BJA’S FY 2023 NATIONAL INITIATIVES: LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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 support six national training and technical assistance (TTA) efforts to support law enforcement (LE) and criminal justice stakeholders in key criminal justice operations. These six national efforts include: the Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) National TTA, Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction TTA, De-escalation and Crisis Intervention Model Training Curriculum Development, the Violent Crime Reduction Playbook, Virtual Reality De-escalation TTA, and the Mass Violence Advisory Initiative.

Maximum per Award: Varies by category, from $500,000 to $2,000,000

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: • Deliver TTA and guidance that addresses the needs of SPI grantees. • Assist rural and/or small LE agencies with the development of violence reduction plans unique to their communities. • Develop consensus guidance that improves LE responses to individuals experiencing a mental health crisis. • Deliver TTA to support efforts to implement strategies and/or programs that de-escalate interactions between LE and community members. • Develop and deliver resources to support delivery of peer-to-peer assistance for incidents of mass violence.

Where to get more information about this opportunity: Visit bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171799 for this program’s 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/OBJA-2023-171799.pdf](http://bja.ojp.gov/funding/OBJA-2023-171799.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.”

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- 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).

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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 August 1, 2023.

2. Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](http://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by August 8, 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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