

FY 2023 VIRTUAL REALITY DE-ESCALATION SITE-BASED INITIATIVE PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
JUNE 29, 2023

JUSTGRANTS:
JULY 6, 2023

Who May Apply:	State, county, city, or township governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
Why Apply:	Receive funding to implement virtual reality (VR) technology designed to provide crisis response training and ensure law enforcement is effective at facilitating de-escalation skills while enhancing responses to individuals in crisis.
Maximum per Award:	Up to \$800,000
BJA encourages the following entities to apply:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Agencies that have not received BJA funding before.• Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.
Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Report on the existing technology platform and assess how integrating VR tools will add value.• Create and/or enhance agency-wide strategy for integration of immersive VR scenario-based training.• Develop evidence-based course content and scenarios using the VR technology.• Track and assess activities undertaken with the new technology.• Work with the training and technical assistance provider to share policy and practices among the agencies participating in the program.• Improve the responses to individuals in crisis and the de-escalation skills of participants.
Where to get more information about this opportunity:	Visit bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171767 for the program's full funding information.



Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: sam.gov/content/home.
- For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation's cover page at: bja.ojp.gov/funding/OBJA-2023-171767.pdf for information on who to contact.
- Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars and review the "Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations."
- **Subscribe** for email notifications from BJA about funding opportunities and other news at bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombja.
- To be in the know about funding opportunities across the Office of Justice Programs, sign up to receive **JUSTINFO** at: www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo and/or the weekly **Funding News** at: public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25.

How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

- (1) Register in [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by June 29, 2023.
- (2) Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by July 6, 2023. The application's major elements are:
 - (a) The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
 - (b) The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
 - (c) The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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