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

This webinar will begin shortly
Agenda

• Overview of the VALOR Program
• Eligibility
• Solicitation Categories
• Things to Keep in Mind
• FAQs
• Review of Resources Available to Grant Applicants
• Questions

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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 (NLERS 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: NLERS 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](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html)
    • 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](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
- **web chat** - [https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp](https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp)
- **toll free** at 800–851–3420;
- **TTY** at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

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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://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/financialguidedoj/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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5-9 EST, M-F
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Questions?

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