BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION OVERVIEW

FY 2023 REIMAGINING JUSTICE: TESTING A NEW MODEL OF COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAM

Who May Apply: Native American tribal governments (federally recognized) and tribal organizations; Nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education; Private, public, and state-controlled institutions of higher education; Local non-law enforcement government agencies

Why Apply: Receive funding for the development and testing of a new or innovative approach to improving community safety and trust that is an alternative to traditional enforcement mechanisms for neighborhoods experiencing high rates of less serious and low-level criminal offenses.

Maximum per Award: Up 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:
- Create innovative strategies or models to improve community safety.
- Focus on economically disadvantaged neighborhoods where crimes are persistent and concentrated.
- Engage residents and leaders in the target area in the development and implementation of the safety model.
- Work with a research partner to assess needs, document implementation, and develop tools to support the field.
- Build the capacity of local resources and institutions that have the ability to reduce and prevent crime.
- Fund and administer subawards and provide training and technical assistance.

Where to get more information about this opportunity: Visit bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171745 for the 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/O-BJA-2023-171745.pdf](http://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171745.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 June 20, 2023.

2. Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](http://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by June 27, 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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