BJA'S FY 2023 VIRTUAL REALITY TRAINING DEVELOPMENT FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

GRANTS.GOV:
DECEMBER 4, 2023

JUSTGRANTS:
DECEMBER 11, 2023

Who May Apply:	Private institutions of higher education; Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
Why Apply:	Receive funding to develop, design, and pilot a virtual reality (VR) training program to improve law enforcement interactions with all individuals, with an emphasis on de-escalation tactics.
Maximum per Award:	Up to $4,000,000
BJA encourages the following entities to apply:	• 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:	• Leverage new tools and emerging VR technologies to improve training. • Utilize emerging technologies for scenario-based police training. • Include evidence-based principles that ensure the safety of police officers and the community. • Provide an overview of the process for developing fully immersive, multiparticipant VR technology, keeping in mind transferability. • After development, pilot the training curriculum in at least three diverse law enforcement agencies.
Where to get more information about this opportunity:	Visit bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171886 for this program's full funding information.

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- For questions about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation's cover page at: bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171886.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 and follow the prompts to submit two forms by December 4, 2023.

(2) Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by December 11, 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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