

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

# PREVENTING VIOLENCE AGAINST LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS AND ENSURING OFFICER RESILIENCE AND SURVIVABILITY (VALOR) INITIATIVE

**This webinar will begin shortly**



**BJA**  
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# Agenda

- **Overview of the VALOR Program**
- **Eligibility**
- **Solicitation Categories**
- **Things to Keep in Mind**
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# VALOR Initiative Overview



- National training and technical assistance (TTA) initiative
- State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement
- Distinct programs addressing officer safety and wellness (OSW) topics & concerns
- Research/Evidence-based
- Innovative, behavior-changing TTA based on adult learning principles



# Eligibility

- For profit organizations other than small businesses;
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS;
- Institutions of higher education, including private institutions of higher education and public and state controlled institutions of higher education;
- State governments, county governments, city or township governments, and special district governments; and
- Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized).

# Solicitation Categories

- Category 1: VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Training and Technical Assistance Program (VALOR Program)
- Category 2: National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers Program (SAFLEO Program)
- Category 3: Law Enforcement Agency and Officer Resilience Training Program (Resilience Program)
- Category 4: National Law Enforcement Roadway Safety Program (NLERS Program)

*One award under each category*

## Category 1: VALOR Officer Safety and Wellness Training and Technical Assistance Program (VALOR Program)

- Continue and further enhance BJA's flagship OSW suite of training, resources, and technical assistance.
- \$6,700,000
- 18, 24, or 36 month performance period starting 10/1/22
- Fast paced program; also provides support to BJA for the entire Initiative, including a VALOR Initiative database (“dashboard”)



## Category 1: VALOR Program, con't.

- Capacity to provide online/virtual and in-person TTA in multiple locations concurrently
- Deliverables listed on pages 9 and 10 of solicitation
- Possible subawards/microgrants to evaluate VALOR Program impact

## Category 2: National Suicide Awareness for Law Enforcement Officers Program (SAFLEO Program)

- Continue and further enhance BJA's law enforcement suicide prevention, education, and awareness work.
- \$2,100,000
- 18, 24, or 36 month performance period starting 10/1/22
- Fast paced program
- Capacity to provide online/virtual and in-person TTA in multiple locations concurrently



## Category 2: SAFLEO Program, con't.

- Culturally informed and culturally sensitive TTA addressing the complex nature of policing and factors that can have an effect on officers possibly developing suicidal ideation
- Resources for agencies, officers, family members/friends, and other appropriate stakeholders
- Deliverables listed on pages 11 and 12 of solicitation

## Category 3: Law Enforcement Agency and Officer Resilience Training Program (Resilience Program)

- Continue and further enhance BJA's law enforcement resilience skills-building TTA program.
- \$1,800,000
- 18 or 24 month performance period starting 10/1/22
- Capacity to provide online/virtual and in-person TTA; maximize number of agencies and officers trained

## Category 3: Resilience Program, con't.

- Skill-based trainings with skills exercises and reinforcement resources
- Capacity to deliver trainings concurrently in multiple locations or with marked frequency
- Deliverables listed on pages 12 and 13 of solicitation

## Category 4: National Law Enforcement Roadway Safety Program (NLEERS Program)

- Continue and further enhance BJA's law enforcement roadway safety training and resource program.
- \$1,100,000
- 18 or 24 month performance period starting 10/1/22
- TTA on roadway threats and concerns and should include, but not be limited to: traffic stops, emergency vehicle operations, all-weather driving, and directing traffic



## Category 4: NLEERS Program, con't.

- Capacity to deliver trainings concurrently in multiple locations or with marked frequency
- Deliverables listed on pages 13 and 14 of solicitation

# Things to Keep in Mind – Application

- Training Delivery Chart submission with application
- Subject Matter Experts and Key Personnel Resumes with application
- Program timeline for major milestones and deliverables with application
- Proposal of additional deliverables

# Additional Things to Keep in Mind

- Closely work with BJA; regularly scheduled voice/video calls
- Creation of an Advisory Board
- Participation in two VALOR Initiative provider meetings
- Coordination/Collaboration with partner VALOR Initiative providers

# Additional Things to Keep in Mind, con't.

- Required VALOR Initiative database entries
- Ad hoc tasks/deliverables
- Potential for time-sensitive data calls/requests
- Continuation funding may be provided and is subject to availability of appropriated funds and program performance

# Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Are the competitive programs under this solicitation meant for entities to apply to receive training and/or technical assistance?

A: No. Applicants under this solicitation must be proposing to develop and deliver training and/or technical assistance to the policing field.

Q: Can my organization apply under more than one category?

A: Yes. Entities may submit applications under more than one category. Each application must specifically address what is being requested under that specific category.

# Frequently Asked Questions, con't.

Q: What should be included in my application?

A: Please review the “Application and Submission Information” section of the solicitation, beginning on page 16. Among what is needed: Abstract, Narrative, Budget Worksheet, Budget Narrative, Training Delivery Chart, Timeline, Resumes, etc.

Q: Can my organization propose to partner with other entities?

A: Yes. Partnering with other entities is allowable but only one entity may submit the application and assume fiscal/management responsibilities. We encourage applicants to identify those partner organizations within the application, when possible.

# **BJA FY 2022 Resources Available for Grant Applicants**

# Application Assistance

## Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL.
  - **Customer Support Hotline** – 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035
    - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
  - **Email**
    - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
    - [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

# Application Assistance (cont.)

## JustGrants Technical Support

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).
  - **Customer Support Hotline** – 833-872-5175
    - Monday – Friday between 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM ET
    - Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM ET
  - **Email**
    - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
    - [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov)

# Application Assistance and Support (cont.)

## OJP Response Center

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance.
- **email** - [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)
- **web chat** - <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- **toll free** at 800–851–3420;
- **TTY** at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

The Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

## Subscribe

- Subscribe to receive email notifications of new funding opportunities and other resources.
  - Sign-up to receive the twice monthly **JUSTINFO** newsletter as well as the weekly **Funding News** email.
  - Subscribe at <https://www.ojp.gov/subscribe> and be sure to select “Grants/funding” as an area of interest.

# Reminder: Dual Deadlines

Applications will be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline:

- Step 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov). Deadline – May 20, 2022; 8:59 PM
- Step 2: Submit the full application, with attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov). Deadline – May 25, 2022; 8:59 PM

*\*NOTE: Submission deadline times for both Grants.gov and JustGrants are now 8:59pm ET, not 11:59pm ET as in past years.*

**Read the solicitations carefully for further guidance.**

# Resources for FY 2022 Grant Applicants

- OJP Funding Resource Center  
<https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>
- DOJ Grants Financial Guide  
<https://ojp.gov/financilaguidedojoj/overview>
- DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training  
<https://www.ojp.gov/training/financial-management-training>
- OJP Grant Application Resource Guide  
<https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>

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**BJA's website** – <https://bja.ojp.gov>

# Quick Reference: Important Contacts



## Solicitation Content Assistance

1-800-851-3420

Grants@ncjrs.gov

10-6 EST, M-F



## Submit the SF-424 and SF- LLL

1-800-518-4726

Support@grants.gov

24 hours a day, 7 days a week



JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

## Submit full application

1-833-872-5175

JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

5-9 EST, M-F

9-5 EST, Weekends, Holidays

# Questions?

Enter in the Q&A box and send to All Panelists