

End of Year

PERFORMANCE MEASURES & NARRATIVE RESPONSE

JAG / JAG ARRA (218)

Grantee Information

Grant Number: 2694201

Grantee/Agency Name: Collin County

Project Title: Mobile Tablet Devices for Warrants

Reporting Date: April 17, 2014

PROJECT OBJECTIVES & ACCOMPLISHMENTS (487)

1. Objective: Number of staff with access to equipment purchased with grant funds:
Type: Output Measure
Application Data: 0
Target Data: 16
Actual Data: 16

Notes: Each District and County Court-at-Law Judge, as well as the Probate Judge, has access to a mobile tablet purchased with grant funds.

2. Objective: Number of agencies that benefitted from the equipment purchases:
Type: Output Measure
Application Data: 0
Target Data: 22
Actual Data: 22

Notes: While only 12 agencies to date have utilized the paperless warrant process, agencies are aware of the technology and appear to be educating and preparing their offices for utilization.

3. Objective: Number of agencies that benefitted from improved court systems:
Type: Output Measure
Application Data: 0
Target Data: 22
Actual Data: 22

Notes: All agencies benefit from the improved efficiency and accessibility of the Judges as a result of the purchase of mobile tablets.

4. Objective: Number of court systems to be improved:
Type: Output Measure
Application Data: 0
Target Data: 1
Actual Data: 1

Notes: The Collin County District and County Courts-at-Law Court system has experienced significant improvement and efficiency through use of mobile tablets by Judicial Officers. The use is evolving as the tablets are an essential component of the courts' ability to go fully paperless and improve accessibility of the Judges.

5. Objective: Number of units purchased:
Type: Output Measure
Application Data: 0
Target Data: 16
Actual Data: 16

NARRATIVE RESPONSE (587)

1. What were your accomplishments within this reporting period? (1000 characters max)

423 paperless warrants were processed with 12 agencies during the 5-month period of mobile tablet deployment. The mobile tablets have significantly improved judicial efficiency, including:

- Reading over affidavits, pleadings and briefings when out of the office; particularly helpful with evening or weekend preparation for court proceedings involving lengthy briefs and other documents
- Setting bond amounts
- Logging into Odyssey (using PocketCloud) reviewing docket and case information
- Reviewing and responding to email when at conferences or out of town
- Reviewing and signing orders
- Reviewing/annotating legal briefs and pleadings
- Helpful during jury selection
- Legal research
- Electronic Course Materials (utilization of an app during conferences for accessing course schedule & handouts and submitting speaker evaluations)
- Judge's Meetings for agenda and handouts (cuts down on the amount of paper used for copies)

2. What goals were accomplished, as they relate to your grant application? (1000 characters max)

Objectives were met in terms of purchase and implementation of the mobile tablets for the intended purpose. Continued training of law enforcement agency personnel will expand their use for processing of paperless warrants and related documents.

3. What problems/barriers did you encounter, if any, within the reporting period that prevented you from reaching your goals or milestones? (1000 characters max)

Outreach to and training of law enforcement agency personnel on the paperless warrant process is ongoing. It will take time to fully implement this change; some agencies are ingrained in their current process and slow to recognize the benefits.

4. Is there any assistance that CJD can provide to address any problems/barriers identified in question #3 above? (Please answer YES or NO only.) NO

5. Are you on track to fiscally and programmatically complete your program as outlined in your grant application? (Please answer YES or NO. If no, please explain.) YES

6. What major activities are planned for the next 6 months? (1000 characters max)

Continued outreach to Collin County law enforcement agencies and training of principals and personnel to promote buy-in and utilization. Ongoing evaluation of additional uses for mobile tablet to enhance the administration of justice in Collin County.