FY 2024 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 through the implementation of a comprehensive violent crime reduction strategy.

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

BJA encourages the following entities to apply: • Entities that have not previously received BJA funding.

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 to develop a comprehensive violent crime reduction strategy.
• Participate and/or host a regional peer exchange(s) in collaboration with BJA.
• Develop a comprehensive violent crime reduction strategy in partnership with the Small and Rural TTA provider.

Where to get more information about this opportunity: Visit https://bja.ojp.gov/program/rvcri/overview for more information about the program and https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172045 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 at: [https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172045.pdf](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172045.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 May 15, 2024.

2. Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](http://JustGrants.usdoj.gov) by May 22, 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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