**BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION OVERVIEW**

**FY 23 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY ENFORCEMENT PROGRAM: PROTECTING PUBLIC HEALTH, SAFETY, AND THE ECONOMY FROM COUNTERFEIT GOODS AND PRODUCT PIRACY**

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**Who May Apply:**
State, county, city, or township governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized) and tribal organizations; Special district governments; Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education

**Why Apply:**
Receive funding to improve the coordination of intellectual property (IP) enforcement efforts among federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial authorities in order to investigate and prosecute IP theft and related crimes.

**Maximum per Award:**
Up to $375,000

**BJA encourages the following entities to apply:**
- Agencies that have not received BJA funding before.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

**Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded:**
- Establish and enhance IP enforcement task forces, and improve coordination among authorities.
- Investigate and prosecute IP crimes, with a focus on public health and safety, economic espionage, and commercial counterfeit and piracy.
- Show possible IP links to organized crime, criminal gangs, and drug trafficking.
- Assist task force member agencies in enforcing criminal laws related to IP crimes
- Provide an overview of IP cases and investigations, highlighting successes and ones that showed promise but did not result in arrests.
- Conduct meetings to update, discuss, and collaborate on IP investigations, prosecutions, training, and public awareness.

**Where to get more information about this opportunity:**
Visit [bja.ojp.gov/program/intelectual-property-enforcement-program/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/intelectual-property-enforcement-program/overview) for more information about the program and [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171686](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171686) for full funding information.
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](http://sam.gov/content/home).

• For questions about the program’s requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation's cover page at: [bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171686.pdf](http://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171686.pdf) for information on who to contact.

• Visit BJA Funding Webinars at: [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25).

How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

(1) Register in [Grants.gov](http://Grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by May 23, 2023.

(2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](http://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by May 30, 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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