes the barriers at the state and local levels for accessing data.
• Data referenced informs the goals and action steps of the plan.

S.M.A.R.T. Goals (supporting the priorities that have been identified)
• Goals outlined in plan are Specific and Measurable to address how the grants will improve the administration of the criminal justice system.
• Goals are Achievable and Relevant to the problem statement.
• Goals are Time Bound by a defined work plan.

Action Steps or Objectives
• The plan defines how resources will be allocated within and among each of the JAG Purpose Areas.
• Describes the process used by the state in support of evidence-based programming and evidence-gathering approaches in support of funding decisions.
• Describes the barriers at the state and local level (if any) for implementing evidence-based approaches to preventing and reducing crime and recidivism.

Outcomes & Performance Measurement
• Desired outcomes for funding are clearly stated.
• Baseline data is defined for performance measurement.
• Metrics to be measured are defined.

Evaluation Strategy
• Identifies how the state will assess changing circumstances, if any, and how the state will adjust funding if needed.
• Provides an ongoing assessment of need, supported by current data, and reflects how the plan influenced funding decisions in the prior year.
• Plan is reviewed annually, and annual report is planned.