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Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program (BCJI)

FY 2014 Funding Overview

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Agenda

- BCJI background and goals
- Core elements of the BCJI approach
- Categories of FY 2014 Awards
- What to expect:
 - Structure of a BCJI effort
 - BCJI technical assistance
- How to apply
- Resources
- Q & A

Speakers

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Neighborhood Revitalization Initiative (NRI)

<http://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/oua/initiatives/neighborhood-revitalization>

- The NRI is a White House-led federal partnership that supports transformation of distressed neighborhoods into neighborhoods of opportunity.
- Launched in Oct. 2012, BCJI is a flagship NRI program
- Working in coordination helps achieve a much bigger impact in distressed communities than any one agency could accomplish alone.



BCJI Goals

- Reduce crime and improve community safety
- Support neighborhoods in the design and implementation of effective comprehensive approaches to addressing crime within a targeted neighborhood
- Advance neighborhood revitalization through cross-sector community-based partnerships



Core Elements of the BCJI Approach

- Place-based, with emphasis on crime hot spots
- Data-driven and research-informed
- Shaped with input from community members
- Guided and implemented by a cross-sector partnership
- Integrated with other revitalization efforts



Two Categories of FY 2014 Awards

- Category 1: Planning
 - Up to 15 awards of up to \$100,000 each
 - 18 month term
- Category 2: Planning & Implementation
 - Up to 5 awards of up to \$1,000,000 each
 - 36 month term
 - Special Withholding Condition: Maximum \$150,000 available during the planning phase



Structure of a BCJI Effort

Both Categories

- *Start up:* Convene cross sector management team and engage a local research partner (first 3 months)
- *Planning:* Analyze crime and its drivers in the target area using diverse data sources and input from community members (first 6-12 months)
- *Strategy development:* Synthesize findings and select evidence-based or innovative strategies (by 12 months)



Structure of a BCJI Effort (continued)

Category 2 Only

- *Implementation:* Implement strategies with ongoing input from the community and cross sector partners, including analysis of progress and results by the researcher (13-36 months)
- *Final report:* Summary report due (36 months)



BCJI Technical Assistance

- TA provided by Local Initiatives Support Corporation with criminal justice and community development partners
- TA is organized around four core curriculum areas:
 - (a) Using data and research to inform place-based crime prevention strategies
 - (b) Engaging community members in BCJI
 - (c) Supporting strong, sustainable cross-sector partnerships
 - (d) Integrating crime reduction with revitalization





BCJI Technical Assistance (continued)

- BCJI website: www.lisc.org/bcji
- Implementation Plan Guidance and suggested program milestones:
[http://www.lisc.org/csi/byrne_criminal_justice_innovation_\(bcji\)/bcji_news_&_events/index.php](http://www.lisc.org/csi/byrne_criminal_justice_innovation_(bcji)/bcji_news_&_events/index.php)
- FAQs about the FY 2014 solicitation
- Examples of collaborative place-based crime prevention strategies: www.lisc.org/csi



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FY 2014 Solicitation

- The BCJI solicitation can be accessed through www.grants.gov (Announcement number: BJA-2014-3822) or through BJA's website at: <https://www.bja.gov/Funding/14BCJIsol.pdf>
- Applications due Tuesday, May 6, 2014 by 11:59pm EST
- Submit via Grants.gov. BJA strongly encourages that applicants submit the application well in advance of the deadline.



FY 2014 Solicitation: Fiscal Agent Role

The Fiscal Agent must work with partners to (see, page 14):

- Coordinate a cross-sector partnership
- Engage residents and cross-sector partners to develop a comprehensive strategic plan
- Support data collection and analysis throughout the life of the grant
- Collaborate with other relevant local, state or federal initiatives
- Support the planning and sustainment of the program



FY 2014 Solicitation: Other Critical Partners

- Research partner
- Local law enforcement agency
- Community leaders
- Other cross sector partners, possibly including entities involved in criminal justice, physical/economic development, service provision and organizing in the target area
- *Note MOU and letter requirements described on page 21 of the solicitation*



Resources

- FY2014 Solicitation:
<https://www.bja.gov/Funding/14BCJIsol.pdf>
- BCJI Website:
www.lisc.org/bcji
- OJP's clearinghouse of evidence-based criminal justice programs:
www.crimesolutions.gov
- BJA Grant Writing and Management Academy:
<http://bj.ncjrs.gov/gwma/index.html>



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Q & A



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