

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

COMMUNITY-BASED APPROACHES TO PREVENT AND ADDRESS HATE CRIMES

Solicitation Webinar



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Agenda

- Welcome Introduction to Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Program Overview
- Guest Speaker
- Eligibility and Application Requirements
- Q&A

SECTION 1

WELCOME AND OVERVIEW



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Poll Question: Has your organization been awarded federal grants in the past?

Yes, my organization has extensive experience with federal grants

Yes, though my organization does not currently have any federal grants

My organization has limited experience with federal grants

My organization is new to federal grants and looking to learn more!

What Is OJP?

- OJP provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Office of Justice Programs

BJA - Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ - National Institute of Justice

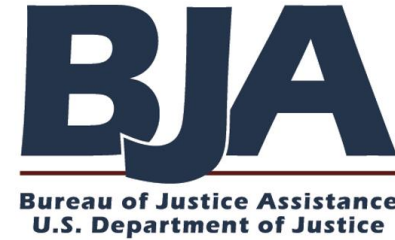
OVC - Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SMART - Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.



<https://bja.ojp.gov/>





Appointed by President Biden in February 2022, Director Moore leads BJA's programmatic and policy efforts on providing a wide range of resources, including training and technical assistance (TTA), to law enforcement, courts, corrections, treatment, reentry, justice information sharing, and community-based partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges nationwide

Policy Office

Provides national leadership to criminal justice organizations that partner with BJA to identify effective program models for replication and infuse data-driven, evidence-based strategies into operational models, practices, and programs

Programs Office

Administers state, local, tribal, and territorial grant programs. It acts as BJA's direct line of communication to states, local jurisdictions, territories, and tribal governments by providing customer-focused grants management support and careful stewardship over federal funds

Operations Office

Coordinates all communication, formulates and executes the budget, manages contracts, measures grantees' performance, and provides administrative support to BJA

Public Safety Officer Benefits Office

Provides death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers, and disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty

**BJA Director
Karhlton F. Moore**

Five Major Strategic Focus Areas

Improve public safety through measures which build trust with the community and ensure an effective criminal justice system

Reduction in recidivism and prevention of unnecessary confinement and interactions with the criminal justice system

Integration of evidence-based, research-driven strategies into the day-to-day operations of BJA and the programs BJA administers and supports

Increasing program effectiveness with a renewed emphasis on data analysis, information sharing, and performance management

Ensuring organizational excellence through outstanding administration and oversight of all of BJA's strategic investments

Fund – Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals

Educate – Research, develop, and deliver what works

Equip – Create tools and products to build capacity and improve outcomes

Partner – Consult, connect, and convene

Community-based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes

- Launched in FY2022 the Community-Based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes Program supports community-based organizations (CBOs) and civil rights organizations to develop comprehensive approaches to addressing hate crimes. Approaches under this program should be designed to
 1. Prevent hate crimes
 2. Promote community awareness, resiliency, preparedness, and healing
 3. Increase victim reporting of hate incidents
 4. Improve responses to hate crimes

Community-based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes Program Solicitation was released on March 6, 2023

Grants.gov Deadline: **May 17, 2023**

Application JustGrants Deadline: **May 24, 2023**
8:59 p.m., ET

Program Goals

- Support comprehensive community-based approaches to addressing hate crimes, speech, and incidents that promote community awareness and preparedness, increase victim reporting, and improve prevention efforts and responses to hate crimes
- Develop and enhance activities to de-escalate community tension, empower community efforts for conflict resolution, and strengthen community resiliency

Program Objectives

- Build or enhance partnerships and coordination among community-based organizations, justice agencies, educational institutions, houses of worship, and other stakeholder organizations to develop local strategies for education, outreach, prevention, preparedness, and improved responses to hate crimes
- Establish effective outreach, education, and engagement strategies that meet the specific needs of the groups or populations being served such as language access services, culturally specific materials or services, and accommodations under the American Disabilities Act
- Develop comprehensive approaches that expand and enhance strategies—including resources, tools, policies, and procedures—to prevent and respond to hate crimes

Program Objectives Cont.

- Develop activities that facilitate dialogue and defuse tensions between groups and that create a shared sense of empathy and a community environment that will not tolerate hate
- Establish practices or activities that aim to reduce the frequency and impact of hate speech, hate incidents, and hate crimes
- Promote trauma-informed services and outreach materials that foster community resiliency and address the specific needs of hate crime victims

Program Deliverables—In Short

Category One	Category Two
Convene or enhance a task force or working group	Assess current resources in the field (including promising practices and gaps)
Develop an action plan and outreach materials	Develop a series of resources and strategies that can be distributed and tailored to various communities
Develop resource guides, trainings, public awareness campaigns, or other education resources	Support at least two communities in adapting and implementing materials and strategies
Document efforts and lessons learned	Make materials widely accessible

GUEST SPEAKER:

MICHAEL MUNSON

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

FORGE, INC.

FY22 GRANTEE



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Poll Question: Are there specific gaps in how we prevent and respond to hate incidents that you want to address?

Yes, my organization has already identified several gaps and we are ready to start making changes

Yes, though I think there is still more work to do to identify the ways we can help

No, I do not think there is more to be done to prevent and respond to hate crimes

SECTION 3

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



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Eligibility

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Other:
 - This includes community-based organizations and civil rights organizations that are tribal, nonprofit, for-profit, and academic

New Program Features:

- **Category One:** Community-based Organizations is designed to support individual organizations seeking to pilot prevention strategies and facilitate dialogue and community healing to deescalate tensions arising from hate speech and hate incidents and to prevent hate crimes at the local level. These programs should be tailored to a particular community or geographic area.
- **Category Two:** National Civil Rights Organizations will support national organizations with reach and relationships with local communities across the country. Category Two is designed to support capacity building at local and community-based organizations by providing materials, tools, and strategies that can be tailored to meet the needs of individual neighborhoods, cities, or regions seeking to prevent and address hate crimes.

Award Information

- BJA expects to make approximately 15 awards
- Estimated maximum award amount: \$400,000 for Category One; \$1,000,000 for Category 2
- Total amount anticipated to be awarded: \$7,800,000
- Grant start date: October 1, 2023
- Period of performance: 36 months
- BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants

Application Sections

1. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (required)
2. Program Abstract
3. Program Narrative (required)
4. Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative (required)
5. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
6. Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable)
7. Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire
8. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)
9. Additional Attachments (listed on next slide)

Application Sections

Additional Attachments

- Time Task Plan:
 - Outline goals and objectives
 - Summarize major activities, expected date of completion, and responsible agencies
- Resumes/Job Descriptions of Key Staff:
 - For all staff to be funded under the grant
- Letters of support and/or memorandums of understanding for key partners
- Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients:
 - Attach a list of proposed subrecipients of grant funding, if applicable, that includes their name, organizational affiliation, and location
- Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation Waiver (if applicable)

Abstract

Proposal abstracts should include the following:

1. Applicant's name and the project's title
2. City and state where the project will take place, if applicable. For tribes, provide the boundaries or relevant counties and states.
3. Dollar amount of federal grant funds requested
4. Summary of the plan to use and analyze data to assess and enhance reporting of hate crimes
5. Summary of the project's goals and activities
6. Identification of the specific issues to be addressed by the project
7. If the applicant is seeking priority consideration

Program Narrative

Double-spaced, using standard 12-point font with 1-inch margins

Number pages “1 of 20,” etc.

Should not exceed 15 pages

SCORING:

Description of the Issue	25%
Project Design and Implementation	30%
Capabilities and Competencies	30%
Plan for Collecting Data Required for Performance Measures	5%
Budget and Budget Worksheet	10%

Budget and Budget Narrative

- Itemized budget for each year of the grant
- There is no match required
- Prior approval, planning, and reporting of conference/meeting/training costs

*If the applicant is seeking priority consideration under Priority 1 (B) based on the identification of at least one proposed subrecipient as a culturally specific organization, the proposed funding for the subrecipient in the Web-based budget form must be a minimum of 40 percent of award funding

The budget narrative must also describe how the activities that will be funded with the (minimum) 40 percent of award funding provided to the subrecipient specifically relate to the priority consideration requested under Priority 1 (B) and described in the Capabilities and Competencies section of the application

U.S. Department of Justice Hate Crimes Resources

For more information on the overview of the program, visit:

<https://bja.ojp.gov/program/shepard-byrd-hate-crimes-program/funding>

For information on the FBI Hate Crimes Work, visit:

<https://www.fbi.gov/investigate/civil-rights/hate-crimes>

For more information on the Community Relations Service, visit:

<https://www.justice.gov/crs>

For other U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) hate crimes resources, visit:

<https://www.justice.gov/hatecrimes>

Poll Question: Now that you have heard more about this program and the application process, are you ready to apply?

Yes, my organization plans to apply for Category 1

Yes, my organization plans to apply for Category 2

My organization is still deciding whether or not to apply

My organization is not eligible or interested in applying for this award, but I would like to hear more about other programs

Application Assistance

Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL
 - **Customer Support Hotline** – (800) 518-4726 or (606) 545-5035
 - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays
 - **Email**
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
 - support@grants.gov
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies

Application Assistance

JustGrants Technical Support

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants)
 - **Customer Support Hotline** – (833) 872-5175
 - Monday – Friday between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m., EST
 - Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., EST
 - **Email**
 - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
 - JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Application Assistance and Support

OJP Response Center

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance
- **Email** – grants@ncjrs.gov
- **Web chat** – <https://webcontact.Ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- **Toll free** at (800) 851-3420
- **TTY** at (301) 240-6310 (hearing impaired only)

The Response Center's hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., ET, Monday through Friday

Subscribe

- Subscribe to receive email notifications of new funding opportunities and other resources.
 - Sign-up to receive the twice-monthly **JUSTINFO** newsletter as well as the weekly **Funding News** email
 - Subscribe at <https://www.ojp.gov/subscribe> and be sure to select “Grants/funding” as an area of interest

Reminder: Dual Deadlines

Applications will be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline:

- Step 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov).
- Step 2: Submit the full application, with attachments, at JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov.

****NOTE: Submission deadline times for both Grants.gov and JustGrants are now 8:59 p.m., ET, not 11:59 p.m., ET, as in past years***

Read the solicitations carefully for further guidance

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Email Updates

- Text OJP [your email address] to 468-311 to subscribe
*Message and data rates may apply

Social Media

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DOJBJA>

For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit
BJA's website – <https://bja.ojp.gov>

Quick Reference: Important Contacts



Solicitation Content Assistance

1-800-851-3420

Grants@ncjrs.gov

10–6, EST, M–F



Submit the SF-424 and SF- LLL

1-800-518-4726

Support@grants.gov

24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Submit full application

1-833-872-5175

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5–9, EST, M–F

9–5, EST, Weekends, Holidays

Questions?

Enter in the Q&A box and send to All Panelists