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Overview

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for funding to create and implement training and technical assistance programs for criminal justice stakeholders that support local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies in the development of violence reduction strategies, training of law enforcement officers, and implementation of ethical technological strategies that build digital trust and promote community engagement. This program furthers the DOJ's mission by supporting and assisting state, local, territorial, and tribal jurisdictions in improving the criminal justice system and enhancing efforts to prevent, investigate, and respond to crime.

This solicitation incorporates the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP for funding. **If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.**

Solicitation Categories

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Eligible Applicants:

For profit organizations other than small businesses, 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

Other

For purposes of this solicitation, "state" means any state of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

To advance Executive Order 13929 Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Attorney General determined that all state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to be eligible for FY 2022 DOJ discretionary grant funding. To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions: (1) the agency's use-of-force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and (2) the agency's use-of-force policies prohibit chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law. The certification requirement also applies to law enforcement agencies receiving DOJ discretionary grant funding through a subaward. For detailed information on this certification requirement, please visit https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO to access the Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Implementation Fact Sheet, and the List of Designated Independent Credentialing Bodies.

All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

BJA will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). For additional information on subawards, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

BJA may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2021 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and on the availability of appropriations.

Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and a Disclosure

of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL) in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, Grants.gov Customer Support, or support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants), contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. eastern time Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY: 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), or by email at grants@ncjrs.gov. The OJP Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., eastern time Monday–Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the solicitation closing date.

Submission Information

Applications will be submitted to DOJ in two steps:

Step 1: The applicant must submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) form when they register in Grants.gov at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html. To register in Grants.gov, the applicant will need to ensure that its System for Award Management (SAM) registration is current.

Step 2: The applicant must then submit the **full application,** including attachments, in JustGrants at JustGrants.usdoj.gov. To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. OJP encourages applicants to review the "How to Apply" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide and the JustGrants website for more information, resources, and training.

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Program Description

Overview

OJP 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.

The purpose of this solicitation is to fund four national in-scope training and technical assistance (TTA) efforts to support law enforcement and criminal justice stakeholders in key criminal justice operations.

Statutory Authority

The JAG Program authorization provides that up to 5 percent of the funds available to carry out subpart 1 of Title I, Part E of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 ("Omnibus") may be granted, among other reasons, for one or more of the purposes specified in Section 501 of Title I, Part E, Subpart 1 of Omnibus upon a determination that it is necessary "to combat, address, or otherwise respond to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime." (34 U.S.C. §10157(b)(1)). Any awards under this solicitation would be made under statutory authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021, Pub. L. No. 116-260, 134 Stat. 1182, 1260.

Specific Information

This solicitation contains five separate categories. Each category is seeking applications for a separate national initiative. Applicants can apply to more than one category but must submit a separate, complete application for each.

Category 1: Public Safety Partnership National Training and Technical Assistance/Local Law Enforcement Strategy
Category 2: Public Safety Partnership National Training and Technical Assistance Program/infrastructure Support – Program Infrastructure
Category 3: Developing Support for the Nation's Police Academies
Category 4: Digital Trust and 21st Century Policing
Category 5: Developing Officer Recruitment and Retention Strategic Partnerships with Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Goals

The overarching goal is to deliver national training and technical assistance to local jurisdictions that support their efforts to reduce violent crime, train law enforcement, and enhance community trust**.**

Category 1: Work collaboratively to develop National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) TTA services and support the delivery of TTA to participating cities to implement solutions that enhance their capacity to better address their chronic violent crime problems.

Category 2: Support the PSP infrastructure through the coordination of   PSP meetings, development and delivery of courses for PSP virtual academy, maintenance of PSP dashboards, website and online clearinghouse, as well as coordination of PSP national and/or regional symposiums and peer-to-peer exchanges.

Category 3: Conduct a comprehensive review and assessment of local and state police academy curricula and training, practices, protocols, and approaches.

Category 4: Support local jurisdictions in developing and enhancing digital trust policies and practices when implementing information-sharing and various technology solutions.

Category 5: Work collaboratively with HBCUs in the development of officer recruitment and retention programs and resources to increase the representation of people of color within law enforcement careers and ensure qualified officers of color are supported throughout their careers.

Objectives

Category 1: Provide customized TTA to PSP sites to help local jurisdictions   enhance and/or develop and implement violent crime reduction strategies.

Category 2: Support PSP's infrastructure and logistics, including the PSP Virtual Academy, networking, and technical assistance; provide onsite support for strategic planning and networking; deliver peer-to-peer learning; develop and

implement PSP   national and/or regional multiday symposiums for PSP sites, to include appropriate faculty and subject matter experts (SMEs); and maintain PSP dashboards, website, and online clearinghouse.

Category 3: Review and assess local and state police academy training curricula to identify promising practices and gaps to aide in the development of recommended, updated police academy curricula that address components of constitutional policing that can be adapted by local and state police academies.

Category 4: Develop resources for the field and provide training and technical assistance to grantees utilizing technology solutions to combat crime, ensure the privacy of data collected, and protect civil rights, thereby enabling agencies to more effectively identify, assess, and respond to specific violent crime challenges and promote improved ethical decisionmaking which results in crime reduction.

Category 5: Develop partnerships with HBCUs that enhance coordination between HBCUs and public safety and state, local, or tribal law enforcement agencies and/or campus police departments to improve law enforcement recruiting efforts.

Deliverables

For all categories, TTA providers must:
Use a diverse range of vetted local and national subject matter experts including practitioners, academics, persons with lived experience, and federal partners.
Coordinate all activities and products with BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) and maintain an online project tracking tool that both the TTA provider and BJA can access and contribute to.

Category 1: Public Safety Partnership National Training and Technical Assistance/Local Law Enforcement Strategy

- Recruit, maintain, and leverage a diverse cadre of Strategic Site Liaisons (SSLs) to work with PSP site(s). An SSL is assigned to each PSP site and works with the assigned site for approximately 3 years, acting as advisor, facilitator, and technical assistance broker. In addition, SSLs help their sites receive TTA—through federal assistance, SMEs, TTA providers, or peer-to-peer assistance—in a number of areas such as outreach and collaboration, and research on evidence-based practices, data analysis, strategic planning, strategy development, and communication strategies. An SSL candidate must have 10 or more years of law enforcement experience of which at least 7 years were spent in a senior executive position. An SSL candidate must be familiar with violence research and evidence-based practices to reduce violence. The SSL candidate must have extensive knowledge and experience with state, local, and federal law enforcement and justice system operations.
- Provide site-specific technical assistance sessions in the PSP focus areas to assist jurisdictions in producing and/or enhancing violent crime strategic plans that, when implemented, will lead to a reduction in violent crime within the jurisdiction. This will include providing direct technical assistance and/or SMEs to PSP sites to implement information-sharing technology solutions that enable agencies to effectively identify, assess, and respond to specific violent crime challenges. Depending on the community crime dynamics, this may involve targeting gun violence, aggravated assault and robberies, domestic violence, witness intimidation, drug trafficking, or addressing violent offender recidivism and rehabilitation.
- Provide analytical support to SSLs and PSP sites to assist in assessing current local initiatives and resources through the collection and analysis of data and evaluation of local violent crime strategies.
- Facilitate initial onsite listening sessions and monthly meetings including SSL, PSP site leadership team, and federal law enforcement from the ATF, DEA, FBI, and USMS local field offices to build and strengthen partnerships.
- Assist current and future PSP sites with implementing anti-violence strategies through the provision of SMEs and other TTA providers to address specific site needs such as gang violence reduction, police collaborations with distressed communities, high crime neighborhoods, officer safety, homicides, nonfatal shootings, technology assessments, crime analysis, victim services, corrections, or other services, as necessary, to include adjacent jurisdictions. Examples of the types of TTA and assessment that have been conducted for PSP sites can be found on the PSP website at https://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/.
- Coordinate the initial 6-month assessment of newly selected PSP sites to provide a baseline understanding of where sites are to aid in the development of each site's strategic plan and guide the delivery of training and technical assistance, with a special emphasis on sustainability planning during the third year.
- Recruit, train, and deploy crime analysts to PSP sites who will provide analytic support and tools that support proactive and coordinated crime prevention and control efforts. Analysts' training should address topics such as crime analysis for crime prevention; strategic problem- solving and violence reduction; people-, place-, and people/place-based strategies; social network analysis; critical thinking for crime analysts; and geospatial approaches to crime analysis. Where appropriate, the TTA provider will work with PSP site representative(s) to train local police department crime analysts and/or identify a local university which can support agencies with PSP site crime analysis.
- Conduct data collection, then review and analyze metrics to assist in the selection of cities that are experiencing a precipitous increase in violent crime for possible participation in PSP, to include smaller/rural areas, including development of comprehensive city profiles.
- Develop case studies on the selected PSP sites' experiences and the results of the PSP TTA/resource delivery model upon completion of the 3-year engagement, as well as a case study of key leadership lessons learned across various sites.

- Enhance PSP sites' capability to address gun crime, from initial detection and recovery through the investigation and processing of both the criminal defendant and the firearms evidence, toward a successful prosecution, utilizing Firearms Tracing and Investigative Tools for Firearms Identification as well as National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN), e-Trace, and establishment and/or implementation of best practices of crime gun intelligence centers.
- Enhance PSP support of local prosecutors through the provision of in-depth assessments of prosecutorial offices to include recommendations for best practices related to increased efficiency and improved performance and resources that can enhance public safety and violence reduction efforts. Examples of prosecution assessment TTA can be found at https://vrnclearinghousefiles.blob.core.windows.net/documents .
- On a quarterly basis, collect and analyze data and report to the PSP dashboard; utilize data in conjunction with local anti-violence strategies to determine the most appropriate approaches to measure the impact of TTA, in consultation with SSLs and research partners.
- Develop a semi-annual evaluation report on PSP to include both a process and impact evaluation of PSP resource delivery.
- Work collaboratively and share information among the selected TTA providers to include the integration of technological tools and maintenance of online project management tools and dashboards to ensure projects are planned and implemented in tandem.
- Coordinate all TTA activities with BJA, to include summaries of TTA events and timely submission of required programmatic and financial status reports.

Category 2: Public Safety Partnership National Training and Technical Assistance/Infrastructure Support

- Develop strategic opportunities for PSP sites to build peer-to-peer support networks, to include support of nationwide onsite peer-to-peer learning opportunities, and share promising and best practices with one another and among criminal justice agencies that have a role in preventing and investigating crime within their jurisdiction.

- Develop and deliver content for the PSP Virtual Academy in addition to data- and analysis-driven law enforcement and criminal justice training that employs a variety of mechanisms to deliver it such as online trainings and other electronic or distance-learning formats, including podcasts, webinars, etc.

- Provide logistical support for TTA and SME activities with DOJ program offices (OJP, Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services) and federal law enforcement agencies (ATF, DEA, FBI, USMS).

- Manage the PSP website (https://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/) and PSP clearinghouse website (https://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/Clearinghouse) to include continuous monitoring of the field to identify emerging trends, promising practices, and model programs that address violent crime. Develop reports, publications, on-line toolkits, and other outreach vehicles to relate the research to the PSP sites.

- Collect, distribute, and maintain site-specific communications, articles of interest, reports, and other relevant information.

- Provide administrative support to PSP to include coordination of PSP conference calls, maintenance of PSP dashboards, note taking, distribution of meeting summaries, and preparation of PSP agendas and briefing materials.

- Assist BJA in providing logistics for national and/or regional symposium(s) convening executive, local, and federal leadership and key stakeholders that offer customized TTA for current and future PSP sites.

- Assist the USAOs in participating jurisdictions with organizing a local violent crime symposium to highlight each PSP site's successes and lessons learned, available DOJ resources, and violence reduction strategies in the final year of the program.

- Recruit, maintain, and leverage a cadre of SMEs to assist PSP sites with the implementation of violent crime reduction strategies and technical assistance; schedule and organize trainings; market trainings and recruit participants; and manage the trainings.

- Create a quarterly PSP newsletter and online annual public report that highlight PSP sites' successes and DOJ resources and TTA.

- Provide data for PSP sites' quarterly and annual reports. Assist in drafting and editing of the PSP reports and publications.

- Work collaboratively and share information among the selected TTA providers to include the integration of technological tools and maintenance of online project management tools and dashboards to ensure projects are planned and implemented in tandem.

- Coordinate all TTA activities with BJA to include report summaries of TTA events and timely submission of required programmatic and financial status reports.

Category 3: Police Academy Training

- Conduct a comprehensive review and assessment of local and state police academy training curricula, as well as international law enforcement agency training (where applicable), to identify promising practices and gaps to aide in the development of updated police academy curricula that promote the tenets of constitutional policing and can be adapted by local and state police academies.
- By request of state and local law enforcement agencies, review and assess police academy practices, protocols, training, and subject matter content to provide recommendations for enhancing training to align with core constitutional and evidence-based standards.
- Activate an advisory board of police executives, researchers, and training directors to identify what is needed to address the existing and predicted needs of academies and police departments.
- Work collaboratively and share information with the BJA National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab (https://bja.ojp.gov/program/law-enforcement-knowledge-lab/overview).

Category 4: Digital Trust

- Manage and maintain the Digital Trust website currently under development to include continuous monitoring of the field to identify emerging trends, promising practices, and model programs that address digital trust. Develop reports, publications, online toolkits, and other outreach vehicles to disseminate the research to the field.
- Assist BJA in the development and convening of several one-day symposia on digital trust to include federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies that have deployed new and emerging technologies as well as public and private companies and universities that produce relevant technologies, software, and applications.

- Provide virtual and/or onsite reviews of agencies' existing policies and procedures related to the use of technological devices, artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, and other data-driven solutions to aide in the development of customized TTA that ensures privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties are protected.

Category 5: Officer Recruitment and Retention Strategic Partnerships with HBCUs

- Develop an officer recruitment and retention campaign to increase the representation of people of color within law enforcement careers and ensure qualified officers of color are supported throughout their careers.

- Develop and pilot the HBCU Law Enforcement Career Pathways project with three HBCUs and partnering law enforcement agencies.

- Assist BJA in the development and convening of several one-day symposia with HBCU representatives and law enforcement executives to help inform the development of a national campaign to aide in the development of best practices in the recruitment, selection, and retention of law enforcement candidates of color.

- Develop a toolkit that can be used by local law enforcement agencies to aid in increasing the diversity of the pool of qualified applicants and the retention of officers.

The Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that show the completed work's results, as discussed in the "Application and Submission Information" section.

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

OJP strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the programs and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide section entitled "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

Federal Award Information

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Awards, Amounts and Durations

Period of Performance Start Date
10/1/22 12:00 AM

Period of Performance Duration (Months)
36

Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation
$11,750,000.00

Additional Information
Period of performance duration: Varies by category

Continuation Funding Intent

BJA may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this solicitation through continuation awards. OJP will consider, among other factors, OJP's strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of the award, and the award-funded work's progress, when making continuation award decisions.

Availability of Funds

This solicitation, and awards (if any are made) under this solicitation, are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law. In addition, nothing in this solicitation is intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States, its departments, agencies, or entities, its officers, employees, or agents, or any other person.

Types of Awards

BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as cooperative agreements, which provide for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Budget Information

Submit a budget that is complete, cost effective, and allowable (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

Budget narratives should demonstrate generally how the applicant will maximize cost effectiveness of grant expenditures. They should explain how costs are intended to meet the objectives of the program and show all calculations. Budget narratives should demonstrate cost effectiveness in relation to potential alternatives and the objectives of the project.

Applicants must set aside an adequate amount of funding to implement a data collection plan.

Technological devices, artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, and other data-driven solutions ("Technological Enhancements") are increasingly used to augment crime reduction strategies and efforts. Care must be taken to assess and address any potential harm that could be activated by these solutions to ensure privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties are protected. Applicants proposing to utilize grant funds to support technological enhancements directly or via training and technical assistance may receive priority consideration if their proposal addresses the tenants of digital trust such as:

- How the technology will be carefully implemented through training of personnel and the setting and enforcement of policies governing its use to ensure that it contributes to positive outcomes for public safety, the community and/or the criminal justice system.
- How the applicant will safeguard privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties throughout the duration of the project period.

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match.

Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs)

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide information on Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs).

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation: Waiver

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide information on the Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver.

Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs.

Costs Associated with Language Assistance (if applicable)

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on Costs Associated with Language Assistance.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

The use of BJA grant funds for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), and all accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV, is unallowable.

Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, see the solicitation cover page.

For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see the "Federal Award Information" section.

Application and Submission Information

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.)

See the "Application Elements and Formatting Instructions" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on what happens to an application that does not contain all the specified elements or is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.

Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

The SF-424 must be submitted in Grants.gov. The SF-424 is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information on completing the SF-424.

In Section 8F. of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants**. JustGrants will use this information *(email address)* to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation ("funding opportunity") **is not** subject to Executive Order 12372. (In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting the response that the "Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.")

Standard Applicant Information (JustGrants 424 and General Agency Information)

The Standard Applicant Information section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. The applicant will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and make edits as needed. Within this section, the applicant will need to: add zip codes for areas affected by the project; confirm its Authorized Representative; and verify and confirm the organization's unique entity identifier, legal name, and address.

Proposal Abstract

A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project, including the purpose of the project, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries and subrecipients (if known), will be completed in the JustGrants web-based form.

Proposal Narrative

The proposal narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed 20 pages. Pages should be numbered and submitted as an attachment. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, BJA may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decision.

The following sections must be included as part of the proposal narrative:

Description of the Issue OR Statement of the Problem if research is involved

Describe why this project/these proposed activities are necessary (significance/value) and/or address a need, and include supporting information.

Project Design and Implementation

Describe the strategy to address the needs identified in the Description of the Issue/Statement of the Problem. List the proposed program activities and describe how they relate to the stated objectives. Activities are the specific actions to be undertaken to fulfill the program objectives and deliverables and reach the program goal(s). Provide a detailed description

of the method(s) to be used to carry out each activity. Provide a timetable indicating when activities or program milestones are to be accomplished.

Capabilities and Competencies

For all categories, TTA providers must:

- Clearly articulate the applicant institution's history of involvement with implementation and technical assistance coordination at a national scope. Illustrate its ability to effectively manage complex training, technical assistance, and national programs and projects.

- Describe the management structure, staffing, and in-house or contracted capacity to complete the objectives and associated deliverables.

- Attach three examples of relevant products the applicant has produced that exemplify high quality products to communicate effectively with stakeholders (e.g., website, fact sheet, research brief, link to archived webinar, technical assistance final report with recommendations, infographics, etc.).

- Include résumé(s)/curriculum vitae of key project staff. Describe in detail staff competency and work experience within a law enforcement agency or as having a work history within a criminal justice organization/association.

- Describe how the proposed management structure and staffing of the project will facilitate the delivery of the TTA services. The management and organizational structure should match the staffing needs necessary to accomplish the tasks outlined in the timeline/ project task plan. Information regarding the personnel assigned to these tasks and whether their résumés and role descriptions are included will contribute to the assignment of points relative to this criterion.

Category-specific Capabilities and Competences:

Categories 1 and 2 National Public Safety Partnership

- Describe the applicant's expertise and experience in managing training and technical assistance for evidence-based law enforcement programs that are national in scope.

- Describe the applicant's experience working with DOJ federal law enforcement organizations.

- Describe the applicant's experience working with local jurisdictions to implement viable research to select law enforcement sites.

Category 3: Developing Support for the Nation's Police Academies

- Describe the applicant's expertise in working with local and state law enforcement agencies on Peace Officer's Standard and Training certification training.

Category 4: Digital Trust and 21$^{\text{st}}$ Century Policing

- Describe the applicant's expertise in working with law enforcement agencies utilizing technological enhancements to increase their capacity to ethically address crime to develop policy and procedures that ensure privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties are protected.

Category 5: Developing Officer Recruitment and Retention Strategic Partnerships with HBCU

- Describe the applicant's expertise in working with historically black colleges and universities to increase awareness of issues facing communities of color and diversity in law enforcement.
- Describe the applicant's experience and history in partnering with HBCUs.
  Describe in detail how the applicant will identify and partner with HBCUs to develop the officer recruitment and

retention campaign and pilot the Career Pathways project in partnership with three historically black colleges and universities.

Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures

Describe the process the applicant will use to measure project performance. This should include measures for adhering to project timelines, meeting deliverable schedules, obtaining input from customers, and seeking feedback from stakeholders.

Identify what data will be collected, who will be responsible for collecting and reporting the data, who is responsible for performance measurement, how the data will be stored, how any personally identifiable information will be protected, and how the information will be used to guide the program.

Note: Applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements.

OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in the "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" discussion. Applicants can visit OJP's performance measurement page at www.ojp.gov/performance for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found at https://bja.ojp.gov/performance-measures/tta-deliverable-performance-metrics.pdf.

BJA will require award recipients to submit performance measure data in the TTA Reporting Portal and separately submit a semi-annual performance report in JustGrants. BJA will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, if selected for award.

Note on Project Evaluations
An applicant that proposes to use award funds through this solicitation to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance in the "Note on Project Evaluations" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

The applicant will submit the Law Enforcement National Initiatives to Improve Public Safety, Enhance Agency Operations via Training, Recruitment and Retention and Building Community Trust proposed project goals, objectives, and deliverables in the JustGrants web-based form.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

The applicant will submit its indirect cost rate agreement by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Financial Management Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)

The applicant will download the questionnaire, complete it, and submit it by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for the link to the questionnaire and additional information.

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

If applicable, the applicant will submit a description of the process used to determine executive compensation by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. See the "Application Attachments" section of the OJP Grant

Application Resource Guide for information.

Additional Application Components

Curriculum Vitae or Resumes

Include position descriptions and résumés for key project personnel.

Timeline Form

Include a comprehensive timeline that identifies milestones, numerically listed deliverables, and who is responsible for each activity (provide title and agency).

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement

If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. The applicant will submit documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Examples of Work Product

Attach three examples of relevant products the organization has produced that exemplify high quality products that communicate effectively with stakeholders (e.g., website, fact sheet, research brief, link to archived webinar, technical assistance final report with recommendations, infographics, etc.).

Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients

Attach a list of proposed subrecipients of grant funding, if applicable, that includes the name, organizational affiliation, and location of the proposed subrecipient entity.

Supporting Documentation of Past Training Delivery Experience

Attach documentation of prior experience delivering training, including URL of website built and maintained, example of individualized technical assistance work plan, sample policy documents, fact sheets, and sample curriculum.

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

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

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

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

If applicable, submit the DOJ High Risk Disclosure and Justification as an attachment in JustGrants. A DOJ High Risk Grantee is an award recipient that has received a DOJ High Risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, or noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or is otherwise not responsible. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

How to Apply

Step 1: The applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html.

Step 2: The applicant must then submit the **full application,** including attachments, in JustGrants in JustGrants.usdoj.gov.

For additional information, see the "How to Apply" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide and the DOJ Application Submission Checklist.

Submission Dates and Time

The **SF-424 and the SF-LLL** must be submitted in Grants.gov by June 8, 2022 8:59 PM.

The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by June 13, 2022 8:59 PM.

OJP urges applicants to submit their Grants.gov and JustGrants submissions prior to the due dates to allow sufficient time to correct errors and resubmit by the submission deadlines if a rejection notification is received. To be considered timely, the **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues

An applicant that experiences unforeseen SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants technical issues beyond its control that prevent application submission by the deadline, must demonstrate all efforts in requesting technical support in order to submit an application by the deadline. Technical support is available via phone and email to the applicable SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants support centers or service desks in which an applicant received a ticket number for resolution. If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical difficulties, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. *Note: If an applicant does not submit all the required Grants.gov forms by the Grants.gov deadline, the applicant will not be able to proceed to the JustGrants portion of the application process.*

An applicant experiencing technical difficulties with the following systems must contact the associated support desk indicated below to report the technical issue and receive a tracking number:

- Grants.gov - contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline

- SAM.gov - contact the SAM Help Desk (Federal Service Desk)

- JustGrants - contact the JustGrants Support Desk at JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833–872–5175

An applicant requesting a waiver to submit a late application must document their request for technical assistance in an email to the OJP Response Center at grants@ncjrs.gov **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline. If an applicant has technical issues with Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the OJP Response Center within 24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. Waiver requests to submit after the submission deadline must:

- Describe the technical difficulties experienced;

- Include a timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., what date and time did the error occur, what date and time was action taken to resolve the issue and resubmit; and what date and time did support representatives respond)

- Include an attachment(s) of the complete grant application and all required documentation and material; and

- Include the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and any applicable SAM.gov tracking number(s), Grants.gov

Help Desk, and JustGrants Support Desk Ticket Numbers.

OJP will review each request for late submission and required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request has been approved or denied. For more details on the waiver process, OJP encourages applicants to review the "Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Application Review Information

Review Criteria

Applications that meet the basic minimum requirements will be evaluated by peer reviewers. Applications will be evaluated on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

1. Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (10%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.

2. Project Design and Implementation (40%)- evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.

3. Capabilities and Competencies (35%) - evaluate the administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.

4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (5%) - evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.

5. Budget (10%) - evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

Other Review Criteria/Factors

Other important considerations for BJA include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those priority areas already mentioned), available funding, past performance, and the extent to which the Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form) accurately explain project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles.

Review Process

Applications submitted under this solicitation that meet the basic minimum requirements, will be evaluated for technical merit by a peer review panel(s) in accordance with OJP peer review policy and procedures using the review criteria listed above.

OJP screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements prior to conducting the peer review. Although specific requirements may vary, the following are common requirements applicable to all OJP solicitations:

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.

- The application must request funding within programmatic funding constraints (if applicable).

- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.

- The application must include all items necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed $250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

Important note on FAPIIS: An applicant may review and comment on any information about itself that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may consider not only peer review ratings and BJA recommendations, but

also other factors as indicated in this section.

Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on award notifications and instructions.

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations, including the applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance. For additional information on these legal requirements, see the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on information technology security.

General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in the "Program Description" section, all award recipients under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

Required reports. Award recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, performance reports, final financial and performance reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. (In appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.)

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measure data.

Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see the solicitation cover page.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see the solicitation cover page.

For contact information for JustGrants, see the solicitation cover page.

Other Information

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a)

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a).

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.

Application Checklist

BJA FY 22 Law Enforcement National Initiatives to Improve Public Safety, Enhance Agency Operations via Training, Recruitment and Retention and Building Community Trust

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. The DOJ Application Submission Checklist is another resource.

What an Applicant Must Do:

Prior to registering in Grants.gov:

- Confirm your Entity's System Award Management (SAM) Registration Information (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

To register in Grants.gov:

- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

To find the funding opportunity:

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, Assistance Listing or keyword(s)
- Select the correct Competition ID
- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Sign up for Grants.gov email notifications (optional) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Read Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8 (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

- Review the "Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2022 Awards" in the OJP Funding Resource Center.

Review Scope Requirement:

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) depending on the category.

Category	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
1	1	$4,450,000	10/01/2022	36
2	1	$4,300,000	10/01/2022	36
3	1	$1,000,000	10/01/2022	24
4	1	$500,000	10/01/2022	12
5	1	$1,500,000	10/01/2022	24

Review Eligibility Requirement:

See solicitation cover page.

Prepare to submit the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL)

- Review Information to complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov
- Complete Standard Applicant Information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- Submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov

After the SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, receive Grants.gov email notifications that:

- Submission has been received in Grants.gov
- Submission has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

If no Grants.gov receipt and validation, or if error notifications are received:

- Contact Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, Grants.gov customer support, or support@grants.gov regarding technical difficulties (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

Receive email notification to complete application in JustGrants:

- Proceed to complete application in JustGrants

Content of Application Submission: Critical Application Elements

The following items are critical application elements required to pass the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the following elements, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form)

Budget and Associated Documentation:

- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

- Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

Additional Application Components:

- Timeline/Project Task Plan

- Position Descriptions and Résumés

- Examples of Work Product

- Supporting Documentation of Past Training Delivery Experience

- Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients

- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

Disclosures and Assurances:

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

Submit application in JustGrants:

- Application has been successfully submitted in JustGrants

If no JustGrants application submission, validation, or if error notifications are received:

- Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov regarding technical difficulties.