

# FY 2024 FIELD INITIATED: ENCOURAGING INNOVATION

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES



**GRANTS.GOV:**  
AUGUST 9, 2024

**JUSTGRANTS:**  
AUGUST 16, 2024

### Who May Apply:

**Category 1 – State, Local, or Tribal Innovations [with a Research Partnership]:** city, township, county, or state governments; other units of local government, such as towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a state; federally recognized Native American tribal governments; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; for-profit organizations other than small businesses; small businesses; public, private, and state-controlled institutions of higher education; and public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities

**Category 2 – National or Regional Strategies To Advance or Translate Knowledge:** public, private, and state-controlled institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education); public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; small businesses; and for-profit organizations other than small businesses

**Category 3 - Address the recent increase in carjacking incidents, using the methods under Category 1 (state, local, or tribal innovations with a research partnership) or Category 2 (national or regional strategies to advance or translate knowledge):** city or township governments; public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education; county governments; state governments; public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; native American tribal governments (federally recognized); nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; private institutions of higher education; for-profit organizations other than small businesses; small businesses; units of local government

### Why Apply:

Receive funding to prevent and reduce crime, improve community safety, and strengthen criminal justice system outcomes through innovative approaches that accelerate justice by identifying, defining, and responding to emerging or chronic crime problems and systemic issues.

### Maximum per Award:

Up to \$1,000,000 per award

### BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Entities that propose strategies, including trying new approaches, addressing gaps in responses, building or translating research knowledge, or building capacity.
- Agencies that have not previously received BJA funding.

### Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Develop innovative, fair, and equitable responses to precipitous increases in crime, including violent and hate crimes, and improve system capacity to track and respond to increases in these kinds of crime.
- Innovative ideas addressing the recent increase in carjacking incidents, or
- implement strategies to advance or enhance public knowledge.
- Build new or alternative strategies such as restorative justice, community responder, and diversion programs to prevent unnecessary criminal justice system involvement and enhance outcomes for those already involved.



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## Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/encouraging-innovation-field-initiated-programs/overview> for more information about the Encouraging Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs and <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172182> or 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 at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172182.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-newsfrombjja](https://bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombjja).
  - 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 August 9, 2024.
  - (2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://justgrants.usdoj.gov) by August 16, 2024. 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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## 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](https://bja.ojp.gov) or follow us on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/DOJBJA](https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA)) and X (@DOJBJA). BJA is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.