

# FY 2023 RURAL AND SMALL DEPARTMENT VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:  
JUNE 13, 2023

JUSTGRANTS:  
JUNE 20, 2023

**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> for 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-2023-171729.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 13, 2023.
- (2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://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.

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