

**City of Carson City  
Agenda Report**

**Date Submitted:** June 26, 2012

**Agenda Date Requested:** July 5, 2012

**Time Requested:** 5 Minutes

**To:** Mayor and Supervisors

**From:** Carson City Sheriff's Office

**Subject Title:** For Possible Action: to accept the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance Grant, TRI-Net Narcotics Task Force, in the amount of \$102,000.00. (Sheriff Furlong)

**Staff Summary:** The Office of Criminal Justice Assistance administers grant funds to state and local units of government for a wide variety of programs to improve the criminal justice system. This grant provides partial funding for two positions assigned to the Tri-Net Narcotics Task Force. Grant period is 07/01/12-06/30/13.

**Type of Action Requested:** (check one)

Resolution

Ordinance

Formal Action/Motion

Other (Specify)

**Does This Action Require A Business Impact Statement:**  Yes  No

**Recommended Board Action:** I move to accept the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance Grant, TRI-Net Narcotics Task Force, in the amount of \$102,000.00.

**Explanation for Recommended Board Action:** The manufacture, cultivation, trafficking, sales and use of illicit narcotics continues to be a significant crisis in our geographical region. The TRINET Narcotics Task Force is a multi-jurisdictional narcotic task force which conducts and supports narcotics related investigations in Carson City, Douglas County and Lyon County.

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** This grant requires matching funds of \$160,249. This amount is already included in the FY13 Sheriff's Office budget.

**Explanation of Impact:** See Above

**Funding Source:** The funds for this project have been obtained through the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance.

**Alternatives:** No participation in the grant.

**Supporting Material:** Grant Application

Prepared By: Kathie Heath, Business Manager

Reviewed By:

[Signature]  
(Department Head)

Date: 6/26/12

[Signature]  
(City Manager)

Date: 6/26/12

[Signature]  
(District Attorney)

Date: 6/26/12

[Signature]  
(Finance Director)

Date: 6/26/12

**Board Action Taken:**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_

Aye/Nay

2) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Vote Recorded By)

STATE OF NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

**OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE**

JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)

**Grant Award**

|                       |  |                            |                   |
|-----------------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>SUBGRANTEE:</b>    | Carson City Sheriff's Office                 | <b>PROJECT NUMBER:</b>     | 12-JAG-05         |
| <b>ADDRESS:</b>       | 911 E. Musser Street<br>Carson City NV 89701 |                            |                   |
| <b>PROJECT TITLE:</b> | Tri-Net Task Force                           | <b>FEDERAL AWARD TOTAL</b> | <b>102,000.00</b> |
|                       |  | <b>AGENCY MATCH FUNDS</b>  | <b>106,249.00</b> |
| <b>GRANT PERIOD</b>   | July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013                 | <b>PROJECT TOTAL:</b>      | <b>208,249.00</b> |

**APPROVED BUDGET FOR PROJECT**

| CATEGORY                        | TOTAL PROJECT COSTS |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Personnel                       | 92,000.00           |
| Consultant/Contractual Services | 0                   |
| Travel/Training                 | 0                   |
| Supplies/Operating              | 5,000.00            |
| Equipment                       | 0                   |
| Confidential Funds              | 5,000.00            |
| <b>Total Federal Award:</b>     | <b>102,000.00</b>   |

This award is subject to the requirements (General and Fiscal Conditions, including General Operating Policies) established by the Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, Nevada Department of Public Safety.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS:** This project is subject to such conditions or limitations as set forth on the attached page(s).

**AGENCY APPROVAL**

**SUB-GRANTEE ACCEPTANCE**

Michelle Hamilton  
OCJA Administrator

Ken Furlong  
Sheriff

Signature of Approving Official

Date

*Michelle Hamilton*  
6/20/12

Signature of Approving Official

Date

*Ken Furlong*  
6/27/12

OFFICE OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE  
JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT PROGRAM (JAG)

**Title Page (4 points)**

- A. Applicant Agency: Carson City Sheriff's Office  
B. Address: 911 E. Musser St.  
C. Project Title: Tri-Net Narcotics Task Force  
D. Project Period: From: 07/01/12 To: 06/30/13  
E. Authorized Purpose Area: (one area only) 1 – Law Enforcement Programs  
F. If your County or City received a direct award, did you apply? Yes  
G. If yes, enter amount \$19,646

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K. Federal ID Number: 88-6000189

L. DUNS Number: 073787152

M. Has agency registered with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database?

Yes

No

**Previous Byrne Funding :**

| Year | Grant Number | Federal \$ Amount |
|------|--------------|-------------------|
| 2011 | 11-JAG-05    | \$136,000         |
| 2010 | 10-JAG-05    | \$160,000         |
| 2009 | 09-JAG-03    | \$163,094         |
| 2008 | 08-JAG-01    | \$91,000          |

**Budget Summary:**

|                                   | Federal \$ Requested |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
| Personnel                         | \$92,000             |
| Consultant/Contract               | \$0                  |
| Training                          | \$0                  |
| Supplies/Operating                | \$5,000              |
| Equipment                         | \$0                  |
| Confidential Funds                | \$5,000              |
| <b>TOTAL FEDERAL \$ REQUESTED</b> | <b>\$102,000</b>     |

**Certification:**

The signature of the authorized official of the agency making application hereby agrees that the project described in this application meets all the requirements of the applicable governing legislation as indicated by the Certifications sections attached; that all the information contained in the application is correct; that there has been appropriate coordination with affected agencies and agrees to comply with all provisions of the applicable grant program **including the enhanced reporting requirements**. The applicant further understands and agrees that any subgrant award received as a result of this application shall be subject additionally to the grant conditions set forth in the Statement of Grant Award, and the current applicable OCJA Project Director's Manual.

Name: Ken Furlong Telephone (775) 887-2500  
 Title: Sheriff Fax (775) 887-2026

Signature  Date 6/12/12

## Part 2.

## GENERAL OVERVIEW

**Program Focus:** The Tri-NET Task Force is a Multi-Jurisdictional Narcotic Enforcement Task Force serving three rural counties in Northern Nevada. Tri-NET is supervised by the Nevada Department of Public Safety Investigation Division (DSP ID). The mission of Tri-NET is to locate, identify, arrest and aid in the successful prosecution of those individuals and organizations responsible for the manufacturing, trafficking, sales and use of illegal, illicit and prescription controlled substances. Tri-NET addresses the need for a regional multi-faceted approach to law enforcement activities specifically designed to prevent and control drug-related crime that also aid in the prosecution of those entities and individuals responsible.

Tri-NET focuses on identifying, investigating and bringing to justice mid to upper-level drug dealers, drug traffickers and organizations responsible for the sales, manufacturing and distribution of Methamphetamine, Cocaine, Heroin, Marijuana, Ecstasy and other illegally obtained prescription controlled and illicit drugs. Investigations can range from short-term operations that last only a day or week to long term investigations lasting several months.

***"At the end of the day, the goals are simple: safety and security."***

~ Jodi Rell

**Tri-NET Past and Present Accomplishments:** The focus and future endeavors of Tri-NET are best documented by a recent Tri-NET case. On March 8, 2012, the Nevada Appeal and the Record Courier newspapers reported that, "*The Tri-NET Narcotic Task Force worked in conjunction with the DCSO (Douglas County) Street Enforcement Team...and the Santa Cruz Police Department. Four...men were arrested with \$25,500 worth of drugs, marijuana and paraphernalia at two Stateline hotels after a month-long investigation into cocaine transportation and distribution from California.*" Without the regionalized resources and collaborative investigation facilitated by Tri-NET, these four criminals would still be smuggling drugs into the Region. Without Tri-NET's perseverance, expertise and cohesive investigative techniques, these four men would have continued to distribute drugs and engage in drug-related crime. This is just one recent accomplishment of Tri-NET. Tri-NET's regional approach, strategic methods and successful outcomes should be continued.

**Tri-NET Staffing (Who we are):** Tri-NET was established in 1988. With 24-years of experience, collaboration and expertise, Tri-NET continues to address, prevent and reduce the impact of drug-related crime throughout rural Northern Nevada. In fact, Tri-NET has investigated and shut-down 50 Marijuana grows and Methamphetamine labs, made more than 2660 arrests, executed almost 220 search warrants, seized over \$875,000 in cash and more than 150 vehicles since its' inception. This grant application leverages resources and supports three rural Nevada counties that otherwise would not have the staffing, funding or ability to address drug-related crime in a regionally focused, highly-skilled and collaborative way.

Currently, the Tri-NET Task Force personnel and operating costs are funded primarily through the Nevada Office of Criminal Justice Assistance, Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) funding. The Task Force is staffed by two (2) DPS ID Detectives, two (2) Carson City Sheriff's Office (CCSO) Detectives, one (1) Douglas County Sheriff's Office (DCSO) Detective, and one (1) Lyon County Sheriff's Office (LCSO) Detective. The Task Force is currently supported by the Nevada Office of the Military's Counter Drug Program with one (1) National Guard Tech Sergeant operating as an Intelligence Analyst and in a reconnaissance role. Due to State budgetary reductions and constraints, the Tri-NET Task Force staffing levels have been reduced to only one (1) DPS Administrative Assistant. Although priorities, funding and staffing levels have changed over the years, the purpose, mission and collaborative approach of Tri-NET has not faltered.

**Focus Areas and Future Plans:** A primary focus area for Tri-NET remains Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations (MDTO's). MDTO's continue to infiltrate rural Northern Nevada. Highway 395 and Highway 50 cross several states; providing easy access for drugs to be smuggled in from Mexico, California and into Northern Nevada. MDTO's have been identified as a primary source of sales and distribution of most illegal or illicit drugs in the communities served by Tri-NET. MDTO's have proven to be difficult to apprehend and dismantle because of their purposeful and complex layers that provide them a façade of legitimacy and camouflage for their leaders. The MDTO's have also organized and assimilated into society, tempting vulnerable citizens into their "groups" and "gangs". Gangs Tri-NET deals with are the MS-13, Surenos, Nortenos as well as the Mexican Mafia. These groups or gangs provide for the distribution and resource channels for illegal and illicit drugs to filter into the community. With continued funding, Tri-NET will focus its investigative efforts and resources to locate, identify, disrupt, dismantle and thus terminate the organized operations of the Mexican Drug Trafficking Organizations operating in rural Northern Nevada.

Although Methamphetamine continues to be an issue for Northern Nevada, over the past several years the drug trends have changed. Due to enforcement action by entities such as Tri-NET as well as media attention and tough regulations for the ingredients used to make Meth, Meth production has been reduced dramatically. Therefore, Tri-NET is now also addressing the availability of Heroin and illegally obtained prescription medications. Tri-NET also focuses on the use and availability of "designer drugs" such as Ecstasy, MDMA, LSD and "Mollies". As commonly understood by substance abuse treatment professionals and counselors, prescription medications often act as a "gateway" drug to other drugs such as Heroin and other opiate-type drugs. Recent pharmaceutical and Heroin cases conducted by Tri-NET have led to the arrest and prosecution of persons who have violated Nevada Revised Statutes related to pharmaceutical/prescription drugs. In fact, more than 272 grams of illegally obtained prescription medications and more than 768 grams (1.6 pounds) of Heroin have been seized by Tri-NET.

Tri-NET has begun, and plans on continuing joint operations with county Street Enforcement Teams (SET) focusing on short term, aggressive enforcement activities on a street level as well as continued, in-depth, complex investigations into the mid to upper level MDTO's. Tri-NET will work along side the SET Teams and area Alternative Sentencing Divisions to identify and arrest individuals involved in the use of controlled substances and lower level possession cases. Based on recent information from all three Sheriff's in Tri-NET's area of responsibility, property related crimes such as burglaries, thefts, robberies, and larcenies are on the rise and the individuals responsible are drug abusers. The collaborated, regional effort will result in arrests of drug abusers who commit property crimes to obtain monies to purchase controlled substances. Those individuals can be placed back into the criminal justice system for incarceration; drug abuse treatment, drug court programs, and diversion programs created to guide the drug abuser back to being a productive member of the community and create a safer community for the citizens of Carson City, Douglas County, and Lyon County.

In summary, the Tri-NET Narcotic Task Force is a proven successful multi-jurisdictional entity providing cohesive, strategic and collaborative investigations that focus on addressing drug related crimes in rural Northern Nevada. For more than 20-years, the Tri-NET Task Force has remained steadfast in their mission, responsive in their investigations and successful in apprehending and addressing those entities responsible for the sales, manufacturing and distribution of illegal, illicit drugs and prescription controlled medications. Therefore, an investment in Tri-NET is an investment well-placed to continue a regionalized approach to reducing and preventing the negative impact of drug related crime while also aiding in the prosecution of those individuals and entities responsible.

**Part 3.**

**PROBLEM STATEMENT**

**Geographic Areas Affected:** The Tri-NET Task Force operates within Carson City, Douglas County and Lyon County Nevada covering approximately 3,146 square miles and a population of approximately 200,000 citizens. These three rural counties are connected by two major highways that also connect Northern Nevada to California and beyond; a major drug trafficking route. Tri-NET is responsible for regionally addressing drug related crime across county lines with leveraged resources and an expertise in identifying, investigating and addressing the illegal manufacturing, sales and distribution of any and all illegal and illicit drugs. Geographically, without the Tri-NET task force each of these three rural counties would be less able to address drug specific crime on their own.

**Target Population Affected and Consequences:** The target population focused on by Tri-NET is the persons and organizations responsible for manufacturing, sales and distribution of illegal and illicit drugs as well as illegally obtained prescription medication throughout rural Northern Nevada. Tri-NET continues to focus on investigating and enforcing state laws and county ordinances related to controlled substance violations including but not limited to:

- *Trafficking a Controlled Substance;*
- *Sales of a Controlled Substance;*
- *Possession and/or Use of a Controlled Substance and/or Drug Paraphernalia;*
- *Manufacturing or Cultivation of Controlled Substances such as Methamphetamine or Marijuana, and ;*
- *All other violations related to illegal, prescription controlled and illicit drugs.*

*"It is not by muscle, speed, or physical dexterity that great things are achieved, but by reflection, force of character, and judgment"*

~ Unknown

Additionally, Tri-NET coordinates and communicates regularly with local Probation Departments, Alternative Sentencing Programs, and County Street Enforcement Teams (SET), in order to locate probationers with drug related charges willing and able to cooperate with law enforcement as confidential informants, serve arrest warrants and conduct joint operations and investigations. The need for consistent communication and collaboration with Probation, Alternative Sentencing, and SET teams is evidenced in the statistics below:

**Carson City Alternative Sentencing:**

- *As of March 14, 2012, Carson City Alternative Sentencing has a total of 2,160 people on formal probation, non-formal probation and pre-sentence supervision. The Chief stated at least 50% have a drug nexus.*
- *Also according to the Chief, 364 people are on formal sentenced probation and out of those, 221 are drug arrests.*
- *The current warrant list for Carson City Alternative Sentencing has 933 people on it and at least 50% are drug related offenses.*

**Documentation of the Problem and Contributing Factors (Circumstances):** Tough economic times, high unemployment, plummeting home prices and a tourist-driven economy have negatively impacted rural Northern Nevada. Businesses, families and the communities are all financially and emotionally stressed. In the past 10 years hundreds of families and persons sold their homes at the peak of the booming, robust housing markets in Sacramento, CA and the San Francisco, CA area and moved to Northern Nevada to take advantage of a lower cost of living. The constant, overwhelming influx of people has since strained local resources creating a lack of infrastructure, resources, jobs and social services. Compounding the difficult socio-economic circumstances impacting Northern Nevada, according to the 2012 Douglas County Community Prevention Plan, substance abuse



and use has also increased, especially the use of Marijuana and Heroin among younger adults and teens. In response to the challenging economic times and subsequent increases in illegal, illicit and prescription controlled substance use and abuse, Tri-NET will focus on addressing the following problems during the upcoming grant cycle:

**Problem One:** Lack of resources, awareness and specialized training needed to prevent and address drug-related crime in the rural Northern Nevada Region.

**Problem Two:** The negative impact of drug related crime related to the manufacturing, sales and distribution of illegal, illicit and other controlled substances in the Region.

**Problem Three:** The recent increase in Heroin availability and use as well as illegally obtained prescription medications.

**Program Description to Address the Identified Problems:** The Tri-NET Task Force utilizes the following approaches, methods and strategies in order to address the problem statements identified above. They include but are not limited to:

- *Intelligence gathering and intelligence sharing among federal, state, and county law enforcement entities;*
- *Comprehensive, cohesive and accurate investigations;*
- *Coordinating with SET teams, Probation Departments and Alternative Sentencing to assist with locating probationers, serving arrest warrants for drug-related crimes/offenses, and conducting joint operations related to high profile street level violators;*
- *Undercover and clandestine operations to infiltrate drug trafficking organizations;*
- *The use of confidential and cooperating sources and undercover police officers to conduct controlled drug purchases;*
- *Physical and electronic surveillance, and;*
- *Other investigative techniques and strategies at the disposal of Tri-NET personnel.*

During the calendar year of 2011, the Tri-NET reported some of the following drug and non-drug purchases and seizures. 1,012.20 grams (2.2 pounds) of Marijuana purchased and 13,480.43 (29.6 pounds) grams seized along with 38 Marijuana plant. 1,081.10 grams (2.3 pounds) of Methamphetamine purchased and 476.11 grams (1.04 pounds) seized. 168.50 grams of Cocaine purchased and 266.70 seized. 101.10 grams of Heroin purchased and 13.70 seized. 530.30 grams of Psilocybin Mushrooms purchased and 59.06 seized. 24 Dosage units of LSD purchased and another 7 grams seized. 208 dosage units of other RX were seized. 34.4 grams of Ecstasy was seized. 4 Marijuana grow sites were recovered. 27 Agency assists were conducted along with 23 Knock and Talks, the execution of 26 search warrants, 137 Arrests, \$7,556.00 seized along with 5 vehicles and 6 weapons.

## Part 4.

## GOALS & OBJECTIVES

The ultimate purpose of each Tri-NET investigation is to reduce the negative impact of drug-related crime, aid in the prosecution involved with drug-related crime and ultimately provide for the safety and security of the citizens living and working throughout the tri-county region served by Tri-NET. In order to successfully fulfill this mission and address the problems identified in Part 3, Tri-NET will pursue the following goals and objectives:

**Goal One:** To sustain and enhance the productive exchange of information regarding drug trends, drug-related crime and the identification drug paraphernalia and drugs with community-based agencies, government entities, businesses, schools and the community at large.

- **Objective 1.1:** Tri-NET personnel will attend monthly (at least 36-annually) department briefings, Partnership Carson City meetings, community meetings, trainings and events designed to increase awareness, increase knowledge and share information regarding drug trends and drug-related crime.
- **Objective 1.2:** Tri-NET personnel will increase intelligence sharing, coordination and co-management of cases with local Alternative Sentencing Programs, Probation Departments and Street Enforcement Teams by at least 25%. (*Baseline percentage to be established within 3-months of grant award*)
- **Objective 1.3:** Tri-NET personnel will coordinate, facilitate and conduct at least one, two-week (80-hour) **Nevada Drug Investigators School** in which 75% of 30 attendees will report an increase in knowledge regarding drug trends and issues related to investigating drug-related crime.
- **Objective 1.4:** Tri-NET will coordinate, facilitate and conduct at least 12 trainings and presentations to local businesses, schools and other community-based organizations in order to increase knowledge regarding drugs trends, drug identification, paraphernalia identification, symptomology, and the harmful impact of drug-related crime.

**Goal Two:** To address and reduce the negative impact of drug-related crime throughout the Tri-county Region as demonstrated by statistics including the number of cases opened, the number of cases prosecuted and the amount of cash, property, vehicles and substances seized as demonstrated by statistics and quarterly reports.

- **Objective 2.1:** Tri-NET personnel will locate, identify, arrest and aid in the successful prosecution of at least 30-50 persons, MDTO's and other entities responsible for the manufacturing, sales and distribution of illegal, illicit and other controlled substances during the 12-month grant cycle.
- **Objective 2.2:** Tri-NET personnel will conduct at least 12 joint multi-jurisdictional operations with local Street Enforcement Teams.
- **Objective 2.3:** Through collaboration and communication with local Alternative Sentencing Programs and Probation Departments, Tri-NET will gain access to and cooperation from at least 25 individuals with pending drug charges/convictions.

**Goal Three:** Tri-NET will address and reduce the availability of Heroin, illegally obtained prescription medications and other opiate and designer drugs throughout the tri-county Region as demonstrated by statistics and quarterly reports.

- **Objective 3.1:** Tri-NET will increase the number of cases involving Heroin and opiate-type drugs by 25% over the next year. (Baseline percentage to be established within 3-months of grant award)
- **Objective 3.2:** Tri-NET will increase the number of cases involving illegally obtained prescription medication by 25% over the next year. (Baseline percentage to be established within 3-months of grant award)
- **Objective 3.3:** Tri-NET will collaborate and communicate at least monthly with local pharmacies as well as the Nevada Board of Pharmacy as documented by meeting logs and statistics.

## Part 5.

## METHODS OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

In order to address and solve the problems identified in Part 3 as well as accomplish the goals and objectives outlined in Part 4, Tri-NET will utilize JAG funding to collaborate, communicate, educate, train and investigate drug-related crime in order to address and reduce the negative impact surrounding illegal, illicit and prescription controlled drugs. The multi-jurisdictional, regionalized approach utilized by Tri-NET will improve the situation by increasing the community awareness and knowledge regarding illegal and illicit drug issues impacting rural Northern Nevada and leverage resources in order to improve the criminal justice and law enforcement response to these issues. Tri-NET will accomplish the goals and objectives outlined for this grant through the aggressive and determined implementation of the following methods:

- *Intelligence gathering and intelligence sharing;*
- *Comprehensive, cohesive and accurate investigations;*
- *Coordinating with SET teams, Probation and Alternative Sentencing to assist with locating probationers and serving arrest warrants for drug-related crimes/offenses and conducting high profile, joint operations on street level violators;*
- *Undercover and clandestine operations to infiltrate drug trafficking organizations;*
- *The use of confidential and cooperating sources to conduct controlled drug purchases;*
- *Physical and electronic surveillance, and;*
- *Other investigative techniques and strategies at the disposal of Tri-NET personnel.*

More specifically, Tri-NET uses the following activities to accomplish the identified goals and objectives outlined in Part 4 above:

- *Conduct investigations, provide surveillance and manage open cases;*
- *Facilitate "knock and talks" as part of the investigative process;*
- *Coordinate arrests resulting from "knock and talks", surveillance activities etc.;*
- *Assist Alternative Sentencing and Probation Departments with warrant arrests and locating probationers charged or convicted of drug-related crimes;*
- *Seizure of cash, weapons, vehicles and other property linked to drug-related crimes;*
- *Attend community meetings and events related to the education, prevention and response to drug-related crime, and;*
- *Provide comprehensive training (See further details regarding training schools and topics below)*

**Training and Education:** JAG funding supports Tri-NET and therefore has a direct impact on addressing drug-related crime and the problems identified for the region. Tri-NET has identified a specific need for training and education programs, particularly for new narcotics officers, businesses and other entities negatively impacted by drug-related crime. Tri-NET also provides training to local and regional civic groups, businesses, church groups, Juvenile Probation Officers, Fire Departments and other entities that request the training and expertise of Tri-NET personnel. For example, last year Starbucks requested a drug-related training for the employees working at the Starbucks roasting plant in Douglas County. Therefore, with the support and resources of JAG funding, Tri-NET will provide the following training during the next grant cycle:

- **Nevada Drug Investigators School:** Tri-NET has been requested to coordinate, facilitate and evaluate a comprehensive two week regional training program for new narcotic officers based on a nationally

recognized model. This school has attracted new narcotics officers from across the nation bringing awareness and increasing knowledge for a minimum of 30 officers.

- **Nevada Department of Public Safety (DPS) P.O.S.T. (Peace Officers Standards and Training) Academy:** Tri-NET officers will instruct regarding Nevada Narcotic Laws, current drug trends, Methamphetamine awareness training as measured by scores on the Nevada P.O.S.T standards and P.O.S.T. exam
- **State of Nevada P.O.S.T:** *(Same as above)*
- **Western Nevada Collage P.O.S.T Academy:** *(Same as above)*
- **Partnership Carson City:** Tri-NET provides ongoing community-based training to members of this coalition regarding drug identification and drug-related issues impacting the community and/or schools. (Formerly the Methamphetamine Coalition)
- **Carson City, Douglas County, Lyon County School District Trainings:** Tri-NET provides in-service training to educators and staff on current drug trends, drug paraphernalia and drug identification, signs and symptoms of drug use etc. These trainings are tailored by Tri-NET to meet the requests and needs of a particular school or school district.

By accomplishing the outlined goals and objectives outlined in Section 4, Tri-Net will reduce the amount of abuse of illegal, illicit and prescription controlled substances throughout the tri-county Region. Tri-NET will also send an effective "message" to would be and "wanna be" narcotics traffickers, manufacturers and users that they cannot hide from Tri-NET or the public. Tri-NET will continue to investigate narcotic and prescription cases, make arrests and prosecute leaders of drug organizations and their affiliates and associates working underneath the leaders will be forced to reconsider their future in the underworld of narcotics. Tri-NET will continue to create awareness through education and training that opiate addiction whether resulting from a prescription and/or obtained illegally will understand that there is a zero tolerance throughout the Region and they will be apprehended and prosecuted. This in turn will reduce substance abuse, use and maybe even save a life and protect the community.

## Part 6.

## EVALUATION OF PROJECT

Evaluation is a critical component to identifying when, how and where success happens. Tri-NET will know the identified program activities and methods are working through a comprehensive and consistent evaluation and assessment process already in place at Tri-NET. The Sergeant in charge of Tri-NET will act as the internal evaluator. The current Tri-NET Sergeant has 22 years of law enforcement training including 14 years specifically working in and supervising various drug task forces throughout Northern Nevada. In addition to experience the current Tri-NET supervisor has several thousand hours of training, including but not limited to Drug Identification, Mexican National Drug Trafficking Organizations, Investigative Techniques, Clandestine Laboratory qualifications and training, Tactical Training related to Raid and Arrest Planning and Procedures, Multi-Agency Joint operations, and Search Warrant Preparation.

Criteria used to evaluate the effectiveness of the Tri-NET Narcotics Multi-Jurisdictional Task Force include but are not limited to:

- *Number and duration of intelligence meetings, community and collaborative meetings*
- *Number, type and duration of cases opened and resolved*
- *Number of joint operations with local Street Enforcement Teams*
- *Number of arrests and/or convictions resulting from direct cooperation with Alternative Sentencing Programs as well as Parole and Probation Departments*
- *Number of search warrants served*
- *Number of arrests made*
- *Quantities of illegal drugs seized*
- *Quantities of assets forfeited including cash, vehicles and property*
- *Number, type and duration of trainings and presentations provided by Tri-NET personnel:*
  - *The percentage of attendees at each training that report increases in knowledge regarding illegal and illicit drug and paraphernalia identification as evaluated by a post-survey.*
  - *The percentage of attendees at each training that report increases in knowledge regarding the negative impact of drug-related crimes as evaluated by a post-survey.*
  - *The percentage of attendees at each training that report increases in knowledge regarding recent drug trends including strategies for sales, manufacturing and distribution as evaluated by a post-survey.*

Program activities and progress toward stated goals and objectives will be monitored on at least a monthly basis by the designated evaluator and reported quarterly. Statistics are collected and submitted by Tri-NET personnel on a daily, weekly and monthly basis and stored in a comprehensive database. The post-survey mentioned above will be distributed at the end of each training, community or school presentation and the Nevada Drug Investigators School conducted by Tri-NET. (The post-survey is available for review and inspection upon request.) Any course corrections, unforeseen circumstances and/or barriers to achievement of goals and objectives described in this grant application will be addressed and implemented during quarterly meetings with Executive Board Members. All Tri-NET personnel agree to comply with regulations, reporting and any technical assistance required by the Nevada Department of Public Safety, Office of Criminal Justice Assistance and the Byrne Memorial Justice Grant program.

## Part 7:

## SUSTAINMENT OF PROGRAM

Due to the harsh economic climate, severe and recent reductions in local government and grant budgets throughout the Region combined with high unemployment, operations and activities of Tri-NET would be dramatically reduced without JAG funding or if JAG funding was significantly reduced at this time. However, sustainment is critical to reaching the long-term goals and positive outcomes described herein. Therefore, we believe sustainability is achieved through consistent attention to quality, collaboration, leveraged resources and fund diversification. Fund diversification provides several sources of funding for programs so that if one source is cut or reduced, the other sources can maintain the program until additional resources become available. Tri-NET is in the process of searching for additional funding to support Tri-NET activities, especially the training and education component discussed herein. The following sustainability strategies will be used to support and sustain Tri-NET beyond JAG funding:

- *Maintain a regional and responsive approach to program design, activities and implementation;*
- *Increase joint operations and coordination of activities between regional Alternative Sentencing Programs, Parole and Probation Departments, Street Enforcement Teams and the Tri-County Gang Task Force when and where appropriate;*
- *Strengthening collaborations, community support and leveraged resources throughout the Region;*
- *Maximizing asset forfeiture resources such as cash, vehicles and property from drug related enforcement activities;*
- *Inquire about submitting private or corporate requests for funding to fill gaps in monies available for training and education components;*
- *Working toward identifying and securing "matching" funds for Tri-NET activities, and;*
- *A consistent focus on performance, reporting, evaluation and attention to trends and statistics.*

**Anticipated Timeline:** Within 3-months of a grant award, Tri-NET will begin implementing the above listed strategies with the goal of working toward self-sustainment as early as possible. Over the course of the following year, Counties and the State of Nevada will be asked to absorb more and more of the operational and personnel costs to keep Tri-NET functioning beyond JAG funding. The State of Nevada Department of Public Safety, Investigation Division has already absorbed infrastructure costs such as rent, utilities, phones etc. However, without Tri-NET and JAG funding many more drug dealers and MDTO's would be supplying drugs to citizens, teens and children. After more than 20-years, Tri-NET continues to be successful in curbing regional illegal and illicit drug manufacturing, distribution and sales. Without the efforts and resources of the Tri-NET Narcotics Task Force through the support of JAG funding, drug related crime throughout the Region will be left unchecked.

On a daily basis, Tri-NET personnel think of the future, understanding the combination of economic and social demand to address drug-related crime. Tri-NET personnel and management are committed to pursuing the mission, goals and objectives of the Task Force including continuing to address drug-related crime, to provide training and education as well as to continue the regional, collaborative approach to hindering and stopping the sales, manufacturing and distribution of illegal and illicit drugs.