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FY22 NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE EVALUATION OF OJP COMMUNITY BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION INITIATIVE (CVIPI) PROJECTS

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Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI)

Led by the Office of the Assistant Attorney General (OAAG) at OJP, this Initiative represents a partnership between:

- **Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)**

- **Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)**

- **Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)**

- **National Institute of Justice (NIJ)**

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This webinar will provide details and guidance for potential applicants to two solicitations:

1) **FY 2022 Office of Justice Programs Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative solicitation**

2) **FY 2022 National Institute of Justice Evaluation of OJP Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Projects**

QUICK TIP

Have a copy of the solicitation available to follow along and take notes.

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Administration Commitment

- Community Advocacy
- Strong Commitment to CVI - $50 million
- Building the Infrastructure and the Bench

OJP Priorities

- Strengthening public safety, preventing gun violence and increasing community trust
- Advancing justice system reforms that promote not just community safety, but community well-being, and – critically – equity and justice for all
- Providing diversion and treatment options for people with behavioral health disorders and supporting successful reentry
- Ensuring rights, access, and equity for all victims
- Advancing innovation and the use of science, research, and statistics to inform our work here at the Department and in the field

FY22 Office of Justice Programs Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI)

- Provides funding to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs, including efforts to address gang and gun violence, based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations (CBOs), law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders.

- Furthers the DOJ's mission to ensure public safety and provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime.

- Supports OJP's mission to provide leadership, resources, and solutions for creating safe, just, and engaged communities.

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Under this solicitation, OJP is seeking to make investments that advance the following principles:

- Targeted Violence Interventions and Supports for Highest Need Groups

- Community-centered and Equity-focused

- Integration with Public Safety/Public Health

- Strategic, Data-driven, and Performance-focused

BJA'S CVIPI Solicitation Categories

1	CVIPI Planning and Implementation for Community Based/Tribal Organizations	6-8 awards	Up to $1.5M each
2	CVIPI Planning and Implementation for City/County/Tribal Governments	4-6 awards	Up to $1.5M each
3	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for Community Based/Tribal Organizations	5-7 awards	Up to $2M each
4	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for City/County/Tribal Governments	4-6 awards	Up to $2M each
5	CVIPI Capacity Building	5 awards	Up to $2M each
6	CVIPI Training and Technical Assistance for Site-Based Awards	1 award	$2M
7	The CVIPI Resource and Field Support Center	1 award	$1.5M

Planning and Implementation Categories

1	CVIPI Planning and Implementation for Community Based/Tribal Organizations
2	CVIPI Planning and Implementation for City/County/Tribal Governments

- Support efforts to develop and implement a comprehensive CVI strategy that will maximize existing and new resources.

- Intended for organizations and units of government that are not currently implementing CVI strategies and are seeking financial and technical support to plan and stand-up new programs.

Planning and Implementation Categories

1	CVIPI Planning and Implementation for Community Based/Tribal Organizations
2	CVIPI Planning and Implementation for City/County/Tribal Governments

- Planning team - a multidisciplinary team of stakeholders, which may be an existing, expanded, or new formal working group, committee, or collaboration.
  - Planning period involves engaging residents and key partners, including researchers, to use data and information to understand what is driving the community violence and to design approaches that are based on evidence or test a theory of change.
  - At the end of this period, the team will produce a comprehensive Violence Reduction Strategic Plan and submit it to OJP for review within 12 months of the award date to ensure the key elements are in place before beginning implementation of the new CVI program.
- Within 6 months of award, successful applicants will be required to submit completed documentation (i.e., letters of commitment or memorandums of understanding) that demonstrates the structure of and partners to the community collaboration as well as who will be responsible for implementing the funded approach.

Planning and Implementation Categories

1	CVIPI Planning and Implementation for Community Based/Tribal Organizations
2	CVIPI Planning and Implementation for City/County/Tribal Governments

- Applicants strongly encouraged to collaborate with a research partner to assist with conducting a community violence assessment to determine where and why violence is occurring and assess current gaps and barriers in community services. It is expected that research partner will be an active member of the working group and employ an action research method.
- Applicants should incorporate the voices from survivors of community violence.
- Award recipients under Categories 1 and 2 will be expected to work with and receive training and technical assistance from the provider selected under Category 6: CVIPI Training and Technical Assistance for Site-Based Awards.

Expansion and Enhancement Categories

3	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for Community Based/Tribal Organizations
4	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for City/County/Tribal Governments

- Support the efforts of eligible applicant organizations to increase or enhance the reach or services offered under existing CVI strategy(ies).

- Intended for organizations and units of government that are currently implementing CVI strategies and are seeking financial and technical support to enhance or expand existing strategies.

- CVI strategies initiated under the American Rescue Plan (ARP) Act of 2021 may be expanded or enhanced using funds from this category.

Expansion and Enhancement Categories

3	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for Community Based/Tribal Organizations
4	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for City/County/Tribal Governments

- These projects will engage in an initial planning process by engaging residents and key partners, including researchers, to use data and information to assess their current strategies and how well they have addressed the community violence in order to design enhancements to or expansions of their approach.
- Planning team - an existing multidisciplinary team of stakeholders, which applicants are encouraged to assess and enhance or expand, building on their current formal working group, committee, or collaboration.
  - Applicants should have formalized partnerships with current multidisciplinary team stakeholder members (i.e. letters of commitment or MOUs) in place at the time of application and should include the attachment labeled "CVIPI Team" with the team participants' names and the name of their agencies.

Expansion and Enhancement Categories

3	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for Community Based/Tribal Organizations
4	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for City/County/Tribal Governments

- Applicants in Categories 3 and 4 are **required** to collaborate with a research partner to assist with the implementation of the program and its strategies, identify and suggest evidence-based strategies to tailor to the community, and lead the identification and collection of key performance metrics, including ongoing process and outcome assessments of the program. It is expected that the research partner will be an active member of the working group and that they employ, where appropriate, an action research method in working with the site.
- Award recipients under Categories 3 and 4 will be expected to work with and receive training and technical assistance from the provider selected under Category 6: CVIPI Training and Technical Assistance for Site-Based Awards.

Expansion and Enhancement Categories

3	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for Community Based/Tribal Organizations
4	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for City/County/Tribal Governments

- Applicants under Categories 3 and 4 are strongly encouraged to participate in a rigorous evaluation of their CVI strategy funded under the NIJ solicitation.
- OJP will prioritize funding for applications that also submit a paired proposal in response to the NIJ solicitation. Successful applications under Categories 3 and 4 may receive awards even if the paired evaluation application to NIJ is unsuccessful. However, evaluation applications to NIJ may not receive an award if the paired application under Categories 3 and 4 is unsuccessful.
- Applicants coordinating with an evaluation application should also include an internal research partner to support the data collection and implementation through an action research method, as appropriate. If applicants propose engaging with the same entity or individual to carry out the roles of research partner and evaluator under the NIJ solicitation, the applicant must budget separately for these roles in the respective applications, and clearly describe methods for distinguishing these roles and maintaining objectivity and independence in the evaluation.

Eligibility – Categories 1 and 3

1	CVIPI Planning and Implementation for Community Based/Tribal Organizations
3	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for Community Based/Tribal Organizations

- 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

- For-profit organizations including small businesses

- Native American and Alaska Native tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments)

Eligibility – Categories 2 and 4

2	CVIPI Planning and Implementation for City/County/Tribal Governments
4	CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement for City/County/Tribal Governments

- City or township governments

- County governments

- Native American and Alaska Native tribal governments (Federally recognized), Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act ("ANCSA") Regional Corporations

- Special district governments

- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities

- Independent school districts

CVIPI Capacity Building Category

5	CVIPI Capacity Building

- OJP will fund up to five intermediary organizations, serving as fiscal agents, each of which will in turn identify and provide intensive training and technical assistance, oversight, and subawards to up to five CBOs over the course of the project period.
- Intermediary organizations may be national, regional, or more localized organizations with established capacity to work with CBOs, particularly those focused on underserved communities.
- Applicants must demonstrate deep knowledge and experience in one or more evidence-based CVI strategies and expertise in connecting with victims and survivors as a critical component of this work.
- Intermediary organizations may be comprised of multiple collaborating entities that collectively possess the range of skills and expertise necessary to administer the subawards. Such arrangements must identify a lead applicant (fiscal agent) and clearly describe a management plan for coordinating across the collaborating entities.

CVIPI Capacity Building Category

5   **CVIPI Capacity Building**

- OJP is open to a range of models to be used by intermediary organizations serving as fiscal agents. The organization may focus on CBOs in a particular city, region, or have a more national scope.
- The intermediary organization is expected to competitively award subawards in collaboration with OJP and provide TTA support to CBOs implementing new CVI programs or expanding existing programs. The subawards are expected to range between $100,000 and $250,000.
- CBOs will use the funding to increase their capacity and workforce development in support of community violence interventions.
- Subawards to CBOs may include salary support, equipment, materials, training opportunities, and travel costs associated with TTA. Funds may also be used for developing curricula, assessment tools, or organizational policies and procedures, such as wellness plans, to support CVI staff.

CVIPI Training and Technical Assistance for Site-Based Awards

| 6 | CVIPI Training and Technical Assistance for Site-Based Awards |

- One national training and technical assistance provider to assist FY22 CVIPI site-based grantees (Categories 1–4) with the implementation of their projects and in translating this knowledge to the field more broadly through training and webinars, tools, and web content.
    - TTA provider is expected to conduct individualized TTA needs assessments with each Category 1–4 grantee, provide customized TTA based on the results of these needs assessments,
    - conduct cross-site trainings for grantees on a variety of CVI program- and operations-related topics,
    - and create and facilitate peer-to-peer networking/consultation/information-sharing sessions for the various stakeholders involved in CVI work.
- The TTA provider may be comprised of multiple collaborating entities that collectively possess the range of skills and expertise necessary to fulfill the goals, objectives, and deliverables of this category. Applicants in this category must identify a lead applicant (fiscal agent) and clearly describe a management plan for coordinating across the collaborating entities.
- The TTA provider must have demonstrated experience working with various groups involved in CVI initiatives (e.g. local, state, and tribal governments; faith-based organizations, CBOs, hospitals and other health care providers, victim service providers, law enforcement, etc.).

CVIPI Resource and Field Support Center Category

7	The CVIPI Resource and Field Support Center

- One national training and technical assistance provider to deliver technical assistance to communities not funded under Categories 1–4 that are interested in pursuing CVI strategies.
- Build capacity and strengthen local networks to facilitate the implementation and success of CVI strategies across the United States.
- The Center should partner with subject matter experts who can provide a wide range of technical assistance through coaching, targeted training, problem solving, as well as needs assessments and data collection. The Center's engagements with communities will vary in length and intensity; some may need 1–2 months while others may require a 1-year engagement.
- Applicants are expected to have direct experience in developing relationships with underserved and marginalized communities, including working with communities experiencing high rates of violence, and must demonstrate deep knowledge of the full range of evidence-based CVI strategies.

Eligibility – Categories 5 through 7

5	CVIPI Capacity Building
6	CVIPI Training and Technical Assistance for Site-Based Awards
7	The CVIPI Resource and Field Support Center

- Public and State controlled institutions of higher education

- Private institutions of higher education

- 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

- For-profit organizations including small businesses

Priority Considerations for all Categories

- Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*

    - Give priority considerations to applications that include project(s) that will promote racial equity and the removal of barriers to access and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality when making award decisions.
    - Give priority consideration to applicants that can demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because the applicant (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 30% of the requested award funding, as demonstrated in the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative) identifies as a culturally specific organization.

- Applications from communities with documented high and/or increasing levels of homicides per capita.
- Applicants that can demonstrate existing partnerships with multidisciplinary team stakeholder members (i.e., letters of commitment and/or MOU) will receive priority consideration and should include the attachment labeled "CVIPI Team" with the names of participants on the team and the names of their agencies.
- Applicants proposing a companion evaluation application under the NIJ solicitation.

Note: Addressing these priority areas is one of many factors that OJP considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration for one or more priority areas is not a guarantee of an award.

Deliverables *(Categories 1-4)*

1 and 2	**CVIPI Planning and Implementation**
3 and 4	**CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement**

Applicants to Categories 1–4 must address the following deliverables in their proposal narratives in the project design and implementation section:

- A full list of active working group members as well as letters of commitment and/or MOUs should be submitted within the first 6 months of the date of the award.

- Develop or enhance a community-specific Violence Reduction Strategic Plan that is informed by available local data and existing plans, which should be used to guide the project. For Categories 1 and 2, this plan is to be submitted within 12 months of the date of the award and should be comprehensive and updated annually as a key deliverable. For Categories 3 and 4, the existing strategy should be assessed and enhanced within 6 months of the award being made and should be comprehensive and updated annually as a key deliverable.

Deliverables *(Categories 1-4)*

| 1 and 2 | CVIPI Planning and Implementation |

| 3 and 4 | CVIPI Expansion and Enhancement |

- Participate in efforts to assess, evaluate, and/or translate learning from the program to the field to advance knowledge and support peer learning. Examples of these types of efforts may include, but not be limited to, participating in a presentation at a national conference, a web-based presentation, and/or a podcast organized by an OJP-funded technical assistance partner or OJP.

- Document the implementation of a CVI strategy that is data driven, evidence informed, community led, and trauma informed. A final report summarizing the activities of the CVI program, including successes and lessons learned, as well as future plans for the program, is due 90 days after the program end date. If the initiative includes a research partner as part of the working group, it is expected their programmatic process and/or outcome findings be integrated into the final report.

Deliverables *(Category 5)*

5	CVIPI Capacity Building

In accordance with the cooperative agreement with OJP, the successful Capacity Building awardee will partner with OJP to administer subawards to CBOs for the purpose of building capacity and supporting CVI strategies. To accomplish this, the successful applicant will undertake the following:

- Assess the gaps in CBOs' capacity to implement CVI projects.

- Develop, in collaboration with OJP, a solicitation or request for proposals with agreed-upon selection criteria and in accordance with state, local, and OJP regulations.

- Develop and host, in collaboration with OJP, a pre-application solicitation webinar for potential applicants. This webinar will fully explain the purpose of the program, define allowable and unallowable costs, and describe the financial and programmatic reporting requirements.

- Conduct a CBO selection process, in collaboration with and approval from BJA, to identify and award subrecipient sites as part of a subaward process. This CBO selection process should ensure that each of the selected CBOs meet the following criteria:

  - (1) The CBO identifies at least one CVI strategy it is planning to initiate or that is already operational in the jurisdiction.

  - (2) The CBO clearly identifies the resources needed to support the CVI strategy and build capacity.

  - (3) The CBO demonstrates capacity and willingness to work collaboratively with the TTA provider.

Deliverables *(Category 5)*

5	CVIPI Capacity Building

Once the subawards are made, the successful awardee will:

- Conduct meetings with subrecipient CBOs on a periodic basis, and memorialize the proceedings with meeting notes, transcripts, and/or recordings.

- Complete capacity needs assessments for each participating CBO and work with the CBO to prepare a capacity development plan that is tailored to its current capacity, resources, and community conditions (e.g., violence levels, other existing services or partners). The capacity development plan will guide the TTA provided by the intermediary organization, and will be reviewed and updated, as necessary, during the project period.

- Conduct regional and/or topical meetings across site-based localities on common issue areas. These meetings should include existing subject matter experts and material from DOJ programs and initiatives, including, but not limited to OVC, OJJDP, and BJA programs related to community violence intervention.

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Deliverables *(Category 5)*

5	CVIPI Capacity Building

- Establish and maintain an online resource to allow subgrantees and other interested parties to search and access any knowledge products (e.g., reports, research briefs, webinars, or podcasts) created by the intermediary organization and other relevant, existing knowledge products related to CVI strategies.

- Complete a final report that includes: (a) a clear summary description of violence reduction strategies supported by subrecipients, (b) assessment of programmatic violence reduction and/or capacity enhancement outcomes, (c) identification of promising or effective practices, (d) common themes that emerge across strategies, (e) lessons learned and challenges encountered, and (f) recommendations for future CVI program development. This report should emphasize an evidence-informed assessment framework that is attentive to the contextual factors at the participating CBOs.

Deliverables *(Category 6)*

6	CVIPI Training and Technical Assistance for Site-Based Awards

The selected awardee will serve as the designated TTA provider for CVIPI site-based awards (Categories 1–4). OJP's overall TTA delivery expectations include:

- Provide site-specific technical assistance to assist grantees funded in Categories 1–4 in producing and/or enhancing community violence interventions that, when implemented, will lead to a reduction in the level of violent crime within their jurisdiction.

- Individualized, efficient, and consistent delivery of TTA in order to assist grantees in successfully administering their grants.

Deliverables *(Category 6)*

| 6 | CVIPI Training and Technical Assistance for Site-Based Awards |

- TTA provider staff are expected to have sufficient subject expertise to assist grantees in the execution of their projects. The staff should have the necessary technical skill sets and experience to effectively be able to coach grantees and assist them in reaching their goals.

- The TTA provider must utilize a range of local and national SMEs vetted by OJP, including practitioners, academics, and federal partners. The TTA provider must identify and maintain a list of SMEs whose expertise and experience best fit the needs of the grantees. The roles of the SMEs will vary across engagements, so the TTA provider must develop protocols to define the scope of the subject experts' role, when needed (e.g., advisor to TTA provider, direct assistance to grantees, participating in webinars).

- As part of this oversight of staff and experts, the provider must document its plan to ensure that it has a set of diverse staff, trainers, and/or subject matter experts that reflect a mix of experiences and perspectives to be able to effectively reach the communities and practitioners that they will serve. This should include experts who have credibility with both community residents and the CVI partners and those providing interventions to those at risk for violence, including trusted messengers.

Deliverables *(Category 6)*

6 | **CVIPI Training and Technical Assistance for Site-Based Awards**

- The TTA provider must participate in ongoing collaboration and coordination. It should emphasize and actively engage in cross-organizational coordination, including:

  - Coordination in local jurisdictions. The TTA provider must be both aware of and in touch with other key, overlapping initiatives and TTA providers in the jurisdictions in which it is assisting.

  - Serving as a coordinator with federal partners and support strategies related to CVI.

  - Coordination across interest groups. The TTA provider must develop regular meetings (e.g., quarterly stakeholder meetings, annual advisory board meeting) to allow for ongoing dialogue among relevant partners, including, at a minimum, federal partners, public/private partnerships, and special interest groups (e.g., peer support community).

Deliverables *(Category 6)*

6	CVIPI Training and Technical Assistance for Site-Based Awards

- The TTA provider must serve as a thought leader and information clearinghouse for relevant research and best practices and must proactively build knowledge and capacity in the area of CVI for the field. This includes coordinating and supporting a presence at national meetings and conferences via workshops, panel presentations, and briefings. It must:

    - Create knowledge diffusion products (e.g., fact sheets, webinars) and disseminate them through OJP's networks. All products must be 508 compliant.

    - Convene grantee learning communities, based on their respective projects/programs, to explore best practices and lessons learned.

    - Disseminate best practices and lessons learned by attending and presenting at national, state, local, tribal, or other conferences and events related to award activities where officials and other stakeholders can learn about successful strategies.

    - Maintain a listserv of grantees, subgrantees, and key contacts responsible for undertaking grant and related activities, including interested state, local, and tribal contacts, and federal and national partners.

Deliverables *(Category 6)*

| 6 | CVIPI Training and Technical Assistance for Site-Based Awards |

- The TTA provider must support the collection and analysis of performance measures data to support continuous improvement. It must:

  - Assist grantees in the collection of performance measures data for submission to JustGrants.

  - Propose to and work with OJP on tailoring the TTA strategy to meet emerging needs and trends, based on performance reporting trends and TTA needs assessments.

- Coordinate all TTA activities with OJP, including summaries of TTA events and timely submission of the required programmatic and financial status reports.

Deliverables *(Category 7)*

7	The CVIPI Resource and Field Support Center

The selected awardee will serve as the designated TTA provider for local communities that are interested in implementing CVI strategies but do not have a Category 1–4 award. This may include jurisdictions that have received other federal or local funds for CVI programs and potential applicants for OJP CVIPI funds. This will be done through the establishment of a CVIPI Field Support Resource Center that will:

- Recruit, maintain, and leverage a diverse cadre of qualified subject matter experts in CVI strategies that will serve communities.

    – SMEs are expected to have sufficient subject matter expertise in the execution of their projects. The SMEs should have the necessary technical skill sets and experience to effectively complete the tasks under the award. There are also occasions when an external expert (non-Center staff) will be required.

    – To this end, the TTA provider must utilize a range of vetted local and national SMEs, including practitioners, academics, and federal partners. The TTA provider must identify and maintain a list of SMEs whose expertise and experience best fit the needs of the Center. This includes a key priority of ensuring that the Center considers and has a plan to ensure that it has a set of diverse staff, trainers, and/or SMEs who reflect a mix of experiences and perspectives to be able to effectively reach the communities and practitioners that they will serve. This should include experts who have credibility with both community residents and CVI partners and those providing interventions to those at risk for violence, including trusted messengers.

    – With OJP's approval, the TTA provider will assign these experts and report on and monitor the TTA services provided. The roles of the SMEs will vary across engagements, so the TTA provider must develop protocols to define the scope of their roles, when needed (e.g., trainer, development of a product, participating in webinars). The TTA provider must provide written reports to BJA on the TTA provided and the status of ongoing activities.

Deliverables *(Category 7)*

7	The CVIPI Resource and Field Support Center

- Establish a CVIPI Field Support Resource Center website that will support the field with relevant CVI resources.

    – The Center's website will include online tools and implementation guides to clarify governance and support the creation of program designs and performance measures collection to track success and support sustainability.

- Develop resources for the CVI field at large that are needs driven and evidence-based to help the field expand programmatic knowledge and capacity to develop, implement, enhance, and sustain CVI strategies.

- Participate in ongoing collaboration and coordination with other CVIPI TTA providers and sites implementing CVI strategies, including both sites that are funded under this solicitation and those that are not. The engagement should emphasize cross-organizational coordination, including:

    – Coordination in local jurisdictions. The TTA provider should be both aware of and in touch with other key, overlapping initiatives and TTA providers in the jurisdictions in which it is assisting.

    – Coordination with other TTA providers funded through Categories 5 and 6. The TTA provider should be knowledgeable about and coordinate with other TTA providers, as needed, to ensure TTA resources are leveraged effectively.

Deliverables *(Category 7)*

7	The CVIPI Resource and Field Support Center

- Prioritize responses to requests from practitioners and the field, in consultation with OJP. Not all ad hoc requests require an extensive response—some might require referral to resources or connection with other agencies for collaboration—but a limited number may require more thorough exploration and response. In consultation with OJP, the TTA provider must design a process to evaluate requests for limited assistance from unfunded jurisdictions and agencies, triage requests that are received and respond to them efficiently and effectively, and produce regular (i.e., quarterly) written reports that summarize the support provided.

- Build capacity and strengthen local networks to help facilitate the implementation and success of CVI strategies.

- Assess the needs of the defined audience and develop strategies to expand awareness and build skills and knowledge. Create work plans based on the goals outlined in its funded application. The work plan should be presented to OJP staff and include tools such as spreadsheets or dashboards to track the execution of key tasks. Please note that OJP may require the selected provider to submit for review and approval the proposed plans, protocols, or strategies in advance of implementation.

Additional Resources:

When looking to identify best practices that are evidence based, some excellent resources that might support your particular community-based strategy include:

- The BJA Community Violence Intervention microsite provides a checklist, CVI Guiding Principles, glossary, CVI strategies, and additional resources.

- OJP CrimeSolutions uses rigorous research to inform practitioners and policymakers.

- The Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation program encourages data-driven, comprehensive, and community-led strategies to reduce crime and spur revitalization, including CVI. Information about this program can be found at https://www.lisc.org/our-initiatives/safety-justice/cbcr/ and https://www.theiacp.org/projects/byrne-criminal-justice-innovation-training-and-technical-assistance.

Additional Resources (Cont.):

- Youth.gov provides interactive tools and other resources to help youth-serving organizations and community partnerships plan, implement, and participate in effective programs for youth. This website includes information on the National Forum on Youth Violence Prevention (Forum), which was created to build the capacity of localities across the country to more effectively address youth violence through multidisciplinary partnerships, balanced approaches, data-driven strategies, comprehensive planning, and sharing common challenges and promising strategies. The Forum is a strategy for federal and local collaboration that encourages its member jurisdictions to review and improve internal decision-making structures, policies, and practices; increase communication; and implement strategic, coordinated action to change the way they do business.

Additional Resources (Cont.):

- The OJJDP Model Programs Guide contains information about evidence-based juvenile justice and youth prevention, intervention, and reentry programs. It is a resource for practitioners and communities about what works, what is promising, and what does not work in juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, and child protection and safety.

- The National Gang Center disseminates information, knowledge, and outcome-driven practices that engage and empower those in local communities with chronic and emerging gang problems to create comprehensive solutions to prevent gang violence, reduce gang involvement, and suppress gang-related crime. This website includes information on OJJDP's Comprehensive Gang Model, which is an evidence-based framework for the coordination of multiple strategies to address serious, violent, and entrenched youth street gang problems. The model combines prevention, intervention, and deterrence tactics to address the root causes of criminal gang activity within a community.

What An Application Should Include

Abstract - A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project, including primary activities, products and deliverables, the service area, and who will benefit from the proposed project, will be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. Abstracts should not repeat the terms and descriptions used in the solicitation but should be specific and clearly state what is being implemented related to work proposed in the project and be written for a general public audience.

Project Narrative – A project narrative that includes the following:

1. Description of the Issue
2. Project Design and Implementation
3. Capabilities and Competencies
4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures
5. Plan for Sustainability

Budget and Associated Documentation

- **Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)**. Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. The amount of the federal request should match the federal request amount on the SF-424.

Additional Application Components

- Timeline

- Documentation of Proposed Subrecipients

- Staff Résumés and/or Position Descriptions and Qualifications Relative to their Job Roles

- CVIPI Team, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), Letters of Support, and Other Supportive Documents

- Supporting Documentation of Past TTA Delivery Experience Planning Team Structure

Additional Application Components

- Tribal Authorizing Resolution

- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity

- Disclosures and Assurances

  - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

  - Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

  - DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

  - DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

  - Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)

Basic Minimum Requirements

The following application elements **must** be included in the application to meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form) (The web-based form includes the budget details and the budget narrative.)
- Timeline

BJA Application Review Process

- Applications are reviewed to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements (BMR) as stated in the solicitation.

- All applications meeting BMR are moved forward to peer review.

- Applications are peer reviewed by a panel of three external subject matter expert reviewers.

- The peer-reviewed scores are presented to a BJA program representative.

- BJA staff provide the scoring results to the BJA Director with recommendations for funding.

- The BJA Director makes the final decision and submits the recommended applications to the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Office of Justice Programs.

Dual Deadlines - BJA

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

- <u>Step 1</u>: Applicants submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at Grants.gov

  BJA Grants.gov Deadline: June 16, 2022, 8:59 pm Eastern

- <u>Step 2</u>: Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov. Read the solicitation document carefully for further guidance.

  BJA JustGrants Deadline: June 21, 2022, 8:59 pm Eastern

For More Information on How to Apply

- The Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations:

  - This webinar, held January 26, 2022, was the second of two trainings to help prospective applicants find and apply for Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) funding opportunities that address their needs. During this webinar, BJA and JustGrants personnel provided attendees with information about the registrations that are necessary to apply for funding, how to navigate Grants.gov and JustGrants, and what resources are available for applicants.

  - https://bja.ojp.gov/media/video/42231

  - https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/federal-funding-process-2022-webinar-presentation.pdf

  - https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/federal-funding-process-2022-webinar-transcript.pdf

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 (cont.)

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 AM and 9:00 PM ET
    - Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET

  - **Contacts**
    - https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support
    - JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Application Assistance and Support (cont.)

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 hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, 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

Stay Connected

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- 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

NIJ Fiscal Year 2022 Evaluation of OJP Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Projects

Webinar Overview

- NIJ Background
- The Solicitation
- The Application Process
- NIJ Review Process
- Q & A
- Support

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National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

Who we are

- NIJ is the research, development, and evaluation agency of the U.S. Department of Justice

Our mission

- Improving knowledge and understanding of crime and justice issues through science

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NIJ FY22 Evaluation of OJP Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Projects

NIJ seeks proposals for rigorous, independent evaluations of the outcome and impact of projects funded under the OJP solicitation *FY 2022 OJP Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative*.

Such evaluations are also expected to examine questions regarding program implementation (e.g., process evaluation).

- Applicants *must* collaborate with an entity applying to the OJP solicitation and clearly document that collaboration with a signed memorandum of understanding or letter of support.
- NIJ will only consider applications addressing Categories 3 and 4 of the OJP solicitation.

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Funding Details

- NIJ expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants

- Approximate number of awards NIJ expects to make: **2-3 awards**

- Total amount anticipated to be awarded under the solicitation: **up to $1,900,000**

- Period of performance start date: **October 1, 2022**

- Period of performance duration: **up to 60 months**

NIJ encourages applicants to:

- Propose evaluations that address the complexities of CVIPI projects that engage stakeholders across systems such as public safety, public health, education, social services, economic development, housing, and other relevant community sectors.

- Propose the most rigorous, appropriate design.
  - Incorporate community stakeholder and resident involvement as focus
  - May include participatory or action research

- Evaluate projects well-positioned for conduct of in-depth investigations of outcome and impact, and that also examine questions regarding program implementation (e.g., process evaluation).

Applicants should:

- Demonstrate how the proposed study would build on existing research.

- Include a clear description of the approach(es) to be evaluated.
    - Including the purpose, key components, and intended short, intermediate, and long-term outcomes.

- Develop a conceptual logic model for the CVIPI project to be evaluated.

- Include and append supplementary materials to describe the program, practice, or policy under study, and demonstrate that needed data will be available for the study.

Additional Considerations:

- NIJ wants to build an understanding whether an overall program is effective, and what elements within or external to the program design or implementation contribute to its success or failure.

- Proposed evaluations should help inform the development or refinement of community intervention and/or prevention programs, policies, and/or practices to reduce community violence.

- Applicants should clearly describe the external validity of the proposed evaluation approach, with emphasis on how findings may be generalizable to additional populations and jurisdictions.

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Priority Areas

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

- "Priority Area 1(A)" and "Priority Area 1(B)" are described in detail on pp. 7-8 of the solicitation.

- Note: Addressing these priority areas is one of many factors that the NIJ Director considers in making funding decisions. Receiving priority consideration for one or more priority areas is not a guarantee of an award.

Expected Deliverables

- Standard grant reporting requirements
    - Semi-annual research performance progress reports
    - Quarterly financial reports
- Final research report
- Required data sets, associated files, and documentation
- Deliverables and dissemination for practitioners and policymakers
- Scholarly products

Application Critical Elements

Basic Minimum Requirements (BMR):

- Program Narrative
- Budget Detail Worksheet
- Budget Narrative
- Curriculum vitae or resume for key personnel
  - Principal investigator(s)
  - Any and all co-principal investigators

Required Forms:

- SF-424
- SF-LLL

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Additional Application Requirements

- Title Page
  - Including the name of the collaborating organization applying for funding under the OJP solicitation and the title and location of CVIPI application to be evaluated.
- Project Abstract
- Goals, Objectives, Deliverables and Timeline
- Strong Letters of Support
  - Organizations applying for funding under OJP Expansion and Enhancement
  - Organizations collaborating in the project (e.g., law enforcement and correctional agencies)
- Complete list of all individuals in the application

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Additional Attachments for Research Proposals

- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement
- Human Subjects Protection
- Privacy Certificates
- Request to use incentives or stipends, if applicable
- Data Archiving Plan
- Bibliography/References
- Any tools/instruments, questionnaires, tables/chart/graphs, or maps

Application Evaluation Criteria

- Statement of the Problem and Research Questions **(15%)**
- Project Design and Implementation **(50%)**
- Capabilities and Competencies **(15%)**
- Potential Impact **(20%)**

- Other non-scored criteria:
  - Dissemination Plan
  - Budget

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External and Internal Review

BMR/Responsiveness Review
- Submitted by an eligible applicant
- Responsive to the scope of the solicitation
- Critical elements included

External Peer Review
- Technical and practitioner reviewers

Internal Review
- NIJ scientific staff and senior management
- Department subject matter experts as relevant

All funding decisions are made at the discretion of the NIJ Director

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Other Considerations

Qualities of Successful Proposals:

- Include a rigorous research design

- Provide relevant literature

- Define important terms

- Clearly articulate research questions

- Incorporate hypotheses as appropriate

Other Considerations

Qualities of Successful Proposals:

- Describe data that will be used for the research

- Clearly show which data will be used for which measures

- Explain how measures will answer proposed questions

- Discuss the relevance of the study

- Free of grammatical and typographical errors

- Respond to every element in the solicitation and all required documents are attached and complete.

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Application Process – Dual Deadlines

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

- 1. Grants.gov
  - Submit SF-424 and SF-LLL forms ONLY
  - Deadline: *June 7, 2022, at 11:59 PM EDT*
  - Register at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html

- 2. JustGrants
  - Submit the FULL application, including all attachments
  - Read the solicitation document carefully for further guidance.
  - Deadline: *June 21, 2022, at 8:59 PM EDT*
  - Register at https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/getting-started

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For more information:

FY 2022 Office of Justice Programs Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Solicitation

- https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2022-171282

NIJ Funding webpage:

- https://nij.ojp.gov/funding
- https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/guidance-applicants-and-awardees

JustGrants

- https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov

Grants.gov

- https://www.grants.gov

Important Contact Information

Technical Assistance Submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL into Grants.Gov: 800–518–4726, 606–545–5035 │ support@grants.gov

Technical Assistance Submitting the FULL APPLICATION into JustGrants: 833–872–5175 │ JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Technical Assistance with Programmatic Requirements contact the OJP Response Center: 800–851–3420 │ grants@ncjrs.gov

Related Funding Opportunity:

Applicants considering research and evaluation addressing community violence – other than evaluation of the outcome and impact of projects of project funded under the *FY 2022 OJP Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative* solicitation – may consider the following NIJ funding opportunity, which seeks applications for research and evaluation projects examining community and firearm violence prevention and intervention programs, policies, and legislation.

- NIJ FY22 Research and Evaluation on Violent Crime and Firearm Violence in the Community
  - https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-nij-2022-171248
  - Closing dates:
    - May 20, 2022, Grants.gov
    - June 3, 2022, JustGrants

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Questions?

Please enter your questions into the Q&A box

Send to All Panelists

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