### FY 2023 RURAL AND SMALL DEPARTMENT VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAM

**Who May Apply:** City or township, county, or federally recognized Native American tribal governments

**Why Apply:** Receive funding to support small and rural agencies, including prosecutors’ offices, in their efforts to combat violent crime.

**Maximum per Award:** Up to $300,000 per award

**BJA encourages the following entities to apply:**
- Entities that have not received BJA funding before

**Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded:**
- Implement or improve agency capacity using critical elements found in the *Violent Crime Reduction Operations Guide (VCROG)*.
- Implement or improve prosecutor office capacity using critical elements in the *Prosecutors’ Guide to Reducing Violence and Building Safer Communities*.
- Complete the VCROG online assessment tool.
- Partner with a researcher or subject matter expert.
- Participate and/or host a regional “crime fighters conference” in collaboration with BJA.

**Where to get more information about this opportunity:** Visit [https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171729](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171729) 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: [https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171729.pdf](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171729.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 13, 2023.

2. Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](http://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by June 20, 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.

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](http://bja.ojp.gov) or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/DOJBJA](http://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA)) and Twitter (@DOJBJA). BJA is a component of the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs.