

# FY 2023 FIELD INITIATED: ENCOURAGING INNOVATION

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES



**GRANTS.GOV:**  
JUNE 8, 2023

**JUSTGRANTS:**  
JUNE 15, 2023

### Who May Apply:

#### **Category 1 – State, Local, Tribal, or Regional Field Tests with a Research Partnership:**

city, township, county, state, or special district governments; federally recognized Native American 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; for-profit organizations other than small businesses; public, private, and state-controlled institutions of higher education; and public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities

#### **Category 2 – National Strategies To Advance or Translate Knowledge:**

public, private, and state-controlled institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education); public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; 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; and for-profit organizations other than small businesses

### Why Apply:

Receive funding to prevent and reduce crime and enhance the criminal justice system through innovative approaches that accelerate justice by identifying, defining, and responding to emerging or chronic crime problems and systemic issues using innovative approaches.

### Maximum per Award:

Up to \$1,000,000 per award

### BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Entities that propose strategies, including trying new approaches, addressing gaps in responses, building or translating research knowledge, or building capacity.
- Agencies that have not received BJA funding before.

### Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded:

- Respond to precipitous increases in crime, including violent crime, and improve system capacity to track and respond to increases in these kinds of crime.
- Address substance use disorders and/or efforts to prevent or respond to drug overdoses and fatalities.
- Improve outcomes for justice system-involved individuals, including those who are currently or formerly incarcerated.
- Respond to an increase in hate crimes and/or increase access to justice and supportive services.



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## Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/encouraging-innovation-field-initiated-programs/overview> for more information about the Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs and <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171755> or full funding information.

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## Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: [sam.gov/content/home](https://sam.gov/content/home).
  - For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation's cover page at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171755.pdf> for information on who to contact.
  - Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](https://bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars) and review the "Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations."
  - **Subscribe** for email notifications from BJA about funding opportunities and other news at [bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombja](https://bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombja).
  - To be in the know about funding opportunities across the Office of Justice Programs, sign up to receive **JUSTINFO** at: [www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo](https://www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo) and/or the weekly **Funding News** at: [public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP\\_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic\\_id=USDOJOJP\\_COMMS\\_25](https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25).
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## How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

- (1) Register in [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by June 8, 2023.
  - (2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://justgrants.usdoj.gov) by June 15, 2023. The application's major elements are:
    - (a) The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
    - (b) The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
    - (c) The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.
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## ABOUT BJA

BJA helps America's state, local, and tribal jurisdictions reduce and prevent crime, lower recidivism, and promote a fair and safe criminal justice system. BJA provides a wide range of resources—including grants, funding, and training and technical assistance—to law enforcement, courts and corrections agencies, treatment providers, reentry practitioners, justice information sharing professionals, and community-based partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges nationwide. To learn more about BJA, visit [bja.ojp.gov](https://bja.ojp.gov) or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/DOJBJA](https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA)) and Twitter ([@DOJBJA](https://twitter.com/DOJBJA)). BJA is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.