



Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board

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Date: February 26, 2014

Members of the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, and Bureau of Justice Assistance:

This letter is to certify that the Lebanon County Criminal Justice Advisory Board (LCCJAB), by a unanimous vote at its regular business meeting on February 18, 2014, officially endorsed and supports the following initiative for Lebanon County:

FY 2014 Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program

Federal funding under this grant opportunity would enable Lebanon County to continue and enhance its highly successful D.U.I. Court Program, which began in 2008 to free offenders from alcohol dependency, protect the public, provide structured treatment, and offer a viable treatment/counseling alternative to incarceration. The D.U.I. Court is a key component of the Intermediate Punishment (IP) Plan developed by the County of Lebanon to reduce prison overcrowding while still imposing fair and responsible sanctions on those who violate the law.

The program has made judicious use of public dollars, and the day-to-day work of the two Intensive D.U.I. Court Probation Officers and the D.U.I. Court Coordinator is essential in ensuring that the program meets its objectives and functions as intended, including adherence to the ten *Key Components of Drug Courts*. The D.U.I. Court Team also plays an extremely active role, meeting regularly to discuss whether offenders are meeting the program's expectations, and to discuss whether new applicants should be recommended for acceptance into the program. The Court Team is committed to serving the public by working hard to ensure that D.U.I. offenders embrace sobriety and no longer pose a threat on our streets and highways.

We are confident that the County of Lebanon would use a federal award to continue all efforts to improve the effectiveness of the D.U.I. Court program. This includes increasing the number of participants by, for example, expanding eligibility to include offenders who are charged with driving under the influence of controlled substances. We also believe that the Lebanon County Commissioners will commit to the level of local-match funding required under this grant initiative.



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Established in 2007, the LCCJAB makes every effort to identify those issues that play a vital role in bringing success to the criminal justice establishment in Lebanon County. In recognition of the success the County of Lebanon's D.U.I. Court Program has had over the years in changing offenders' lives for the better, we give the application for federal assistance our full and enthusiastic support.

We verify that delegates from these departments have been notified of the issuance of this letter and have thus granted us authorization to sign in their stead.

Sincerely,

Signature

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