FY 2024 Internet of Things (IoT) National Training and Technical Assistance Program

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Welcome

TODAY’S PRESENTER:

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OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS

- OJP provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

- BJA – Bureau of Justice Assistance
- BJS – Bureau of Justice Statistics
- NIJ – National Institute of Justice
- OVC – Office for Victims of Crime
- OJJDP – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- SMART – Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking
U.S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA’s mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and Tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

https://bja.ojp.gov
Welcome

Karhlton F. Moore
Director, Bureau of Justice Assistance
BJA’s programmatic and policy efforts on providing a wide range of resources, including training and technical assistance, to law enforcement, courts, corrections, treatment, reentry, justice information sharing, and community-based partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges nationwide.

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<td>provides national leadership to criminal justice organizations that partner with BJA to identify effective program models for replication and infuse data-driven, evidence-based strategies into operational models, practices, and programs.</td>
<td>administers state, local, tribal, and territorial grant programs. It acts as BJA’s direct line of communication to states, local jurisdictions, territories, and tribal governments by providing customer-focused grants management support and careful stewardship over federal funds.</td>
<td>coordinates all communication, formulates and executes the budget, manages contracts, measures grantees’ performance, and provides administrative support to BJA.</td>
<td>provides death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers, and disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty.</td>
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Five Major Strategic Focus Areas

- Improve public safety through measures which build trust with the community and ensure an effective criminal justice system
- Reduction in recidivism and prevention of unnecessary confinement and interactions with the criminal justice system
- Integration of evidence-based, research-driven strategies into the day-to-day operations of BJA and the programs BJA administers and supports
- Increasing program effectiveness with a renewed emphasis on data analysis, information sharing, and performance management
- Ensuring organizational excellence through outstanding administration and oversight of all of BJA's strategic investments
Fund – Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals.

Educate – Research, develop, and deliver what works.

 Equip – Create tools and products to build capacity and improve outcomes.

Partner – Consult, connect, and convene.
Webinar Topics

• Program overview
• Program purpose
• Available funding
  o What are allowable costs?
  o What are non-allowable costs?
• Agency eligibility
• How to submit an application
• Review and award process
• Attachments
• Available agency assistance.
Program Overview

- The BJA Internet of Things (IoT) National Training and Technical Assistance Program is designed to support law enforcement officers, public safety officers, and prosecutors by providing training and technical assistance (TTA) to state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement officials; intelligence analysts; prosecutors; judges; fusion center staff; and other criminal justice entities who prevent, investigate, and respond to crimes using wireless devices. These crimes are committed using networked computers, handheld devices, and internet technology; some examples include various kinds of theft (financial, identify, etc.), cyberstalking, hijacking accounts on social networking websites, infrastructure intrusions, and hacking (i.e., reconfiguring or reprogramming a system to function in ways not approved by the owner, administrator, or designer).

- This program furthers the DOJ’s mission to uphold the rule of law, to keep our country safe, and to protect civil rights.
Program Purpose

• Provide high-quality, cost-effective training to the field, in a hybrid model of online and in-person training, with regard to systems of interrelated, internet-connected objects that are able to collect and transfer data over a wireless network without human intervention.

• Provide high-quality, cost-effective technical assistance to state, local, territorial, and tribal jurisdictions with regard to the IoT.

• Provide training to state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies so they can provide awareness education to their communities with regard to the IoT to reduce victimization.

• Funding under this solicitation is specifically to provide training to state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies, but should also include prosecutors, probation/parole, judges, and other criminal justice agencies.
Available funding

- This program is funded under the Economic, High-Technology, White Collar, and Internet Crime Prevention (ECrime) National Training and Technical Assistance allocation.

- $1,760,000 Million has been allocated for this program.

- Eligible applicants may request **up to $440,000**.

- Applicant’s requests **must** be for allowable items.

- BJA anticipates on issuing 4 awards under this program.

- The award period is for 18 months and needs to be reflected in the budget.

- The awards will be issued as cooperative agreements.
What ARE allowable cost?

• Equipment for the development and presentation of training for the IoT program

• Education, training, conferences (must be reasonable)
  o If a webinar, it should be made available to all interested criminal justice agencies.
  o If it is an in-person training, SLTT agencies get priority over federal agencies.

• Items must be reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities.

NOTE: BJA has the discretion to approve or deny any costs requested by the applicant.
What ARE NON-allowable cost?

- No vehicles of any kind are allowed
- Foreign travel or excessive travel
- Service costs/contracts (cellphones, wireless service for laptops, etc.)
- Items requested in previous awards issued by BJA
- Food or refreshments for any hosted presentations, trainings, or meetings
- Any land acquisition or construction project

**NOTE:** Any questions contact OJP Response Center; 800-851-3420
Agency Eligibility

Private institutions of higher education
Public- and state-controlled institutions of higher

Applicants must be institutions of higher learning that provide training in computer forensics and digital investigation and that possess experience in providing TTA on a national level to state, local, and tribal law enforcement officials; intelligence analysts; prosecutors; judges; staff who work in fusion centers; and other criminal justice entities who prevent, investigate, and respond to crimes committed through the use of wireless devices and the internet. In addition, applicants are required to have the capacity to deliver TTA nationally to include remote locations and underserved communities throughout the United States and its territories, as needed.

NOTE: Applications from multiple agencies in the same jurisdiction will not be funded
Deliverables for the program

• Develop both online and classroom-style trainings addressing issues related to the IoT.

• Collect and maintain data on IoT devices and capabilities; have ability to share information.

• Develop instructional aides for attendees (this should include materials for attendees to provide community awareness presentations in their jurisdiction)

• Provide content and manage these items for the BJA-supported Law Enforcement Cyber Resource Center, hosted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) in conjunction with the Police Executive Research Forum (PERF) and the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C).

• Deliver technical assistance (as requested) that is designed to address the specific need(s) of a requesting jurisdiction or agency. Applicants should outline the elements of an effective technical assistance process, including the specific steps associated with selecting jurisdictions or agencies to receive assistance.
Application process

There is a two-step application process

Step 1: Application Grants.gov Deadline:
May 15, 2024 8:59 PM ET

Step 2: Application JustGrants Deadline:
May 22, 2024 8:59 PM ET

NOTE: If the deadline for Grants.gov is missed, an application CANNOT be submitted to JustGrants
Required documents in application

- Proposal Abstract

- Proposal Narrative
  - Description of the Issue
  - Project Design and Implementation
  - Capabilities and Competencies
  - Plan for Collecting Data for Performance Measures

- Budget Web-Based Form
  (ensure items are entered correctly . . . funding lines and category)

**NOTE:** failure to include these documents may result in the disqualification of application
Additional documents for inclusion

• Disclosure of Lobbying form signed and dated by the Authorizing Official
• Duplication of Cost acknowledgement
• Financial Capability Questionnaire (complete and signed)
• Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
• Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire
• Limitation on Employee Compensation; Waiver
• Resumes for key personnel
• Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)
• Memoranda of Understanding (optional, but must be included in applicable)

NOTE: Refer to the solicitation about these documents, questions OJP Response Center (page2)
Application review process

• Verify:
  o Applicant is eligible
  o Applicant has submitted required documents

• Conduct peer review process (3 SMEs from the field)

• Review recommendations of peer review

• Evaluate proposed program/project

• Review budgets and verify allowable costs

• Approval process through BJA

• Notification to applicants (successful or unsuccessful)

• Final budget clearance
Things to keep in mind

• Read the entire solicitation
• Verify that you meet the eligibility for this program
• Budget numbers are correct for project period and totals are correct
• Clearly articulate your program in the allowed space requirements
• Provide ALL items mentioned in the solicitation are reflected in your narrative.
• Be cognizant of deadlines
• Follow directions provided in the solicitation
• Use solicitation contacts to ask questions – DO NOT ASSUME
• Double check required documents are attached to the application
• **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO SUBMIT**

**NOTE:** If you are having technical difficulties submitting, contact technical assistance immediately.
BJA FY 2024 Resources
Available for Grant Applicants
FY24 Internet of Things National Training and Technical Assistance Program

Opportunity ID: O-BJA-2024-172036
Solicitation Status: Open
Fiscal Year: 2024
Closing Date: May 22, 2024
Posting Date: March 18, 2024
Solicitation Type: Competitive
Grants.gov Deadline: May 15, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern
Application JustGrants Deadline: May 22, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern

Available Funding
Past Funding
Funding Awards
Peer Review
Successful Applications
NEPA Guidance
Performance Measures
Real Property Reporting

Who May Apply:
- Public, private, and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Institutions that have not previously received BJA funding

Why Apply:
- Receive funding to provide training and technical assistance (TTA) to state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement officials; intelligence analysts; prosecutors; judges; fusion center staff; and other criminal justice entities who prevent, investigate, and respond to crimes using wireless devices.

Maximum per Award:
- $440,000

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:
- Institutions that have not previously received BJA funding

Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded:
- Deliver training to state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies so they can provide awareness education to their communities.
- Provide educational materials about the Internet of Things to be used by jurisdictions for their communities.
- Manage these issues for the BJA-supported Law Enforcement Cyber Resource Center.
- Collect data on the capabilities of Internet of Things devices, maintain a database, and share as directed by BJA.
- Increase the ability of criminal justice agencies to solve problems and modify policies or practices related to preventing, investigating, and responding to the Internet of Things.

Where to get more information about this opportunity:
- Visit [https://ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172036](https://ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172036) for full funding information.
### Application Assistance

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OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

SAM.gov Entity Validation Update

GSA implemented a new process to validate an entity’s legal business name and physical address when requesting a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and for completing a SAM.gov entity registration. Due to a high volume of requests, entity validations are taking longer than expected to process. This validation process is now taking 7-10 business days, and in some cases longer.

OJP strongly recommends starting your SAM.gov registration process as soon as possible to allow the time necessary to process entity validations well in advance of the Grants.gov due date posted in the solicitation. Read this FAQ for more information.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Grant Application Resource Guide ("Guide") provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding. It addresses a variety of policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP program applicants, as well as grants and cooperative agreements awarded in fiscal year (FY) 2023. Some OJP programs may have program solicitations that expressly modify a provision of this Guide; in such cases, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in the solicitation as to any such expressly modified provision.

https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide
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://Grants.gov)
  - Deadline – May 15, 2023; 8:59pm ET

- **Step 2:** Submit the full application, with attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov)
  - Deadline – May 22, 2023; 8:59pm ET

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

**NOTE:** Submission deadline times for both Grants.gov and JustGrants are now 8:59pm ET, not 11:59pm ET as in past years.
Resources for FY 2024 Grant Applicants

- OJP Funding Resource Center
  https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm

- DOJ Grants Financial Guide
  https://ojp.gov/financialaguidedoj/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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- Subscribe to “Justice Matters” and “News From BJA” to receive the latest information from BJA and the field.

- For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit BJA’s website: [www.bja.ojp.gov](http://www.bja.ojp.gov).
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https://www.ojp.gov/subscribe
Contact the OJP Response Center:

- Email: grants@ncjrs.gov
- Toll free: 800–851–3420
- TTY: 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.
FINAL THOUGHTS!

• Read the entire solicitation
• Ask questions
• Remember dual deadlines
• Apply early
• Double check:
  o Application guidelines are followed
  o ALL required attachments are included
  o Letters of support are included in submission
• Any problems entering application contact the appropriate technical assistance provider
Quick Reference: Important Contacts

support@grants.gov

**Technical Assistance Submitting** the FULL APPLICATION into JustGrants: 833–872–5175
JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

**Technical Assistance** with Programmatic Requirements contact the OJP Response Center: 800–851–3420
grants@ncjrs.gov
Questions?

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