Dear Mayor Arreguin:

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Jon Adler
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Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
810 7th Street NW
Washington, DC 20531

CC: Harry Bruno, County of Alameda, California
    Gregory Ahern, County of Alameda, California
January 24, 2018

Steven Quezada
County Commission Chair, Bernalillo County
One Civic Plaza NW 6th Floor
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87102

RE: Document request for subgrant under Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0488, City of Albuquerque, New Mexico

Dear Chairman Quezada:

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CC: Maria Garcia-Cunningham – City of Albuquerque, New Mexico
Sergio Sotelo – City of Albuquerque, New Mexico
January 24, 2018

Kathleen Howard
Executive Director - California Board of State and Community Corrections
2590 Venture Oaks Way, Suite 200
Sacramento, California 95833

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0446, California Board of State and Community Corrections

Dear Director Howard:

Thank you for your ongoing response to our questions originating from your FY 2016 grant award conditions, regarding your jurisdiction’s compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, a federal law with which your jurisdiction must comply as an eligibility requirement for receiving Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) funding from the Department of Justice (Department or DOJ). After reviewing your response, the Department remains concerned that your jurisdiction’s laws, policies, or practices may violate section 1373, or, at a minimum, that they may be interpreted or applied in a manner inconsistent with section 1373.

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Director
Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
810 7th Street NW
Washington, DC 20531
January 24, 2018

Eddie T. Johnson
Chicago Superintendent of Police
3510 S Michigan Avenue
Chicago, Illinois 60653-1020

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0106, City of Chicago, Illinois

Dear Superintendent Johnson:

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Robert White
Chief of Police
City and County of Denver, Denver Police Department
1437 Bannock Street
Denver, Colorado 80204

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0472, City and County of Denver, Denver Police Department

Dear Chief White:

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January 24, 2018

Mark Farrell
Mayor
City and County of San Francisco
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, Suite 496
San Francisco, California 94102

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0898, City and County of San Francisco, California

Dear Mayor Farrell:

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Washington, DC 20531
January 24, 2018

Kathleen Sheehan
Mayor
City of Albany
City Hall – Eagle Street
Albany, New York 12210

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0078, City of Albany, New York

Dear Mayor Sheehan:

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[Signature]

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Director
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Office of Justice Programs
810 7th Street NW
Washington, DC 20531
January 24, 2018

Miro Weinberger
Mayor
City of Burlington
City Hall, Room 34
Burlington, Vermont 05401

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0891, City of Burlington, Vermont

Dear Mayor Weinberger:

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January 24, 2018

Chokwe Antar Lumumba
Mayor
City of Jackson
P.O. Box 17
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0490, City of Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mayor Lumumba:

Thank you for your response to our November 15, 2017, letter regarding your jurisdiction’s compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, a federal law with which your jurisdiction must comply as an eligibility requirement for receiving Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) funding from the Department of Justice (Department or DOJ). After reviewing your response, the Department remains concerned that your jurisdiction’s laws, policies, or practices may violate section 1373, or, at a minimum, that they may be interpreted or applied in a manner inconsistent with section 1373.

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January 24, 2018

Roy P. Vasque
Chief of Police – City of Lawrence, Massachusetts
200 Common Street
Lawrence, Massachusetts 01840

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0283, City of Lawrence, Massachusetts

Dear Chief Vasque:

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jon Adler
Director
Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
810 7th Street NW
Washington, DC 20531
January 24, 2018

Jeff Gorell
Deputy Mayor
City of Los Angeles
200 North Spring Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0246, City of Los Angeles, California

Dear Deputy Mayor Gorell:

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January 24, 2018

Charles Montoya  
City Manager – City of Watsonville  
275 Main Street, Suite 400  
Watsonville, California 95077

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0369, City of Watsonville, California

Dear Manager Montoya:

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Geraldine Muoio
Mayor
City of West Palm Beach
P.O. Box 3366
West Palm Beach, Florida 33401

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0616, City of West Palm Beach, Florida

Dear Mayor Muoio:

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Toni Preckwinkle
President – Cook County Board of Commissioners
118 North Clark Street, Room 537
Chicago, Illinois 60602

RE: Document request for subgrant under Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0106, City of Chicago, Illinois

Dear President Preckwinkle:

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Tracey.Trautman@usdoj.gov

CC: Eddie T. Johnson, City of Chicago, Illinois
Delia Rollins, City of Chicago, Illinois
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CC: Harry Bruno, County of Alameda, California
    Gregory Ahern, County of Alameda, California
January 24, 2018

John Maki
Executive Director
Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority
300 West Adams Street
Chicago, Illinois 60606

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0083, Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority

Dear Director Maki:

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Joe McDermott
Chair – King County Council
King County Courthouse
516 Third Avenue
Seattle, Washington 98104

RE: Document request for subgrant under Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0138, City of Seattle, Washington

Dear Chairman McDermott:

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CC:   Diane Pilon, City of Seattle, Washington
   Jenny Durkan, City of Seattle, Washington
January 24, 2018

Greg Fischer
Mayor
Louisville Jefferson County Metro Government
527 W. Jefferson Street
Louisville, Kentucky 40202

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0217, Louisville Jefferson County Metro Government

Dear Mayor Fischer:

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Mary Adams
County Supervisors Chair, Monterey County
168 West Alisal St. 1st Floor
Salinas, California 93901

RE: Document request for subgrant under Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0614, City of Salinas, California

Dear Supervisor Adams:

Thank you for your response to our November 15, 2017, letter from the Office of Justice Programs regarding your jurisdiction’s compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, a federal law with which your jurisdiction must comply as an eligibility requirement for receiving Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) funding from the Department of Justice (Department or DOJ). The Department remains concerned that your jurisdiction’s laws, policies, or practices may violate section 1373, or, at a minimum, that they may be interpreted or applied in a manner inconsistent with section 1373.

In light of these concerns, the Department is requesting certain documents as described below. This request is made consistent with 2 CFR § 200.336, as adopted by Department regulation 2 CFR § 2800.101. In your FY 2016 Byrne JAG subaward, you were required to have agreed to the following (listed as special condition #23):

[The recipient agrees to] cooperate with [the Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”)] and [Office of the Chief Financial Officer (“OCFO”)] on all grant monitoring requests.... The recipient [also] agrees to provide to BJA and OCFO all documentation necessary to complete monitoring tasks, including documentation related to any subawards made under this award. Further, the recipient agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set by BJA and OCFO for providing the requested documents. Failure to cooperate with BJA’s/OCFO’s grant monitoring activities may result in sanctions affecting the recipient’s DOJ awards, including but not limited to withholdings and/or other restrictions on the recipient’s access to grant funds; referral to the Office of the Inspector General for audit review; designation of the recipient as a DOJ High Risk grantee; or termination of an award(s).

Please coordinate with the primary grantee/fiscal agent for your disparate jurisdiction to respond to the below request by providing to Chris Casto, BJA, at [redacted] by no later than February 23, 2018, all responsive documents, consistent with the instructions in Attachment A.

Documents Requested:
All documents reflecting any orders, directives, instructions, or guidance to your law enforcement employees (including, but not limited to, police officers, correctional officers, and contract employees), whether formal or informal, that were distributed, produced, and/or in effect during the relevant timeframe, regarding whether and how these employees may, or may not, communicate with the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, and/or Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or their agents, whether directly or indirectly.

BJA will review your submissions and seek additional information, if necessary. The Department fully anticipates your complete cooperation in this matter. Should you fail to respond in a timely and complete manner, the Department will subpoena these documents in accordance with 34 U.S.C. §§ 10225, 10221, 10230, 10151 – 10158, 10102(a)(6), 10110, and 10110 note.

These materials are critical to our ongoing review. Should the Department determine your jurisdiction is out of compliance with section 1373, the Department may, as detailed in the disparate jurisdiction award documents, seek return of your FY 2016 subgrant funds, require additional conditions for receipt of any FY 2017 Byrne JAG subgrant funding for which you may have applied, and/or deem you ineligible for FY 2017 Byrne JAG subgrant funds.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. We look forward to working through this matter with both you and the primary grantee/fiscal agent for your disparate jurisdiction. Any specific questions concerning this request can be sent directly to Tracey Trautman, BJA Deputy Director, at [redacted].gov or call (202) [redacted].

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jon Adler
Director
Bureau of Justice Assistance
Office of Justice Programs
810 7th Street NW
Washington, DC 20531

CC:  Henry Gomez, City of Salinas, California
     Adele Frese, City of Salinas, California
January 24, 2018

Elizabeth Glazer
Director – New York City Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice
1 Centre Street, Room 1012N
New York, New York 10007-1602

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0178, New York City Mayor’s Office of Criminal Justice

Dear Director Glazer:

Thank you for your ongoing response to our questions originating from your FY 2016 grant award conditions, regarding your jurisdiction’s compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, a federal law with which your jurisdiction must comply as an eligibility requirement for receiving Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) funding from the Department of Justice (Department or DOJ). After reviewing your response, the Department remains concerned that your jurisdiction’s laws, policies, or practices may violate section 1373, or, at a minimum, that they may be interpreted or applied in a manner inconsistent with section 1373.

In light of these concerns, the Department is requesting certain documents as described below. This request is made consistent with 2 CFR § 200.336, as adopted by Department regulation 2 CFR § 2800.101. In your FY 2016 Byrne JAG award, you agreed to the following (listed as special condition #23):

[The recipient agrees to] cooperate with [the Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”)] and [Office of the Chief Financial Officer (“OCFO”)] on all grant monitoring requests.... The recipient [also] agrees to provide to BJA and OCFO all documentation necessary to complete monitoring tasks, including documentation related to any subawards made under this award. Further, the recipient agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set by BJA and OCFO for providing the requested documents. Failure to cooperate with BJA’s/OCFO’s grant monitoring activities may result in sanctions affecting the recipient’s DOJ awards, including but not limited to withholdings and/or other restrictions on the recipient’s access to grant funds; referral to the Office of the Inspector General for audit review; designation of the recipient as a DOJ High Risk grantee; or termination of an award(s).
Please respond to the below request by providing to Chris Casto, BJA, at [redacted].gov by no later than February 23, 2018, all responsive documents, consistent with the instructions in Attachment A.

Documents Requested:

All documents reflecting any orders, directives, instructions, or guidance to your law enforcement employees (including, but not limited to, police officers, correctional officers, and contract employees), whether formal or informal, that were distributed, produced, and/or in effect during the relevant timeframe, regarding whether and how these employees may, or may not, communicate with the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, and/or Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or their agents, whether directly or indirectly.

BJA will review your submissions and seek additional information, if necessary. The Department fully anticipates your complete cooperation in this matter. Should you fail to respond in a complete and timely manner, the Department will subpoena these documents in accordance with 34 U.S.C. §§ 10225, 10221, 10230, 10151 – 10158, 10102(a)(6), 10110, and 10110 note.

These materials are critical to our ongoing review. Should the Department determine your jurisdiction is out of compliance with section 1373, the Department may, as detailed in your award documents, seek return of your FY 2016 grant funds, require additional conditions for receipt of any FY 2017 Byrne JAG funding for which you have applied, and/or deem you ineligible for FY 2017 Byrne JAG funds.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. We look forward to working through this matter with you. Any specific questions concerning this request can be sent to directly to Tracey Trautman, BJA Deputy Director, at [redacted].gov or call (202) [redacted]

Sincerely,

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January 24, 2018

Michael Schmidt  
Executive Director – Oregon Criminal Justice Commission  
885 Summer Street, NE  
Salem, Oregon 97301

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0459, Oregon Criminal Justice Commission

Dear Director Schmidt:

Thank you for your response to our November 15, 2017, letter regarding your jurisdiction’s compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, a federal law with which your jurisdiction must comply as an eligibility requirement for receiving Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) funding from the Department of Justice (Department or DOJ). After reviewing your response, the Department remains concerned that your jurisdiction’s laws, policies, or practices may violate section 1373, or, at a minimum, that they may be interpreted or applied in a manner inconsistent with section 1373.

In light of these concerns, the Department is requesting certain documents as described below. This request is made consistent with 2 CFR § 200.336, as adopted by Department regulation 2 CFR § 2800.101. In your FY 2016 Byrne JAG award, you agreed to the following (listed as special condition #23):

[The recipient agrees to] cooperate with [the Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”)] and [Office of the Chief Financial Officer (“OCFO”)] on all grant monitoring requests.... The recipient [also] agrees to provide to BJA and OCFO all documentation necessary to complete monitoring tasks, including documentation related to any subawards made under this award. Further, the recipient agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set by BJA and OCFO for providing the requested documents. Failure to cooperate with BJA’s/OCFO’s grant monitoring activities may result in sanctions affecting the recipient’s DOJ awards, including but not limited to withholdings and/or other restrictions on the recipient’s access to grant funds; referral to the Office of the Inspector General for audit review; designation of the recipient as a DOJ High Risk grantee; or termination of an award(s).
Please respond to the below request by providing to Chris Casto, BJA, at [redacted] by no later than February 23, 2018, all responsive documents, consistent with the instructions in Attachment A.

Documents Requested:

All documents reflecting any orders, directives, instructions, or guidance to your law enforcement employees (including, but not limited to, police officers, correctional officers, and contract employees), whether formal or informal, that were distributed, produced, and/or in effect during the relevant timeframe, regarding whether and how these employees may, or may not, communicate with the Department of Justice, the Department of Homeland Security, and/or Immigration and Customs Enforcement, or their agents, whether directly or indirectly.

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. We look forward to working through this matter with you. Any specific questions concerning this request can be sent to directly to Tracey Trautman, BJA Deputy Director, at [redacted] or call (202) [redacted].

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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January 24, 2018

Lee Seale
Chief Probation Officer – Sacramento County
700 H Street
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0431, Sacramento County, California

Dear Chief Seale:

Thank you for your response to our November 15, 2017, letter regarding your jurisdiction’s compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, a federal law with which your jurisdiction must comply as an eligibility requirement for receiving Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) funding from the Department of Justice (Department or DOJ). After reviewing your response, the Department remains concerned that your jurisdiction’s laws, policies, or practices may violate section 1373, or, at a minimum, that they may be interpreted or applied in a manner inconsistent with section 1373.

In light of these concerns, the Department is requesting certain documents as described below. This request is made consistent with 2 CFR § 200.336, as adopted by Department regulation 2 CFR § 2800.101. In your FY 2016 Byrne JAG award, you agreed to the following (listed as special condition #23):

[The recipient agrees to] cooperate with [the Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”)] and [Office of the Chief Financial Officer (“OCFO”)] on all grant monitoring requests.... The recipient [also] agrees to provide to BJA and OCFO all documentation necessary to complete monitoring tasks, including documentation related to any subawards made under this award. Further, the recipient agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set by BJA and OCFO for providing the requested documents. Failure to cooperate with BJA’s/OCFO’s grant monitoring activities may result in sanctions affecting the recipient’s DOJ awards, including but not limited to withholdings and/or other restrictions on the recipient’s access to grant funds; referral to the Office of the Inspector General for audit review; designation of the recipient as a DOJ High Risk grantee; or termination of an award(s).
Please respond to the below request by providing to Chris Casto, BJA, at [redacted] by no later than February 23, 2018, all responsive documents, consistent with the instructions in Attachment A.

Documents Requested:

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Thank you for your prompt attention to this request. We look forward to working through this matter with you. Any specific questions concerning this request can be sent to directly to Tracey Trautman, BJA Deputy Director, at [redacted] or call (202) [redacted].

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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January 24, 2018

Sheryl Bratton
County Administrator – Sonoma County
575 Administration Drive
Santa Rosa, California 95403

RE: Document request for Grant 2016-DJ-BX-0432, Sonoma County, California

Dear Administrator Bratton:

Thank you for your response to our November 15, 2017, letter regarding your jurisdiction’s compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, a federal law with which your jurisdiction must comply as an eligibility requirement for receiving Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (Byrne JAG) funding from the Department of Justice (Department or DOJ). After reviewing your response, the Department remains concerned that your jurisdiction’s laws, policies, or practices may violate section 1373, or, at a minimum, that they may be interpreted or applied in a manner inconsistent with section 1373.

In light of these concerns, the Department is requesting certain documents as described below. This request is made consistent with 2 CFR § 200.336, as adopted by Department regulation 2 CFR § 2800.101. In your FY 2016 Byrne JAG award, you agreed to the following (listed as special condition #20):

[The recipient agrees to] cooperate with [the Bureau of Justice Assistance (“BJA”)] and [Office of the Chief Financial Officer (“OCFO”)] on all grant monitoring requests.... The recipient [also] agrees to provide to BJA and OCFO all documentation necessary to complete monitoring tasks, including documentation related to any subawards made under this award. Further, the recipient agrees to abide by reasonable deadlines set by BJA and OCFO for providing the requested documents. Failure to cooperate with BJA’s/OCFO’s grant monitoring activities may result in sanctions affecting the recipient’s DOJ awards, including but not limited to withholdings and/or other restrictions on the recipient’s access to grant funds; referral to the Office of the Inspector General for audit review; designation of the recipient as a DOJ High Risk grantee; or termination of an award(s).
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