

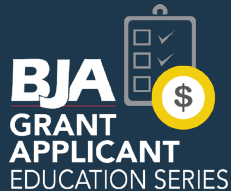
BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY IN 2020: AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT'S AHEAD

BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

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Agenda

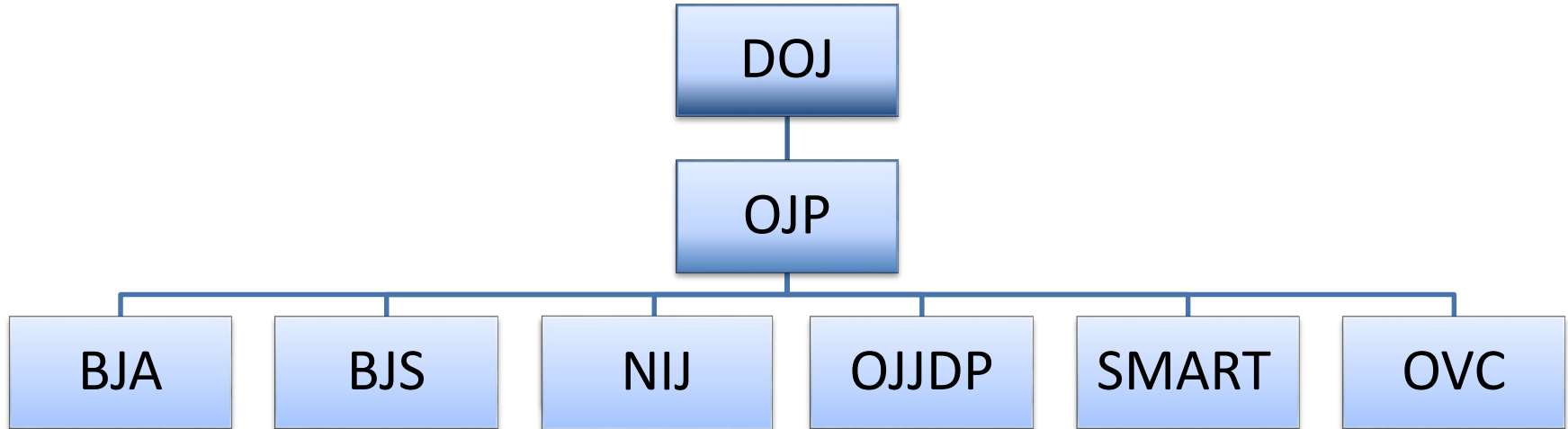
- Overview of OJP and BJA
- Explanation of funding opportunities available*
- Review of the FY 2020 U.S. Department of Justice Program Plan
- Question and answer session

*Note: Please note the following disclaimer: All Grant Program Plan and Forecast data provided by the U.S. Department of Justice is subject to the availability of appropriations and potential legislative changes of statutory requirements. The information provided by DOJ is based on projected operational plans and may be updated frequently, including the addition, substitution, or cancellation of projected solicitations without advance notice. Grants.gov, provides an e-mail subscription service, upon request, to be notified when solicitations are officially released.

What Is the Office of Justice Programs (OJP)?

- 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. The other two follow:
 - Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
 - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

OJP Bureaus and Offices



BJA Mission Statement

BJA provides leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to reduce violent crime and strengthen communities.

To learn more about BJA, visit www.bja.gov, or follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA/>) and Twitter (@DOJBJA).

Administration Priorities

Funding through BJA is aligned with the Administration's priorities to reduce violent crime, prosecute more drug and felonious gun cases while also supporting the safety of law enforcement officers.

Types of BJA Grants

Discretionary

- Awarded *directly* by OJP to eligible recipients.
- Applicants apply directly to OJP/BJA.
- Most often awarded on a competitive basis.
- Applications undergo a preliminary review process to ensure that they are complete and meet the eligibility requirements.

Formula

- Are usually administered and managed by State Administering Agencies or other BJA approved fiscal agents.
- Are most often on a noncompetitive basis.
- Distribution of funds among eligible recipients is either statutorily defined, or defined by distribution process specified by BJA.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Formula

- JAG is OJP’s flagship grant program and the leading source of federal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions.
- JAG funds may be used across eight broad purpose areas:
 - (A) Law enforcement programs.
 - (B) Prosecution and court programs.
 - (C) Prevention and education programs.
 - (D) Corrections and community corrections programs.
 - (E) Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
 - (F) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
 - (G) Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).
 - (H) Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Total Funding Available for Local JAG: Up to \$113,000,000
 - Estimated Total Funding Available for State JAG: Up to \$175,000,000

BJA FY 20 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program

- The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program assists states and local governments to develop and implement substance abuse treatment programs in state, local, and tribal correctional and detention facilities.
- Funds are also available to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for offenders.
- FY 2020 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 56
 - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$467,857

John R. Justice Grant Program

- The John R. Justice (JRJ) Program assists states and territories in providing loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to extended employment in those roles. By assisting in the recruitment and retention of qualified attorneys, the program helps to fulfill the Department's mission to enhance the criminal justice system.
- FY 2020 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 56
 - Estimated Average State Award Amount: Up to \$32,307

STOP School Violence Program

- The purpose of the STOP School Violence solicitation is to ensure that students are safe in school by providing students and teachers with resources and tools for recognizing, responding quickly to, and preventing acts of violence.
- In FY 2020, BJA will post one solicitation that will address threat assessment, mental health training, and technology solutions such as anonymous reporting systems.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 75
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program

- The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program is designed to:
 - Support diversion and alternatives to incarceration programs for nonviolent individuals who come in contact with the justice system as a result of abusing illicit and prescription opioids;
 - Implement and enhance prescription drug monitoring programs;
 - Promote cross-system planning and coordination of service delivery;
 - Reduce the incidence of fatal overdoses associated with opioid use.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: TBD
 - Estimated Funding Available: \$157,000,000

Project Safe Neighborhoods

- Project Safe Neighborhoods is designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in crime associated with gang and gun violence.
- The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies engaged in a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney in each district.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 93
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$350,000

Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs)

- Through a competitive process and in partnership with ATF, BJA provides funding for local law enforcement agencies to procure and learn how to use technology for collecting, processing, analyzing, investigating, and prosecuting illegal firearms.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 6
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$700,000

Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)

- Support inventorying, testing, and tracking sexual assault kits.
- Access necessary training.
- Engage in multidisciplinary policy development, implementation, and coordination.
- Improve practices related to investigation, prosecution, and victim engagement and provide support in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Funding Available: Up to \$47,000,000
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,250,000

Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI)

- Target a pressing operational or crime reduction issue for innovation and intensive intervention.
- Partner with a researcher to evaluate the project and results.
- Receive intensive training and technical assistance (TTA).
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$700,000

Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs)

- The intent of the program is to help agencies develop, implement, and evaluate a BWC program as one tool in a law enforcement agency's comprehensive problem-solving approach to improve officer safety, enhance evidentiary values, and enhance officer interactions in ways that contribute to building community trust and facilitating cooperative engagements.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 85
 - Estimated Award – Depending on Size of Agency: Up to \$10,000–\$3,000,000

Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force To Combat Human Trafficking

- The BJA Human Trafficking solicitation will support law enforcement, prosecution, and other key partners to build agency infrastructure, increase operational capacity, and expand investigative and prosecutorial skills to better prevent and combat all forms of human trafficking.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: TBD
 - Estimated Funding Available: TBD

Intellectual Property Enforcement Program (IPEP)

- IPEP is designed to provide national support and improve the capacity of state, local, and tribal criminal justice systems to address IP enforcement, including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$250,000

Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime

- This program provides state, local, and tribal prosecutors with information, and resources to develop effective strategies and programs to address violent crime.
- It is also recognized that prosecutors' offices carry attorney caseloads well above recommended levels, lack critical support staff, and rely on outdated information technology to manage their caseloads which can have a negative impact on victims, criminal defendants, and public safety. Accordingly, IPS will address that need as well as struggle to effectively adjust to the growing amount of evidence and the subsequent intricacies of the investigation and prosecution of crimes, particularly cyber, human trafficking, gun and drug crimes.
- IPS supports the use of technology, intelligence, and data analytics in innovative ways that enable prosecutors to focus resources on the people and places associated with high concentrations of criminal activity.
- This program will support the Department's Project Guardian efforts.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 18
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$350,000

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC)

- JMHCPC supports innovative cross-system collaboration to improve responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 24
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$750,000

Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals With Dementia and Developmental Disabilities Program

- Supports local jurisdictions' efforts to reduce the number of deaths and injuries of individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's Disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who due to their condition wander from safe environments.
- Provides funding to develop or operate programs to prevent wandering, increase individuals' safety, and facilitate rescues and for public safety agencies to implement locative technologies to track missing individuals, and for such agencies and partnering nonprofit organizations.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 12
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$150,000

Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program

- This program focuses on high crime communities with concentrated distressed areas and hotspots of crime and directly supports the Department's priorities to reduce violent crime, assist communities struggling with drug abuse, and support law enforcement officers by integrating officers and enforcement strategies into community-based crime reduction efforts.
- This program will support the Department's Project Guardian efforts.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: \$800,000–\$1,000,000

Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program

- This solicitation presents competitive awards for creating multidisciplinary teams to assess and address areas of risk for wrongful conviction and to review and assess post-conviction claims of innocence.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 12
 - Estimated Award Available: Up to \$3,600,000

Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program

- The Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program provides financial and technical assistance for states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement drug courts that effectively integrate evidence-based substance abuse disorder treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over substance misusers, and to include addressing the opioid epidemic.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 90
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Between \$500,000 and \$2,000,000

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

- The purpose of the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation is to provide comprehensive training and technical assistance for tribes in the areas of substance abuse- and alcohol-related crime, tribal courts, tribal justice systems, and Alaska Native justice systems to address violent crime and support prosecutors in tribal communities.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 45
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Funding for PA 2 up to \$150,000; PA3 \$250,000–900,000; and PA 4 \$1-4 million.

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Program

- PREA directs the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) to provide grants to jurisdictions and agencies nationwide to “protect inmates and safeguard communities.” The BJA PREA grant program responds to this statutory obligation by supporting efforts in state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to prevent, detect, and respond to sexual abuse and sexual harassment in confinement facilities that are covered by the PREA standards. These include prisons and jails, juvenile confinement facilities, community confinement facilities, and police lockups.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 18
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$250,000

Justice Reinvestment: Reducing Violent Crime by Improving Justice System Performance

- This program provides funding for tribal, state, and local justice agencies to implement data-driven strategies to improve public safety by reducing corrections spending and reinvesting those savings in efforts to decrease crime and strengthen neighborhoods
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: TBD
 - Estimated Award Available: Up to \$11,500,000

Improving Reentry for Adults with Substance Use Disorders (SUD) Program

- SUD enhances corrections systems' ability to address the substance use treatment needs of offenders in order to reduce recidivism, promote recovery and to improve public safety and public health. This includes prison-based family treatment programs to incarcerated parents of minor children and pregnant women.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 12
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Innovations in Reentry Initiative: Building System Capacity & Testing Strategies to Reduce Recidivism

- This initiative supports state, local, and tribal jurisdictions engagements in a three part recidivism reduction program: strategic planning, implementation and evaluation.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 4
 - Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Correctional Adult Reentry Education, Employment, and Recidivism Reduction Strategies (CAREERS) Program

- (CAREERS) Program helps communities establish education, vocation, and job training programs in their correctional systems that address employment challenges facing incarcerated youth and adults re-entering those communities and the workforce.
- Programs will implement or expand education and employment programs that emphasize strong partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, education, workforce development, and reentry service providers.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$900,000

Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program

- This program supports community- and faith-based organizations in developing and implementing comprehensive and collaborative programs that support people who are reentering communities from incarceration who are at medium to high risk of reoffending, reduce recidivism, and improve public safety.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Innovations in Supervision

- The Innovations in Supervision Program seeks to improve the capacity and effectiveness of community supervision agencies to increase probation and parole success rates and reduce the number of crimes committed by those under probation and parole supervision, which would in turn reduce admissions to prisons and jails and save taxpayer dollars.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 5
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$900,000

Innovative Responses to Behavior in the Community: Swift, Certain, and Fair Supervision

- BJA is issuing this solicitation to work with jurisdictions and agencies interested in developing or enhancing supervision strategies that comport with the swift, certain, and fair (SCF) principles and implementing them as part of models informed by research and responsive to local circumstances. SCF strategies are designed to improve supervision outcomes, which will reduce recidivism and, in turn, improve public safety.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 5
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$600,000

What's Next

- Expected Solicitation Release Dates: by March 2020
- Application Submission Deadlines: Usually open for at least 60 days; some may be open longer.

FY 2020 Resources for Funding Opportunities

The [Department of Justice Program Plan](https://grantsnet.justice.gov/programplan/html/Solicitations.htm) (<https://grantsnet.justice.gov/programplan/html/Solicitations.htm>) is a tool to help applicants and grantees find funding opportunities (solicitations) that address their criminal, juvenile, and civil justice needs. The plan provides summary details on the funding opportunities that DOJ agencies are expecting to release in the current fiscal year.

FY 2020 Resources for Funding Opportunities

For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit **BJA's website** at <https://www.bja.gov>

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

<https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>

Grants.gov

www.Grants.gov

Office of Justice Programs – Award Data

<https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/OJPAwardData.htm>

NIJ's CrimeSolutions.gov

- Web-based clearinghouse of programs and practices that have been rated in terms of effectiveness in addressing different criminal justice issues.
- <https://www.CrimeSolutions.gov>

Questions?

Become a peer reviewer

- If you are interested in becoming a peer reviewer, please submit an up-to-date resume or curriculum vitae, including a valid email address, to:
BJAreviewer@ojp.usdoj.gov.
- Please put "Peer Reviewer Candidate Resume" in the subject line.

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