



The [U.S. Department of Justice](#), [Office of Justice Programs](#) (OJP), [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by improving the criminal justice system, enhancing the law enforcement functions, and providing national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address law enforcement needs.

National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement FY 2009 Competitive Grant Announcement

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services.

Note: Applications that are not national in scope or do not respond to the identified categories will not be peer reviewed or considered for funding under this solicitation.

(See "Eligibility," page 1)

Deadline

Registration with OJP's [Grants Management System](#) is required prior to application submission.

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 25, 2009.

(See "Deadline: Applications," page 1)

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact BJA toll-free at 1-866-859-2687, or contact the following BJA staff directly based on the category for which you are applying.

E-mail is the preferred method for questions on this solicitation.

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National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement CFDA #s 16.751, 16.738, and 16.015

Overview of the National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement Program

This FY 2009 grant announcement focuses on national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, specifically law enforcement initiatives. This program is funded under the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Competitive Program), the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, and the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Assistance Program (Category VII only). Authorized by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2009, (Pub. L. 111-8), the Byrne Competitive Program helps local communities improve the capacity of state and local justice systems and provides for national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs. The JAG Program (42 U.S.C. 3751(a)) is the primary provider of federal criminal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions, and JAG funds support all components of the criminal justice system. The JAG Program authorization also states that "the Attorney General may reserve not more than 5 percent, to be granted to 1 or more States or units of local government, for 1 or more of the purposes specified in section 3751 of this title, pursuant to his determination that the same is necessary—(1) to combat, address, or otherwise respond to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime" (42 U.S.C. 3756). The Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Assistance Program (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2009 (Pub. L. 111-8)) provides funds to defray the cost of planning, designing, establishing, and operating locally based, proactive programs to protect and locate missing patients with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and other missing elderly individuals.

Deadline: Registration

Applications must be submitted through OJP's online [Grants Management System \(GMS\)](#). Applicants should begin the process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time they have used the system. Each application requires a separate GMS registration. The registration process for organizations includes: (1) obtaining a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (2) registering your organization with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database; and (3) registering with GMS prior to applying. See How To Apply (page 11 for further information on DUNS numbers and the CCR.

The deadline to register is **8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on June 25 2009**.

Deadline: Applications

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is **8:00 p.m. e.t. on June 25, 2009**.

Eligibility

Applications are solicited from national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community

organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services. Applicants are encouraged to partner with other organizations to submit joint applications for the required services; one agency must be the applicant agency.

Faith-Based and Other Community Organizations: Consistent with Executive Order 13279, dated December 12, 2002, and 28 C.F.R. Part 38, it is DOJ policy that faith-based and other community organizations that statutorily qualify as eligible applicants under DOJ programs are invited and encouraged to apply for assistance awards to fund eligible grant activities. Faith-based and other community organizations will be considered for awards on the same basis as other eligible applicants and, if they receive assistance awards, will be treated on an equal basis with all other grantees in the administration of such awards. No eligible applicant or grantee will be discriminated for or against on the basis of its religious character or affiliation, religious name, or the religious composition of its board of directors or persons working in the organization.

Faith-based organizations receiving DOJ assistance awards retain their independence and do not lose or have to modify their religious identity (e.g., removing religious symbols) to receive assistance awards. DOJ grant funds, however, may not be used to fund any inherently religious activity, such as prayer or worship. Inherently religious activity is permissible, although it cannot occur during an activity funded with DOJ grant funds; rather, such religious activity must be separate in time or place from the DOJ-funded program. Further, participation in such activity by individuals receiving services must be voluntary. Programs funded by DOJ are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of a beneficiary's religion.

If your organization is a faith-based organization that makes hiring decisions on the basis of religious belief, it may be entitled, under the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, 42 U.S.C. § 2000bb, to receive federal funds and yet maintain that hiring practice, even if the law creating the funding program contains a general ban on religious discrimination in employment. For the circumstances under which this may occur, and the certifications that may be required, please see the section titled, "Funding to Faith-Based Organizations" on the "Other Requirements for OJP Applications" web page at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/other_requirements.htm.

Applicants are also encouraged to review the "Civil Rights Compliance" section on the "Other Requirements for OJP Applications" web page, which can be found at the web address shown above.

American Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Tribes and/or Tribal Organizations: All tribal applications must be accompanied by a current authorizing resolution of the governing body of the tribal entity or other enactment of the tribal council or comparable government body. If the grant will benefit more than one tribal entity, a current authorizing resolution or other enactment of the tribal council or comparable government body from each tribal entity must be included. In addition, if the grant application is being submitted on behalf of a tribal entity, a letter or similar document authorizing the inclusion of the tribal entity named in the application must be included.

National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement Program—Specific Information

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

The National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement Program, administered by the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), helps improve criminal justice systems and provides national programs and national efforts such as training and technical assistance to strategically address the needs of state and local justice systems and communities. The FY 2009 program will focus on funding national efforts to enhance law enforcement in nine major categories.

Although match is not required under this program, use of other sources of funds and partnerships, private and public, are encouraged. Applicants must substantiate the need for all equipment budgeted.

See the [Frequently Asked Questions](#) for further information on the solicitation and its requirements.

Note: BJA has a number of previous solicitations that have recently closed and decisions on awarding grants may still be pending. Awards made under these previous solicitations may nullify the need for funding grants in one or more of the categories listed below.

Award Categories

Applicants may submit their proposal under any one of the following categories. Applicants must clearly indicate in the abstract and on the first page of the program narrative under which category they are applying. Applications must discuss the national significance and national scope of their proposed project under the chosen category. Applicants are permitted to submit separate applications for more than one of the projects solicited below.

Note: Applications that are not national in scope or do not respond to the identified categories will not be peer reviewed or considered for funding under this solicitation.

CATEGORY I: SMALL AGENCY HOMICIDE INVESTIGATION: METRO SQUAD APPROACH.

BJA expects to make one award in Category I for up to \$300,000. The project period is up to 18 months, and the project start date should be on or after October 1, 2009.

Research and experience clearly establishes that the first 48 hours are the most critical in a homicide investigation, and agencies, particularly those who are able to immediately assign substantial investigative resources, are more likely to clear an investigation than those with limited staffing.¹ This initiative, based on the practices of the Major Case Squad of Greater St. Louis, who, for the past 30 years, has maintained a closure rate of more than 80 percent in cases where the suspect is not immediately known, empowers smaller agencies to use a

¹ Wellford, Charles and James Cronin, April 2000. "Clearing Up Homicide Clearance Rates," *National Institute of Justice Journal*, Washington, DC: National Institute of Justice, retrieved May 12, 2009 from <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/jr000243b.pdf>.

regional approach that enables the quick deployment of substantial investigative resources to homicide scenes in which the suspect is not immediately known.

Applications are solicited for a national-scope training and technical assistance program that will provide national protocol development and training and technical assistance to up to six regional areas interested in enhancing their investigative response to homicide and other serious violent crime events. BJA, together with the successful applicant, will select the six regional areas to receive support under the initiative. The successful applicant will provide no more than \$10,000 to each of the six regions to defray startup supply and equipment costs if not already available. The successful applicant will also develop a report on the results of the national initiative and submit it to BJA.

CATEGORY II: EXECUTIVE SESSION ON LAW ENFORCEMENT LEADERSHIP.

BJA expects to make one award in Category II for up to \$600,000. The project period is up to three years, and the project start date should be on or after October 1, 2009.

The next generation of law enforcement leaders faces increasingly complex challenges in serving their communities. These law enforcement executives will need to excel in new ways as leaders of broad coalitions of public and private organizations that contribute to safer communities. The development of quality law enforcement leadership is a long-standing requirement that deserves innovative and thoughtful attention. The need has become pressing as a perfect storm is forming that involves the confluence of precipitous increases in crime in many jurisdictions, economic challenges confronting communities and the nation, and increasing difficulty in hiring and retaining highly qualified law enforcement employees at every level.

The vision for this project is the creation of a national-level executive session that will convene for up to three years. It is expected that a core group of experienced participants will focus on examining and developing an agenda for improving the nation's law enforcement leadership.

Applications are solicited for a national-scope executive session on law enforcement leadership that will:

- Frame a three-year discussion on issues surrounding current and future leadership needs for the nation's state and local law enforcement. Activities will involve a series of meetings that bring together principals—representatives from major law enforcement groups, academics, elected and appointed officials, law enforcement leaders, and others—to examine issues and challenges. At the conclusion of the three-year period it is anticipated the executive session will have developed an actionable product agenda focused on improving law enforcement leadership.
- Develop papers framing the issues and challenges for current and future law enforcement leaders and their stakeholders. These papers are to serve as guides for executive session deliberations and to engage the field in advancing the development of the current and next generation of law enforcement leaders.
- Assist BJA and the law enforcement field in strengthening and implementing leadership competencies for law enforcement. Activities include outreach, dissemination of information, and technical assistance. BJA has developed core competencies to serve as a guide in preparing law enforcement officers for their leadership role in the organization. For more information on these competencies, please go to www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/pdf/LELI.pdf.

CATEGORY III: EMPLOYING RETURNING VETS AS POLICE OFFICERS.

BJA expects to make one award for up to \$200,000. The project period is up to 18 months, and the project start date should be on or after October 1, 2009.

Law enforcement agencies that have officers returning from combat deployments or are recruiting returning combat veterans to serve as law enforcement officers need to fully understand the issues facing both their agencies and the veterans they employ. In addition, veterans returning from combat deployments may well be coming home with complex issues that need to be addressed before they can return to their pre-deployment duties. In 2008, BJA funded the International Association of Chiefs of Police to develop: 1) a guidebook for law enforcement agencies and administrators, covering the entire spectrum of issues related to returning combat veterans making a successful transition back into community-based law enforcement; and 2) a guidebook for returning combat veterans to help them understand the opportunities available for a career in law enforcement.

Applications are now solicited to implement the next phase of the above initiative. It is expected that the next phase will provide:

- Development and implementation of a national dissemination strategy for the two guidebooks discussed above, with the integrated capability to track the dissemination and use of the information.
- An assessment of current outreach strategies, to determine whether materials have been effective and how they have enhanced or changed the recruitment of veterans into positions with law enforcement agencies. Based on the outcome of the assessment, a strategy for future marketing of this project should be created and current marketing materials updated or new ones created.
- Development of a BJA guidebook for families of returning law enforcement-affiliated veterans.

CATEGORY IV: INTERSTATE CORRIDOR CONSORTIUMS.

BJA expects to make two awards, each award for up to \$250,000 to address crime and public safety issues presented in the communities intersected or near I-95 and I-10 highway corridors in the United States. The project period is up to 18 months, and the project start date should be on or after October 1, 2009.

The purpose of the Interstate Corridor Consortiums initiative is to facilitate and promote the adoption of best practices in local and regional policing, particularly where common crime concerns are encountered. The specific objectives sought along these interstate corridors is to create effective collaboration, information sharing, and problem solving among law enforcement and governmental entities as well as create public and private-sector partnerships along the I-95 and I-10 corridors. In addressing the precipitous increase in crime, the purpose of the I-95 and I-10 initiatives is to strengthen the capacity of crucial frontline team participants—local and state police—in their everyday responses to all crime and all hazards; to explore enforcement tactics that have been successful in local crime prevention and reduction efforts for their potential in anti-terrorism activities; and to facilitate the development of stronger partnerships among policing agencies and between federal and local law enforcement enhancing local, regional, and national security.

Applications are being sought to specifically address the I-95 corridor and the I-10 corridor that:

- Demonstrate a regional ability to convene education and information sharing executive-level forums that address crime, disorder, and terrorism-related issues along the specific interstate corridor.
- Facilitate communication and seek partnerships on a broad spectrum of emerging crime and domestic security trends and issues related to public safety for criminal justice practitioners along the specific interstate corridor.
- Produce a series of BJA policy papers and guides from the forums for law enforcement and governmental executives in other regions of the United States.

CATEGORY V: NATIONAL OFFICER SAFETY TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

BJA expects to make one award in Category V for up to \$100,000. The project period is up to 18 months, and the project start date should be on or after October 1, 2009.

In March and April of this year, 57 people were slain in 8 events. Seven were police officers serving in Oakland, California and Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. In many of these cases, the suspects were described as troubled and frustrated by the circumstances of their lives. This project, to be based on research previously conducted by BJA and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) (see www.fbi.gov/publications/leb/2007/jan2007/jan2007leb.htm), which included offender and officer interviews, will offer training that discusses the important behavioral and circumstantial factors that often contribute to assaults on law enforcement officers. The purpose of this project is to instill the necessary officer situational and behavioral awareness so that they survive deadly circumstances.

BJA expects to sponsor a minimum of 10 regional training sessions throughout the country through this program as well as up to 2 special seminars to meet emerging needs.

CATEGORY VI: NATIONAL HOMICIDE CLOSURE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT.

BJA expects to make one award in Category VI for \$300,000. The project period is up to 18 months, and the project start date should be on or after October 1, 2009.

According to the FBI Uniform Crime Reporting (UCR) Program, the national homicide closure rate has hovered in the low 60 percentile over the past decade. More recently, many jurisdictions hard-hit by violent crime spikes are reporting closure rates as low as 40 percent. This project will support three or more law enforcement agencies to develop and demonstrate procedural and investigative innovations that contribute to higher homicide closure rates. As this is a national demonstration initiative, the applicant will be required to support BJA in selecting the demonstration sites, which must have reported an average of 20 or more homicides annually over the past three years. The final report must be relevant to a wide national audience and will be published and disseminated by BJA.

CATEGORY VII: MISSING ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE PATIENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

BJA may make one or more awards under this category, for a total of up to \$1.78 million. The project period for awards is up to 18 months, and the project start date should be on or after October 1, 2009.

It is currently estimated that over 5 million people in the United States alone are living with Alzheimer's disease or some form of dementia.² Each year this number increases and it is predicted that the number of persons living with Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia will increase to 15 million by 2030.³ Over 60 percent (3.1 million individuals) of those with dementia will wander at some point.⁴ More than 50 percent of those who wander become lost and separated from their loved ones.⁵ Law enforcement agencies expend countless hours annually searching for missing persons with Alzheimer's disease, and if not found quickly, they are at high risk of serious injury or even death. In addition, law enforcement officers may not be trained or equipped to handle the special needs of those with Alzheimer's, once they are found.

Applications are solicited for projects, pursuant to Congressional appropriations, that address one or more of the following:

- Develop or enhance a national outreach program to increase awareness among law enforcement agencies and the public in addressing the needs of missing persons with Alzheimer's disease. This national outreach program should include partnerships between national level law enforcement and Alzheimer's disease associations, and may include providing a web site that serves as a national clearinghouse of information and resources for those involved with missing persons.
- Develop and/or sustain a national registry for persons living with Alzheimer's disease or other form of dementia.
- Develop and/or implement a process for aiding in the location of lost persons with Alzheimer's disease.
- Provide training and substantive informational material to law enforcement agencies through a national or regional initiative
- Support the development of a model policy that can be implemented nationwide by law enforcement agencies.

Because there is no guarantee of future funding for this initiative, the successful applicant must address sustainability for any web site and/or national registry developed or enhanced, beyond federal funding awarded under this solicitation.

CATEGORY VIII: TECHNOLOGY IMPACT ON LAW ENFORCEMENT.

BJA expects to make one or more awards in Category VIII. A total of up to \$511,000 is available for awards under this category. The project period for awards is up to 18 months, and the project start date should be on or after October 1, 2009.

Law enforcement today faces increasing challenges in preventing and responding to crime, particularly with regard to crime facilitated through technology and the Internet. The role of

² Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 2009, Statistics, New York, NY: Alzheimer's Foundation, retrieved May 8, 2009 from <http://www.alzfdn.org/AboutAlzheimers/statistics.html>.

³ Coshocton County Sheriff's Office, 2009, *Project Lifesaver*, Coshocton, OH: Coshocton County Sheriff's Office, retrieved April 22, 2009 from <http://www.coshoctoncounty.net/sheriff/lifesaver.php>.

⁴ Alzheimer's Association, 2009, *Wandering*, Chicago, IL: Alzheimer's Association, retrieved April 22, 2009 from http://www.alz.org/living_with_alzheimers_wandering.asp.

⁵ Coshocton County Sheriff's Office.

virtual worlds has become increasingly apparent in influencing real-world issues and some experts believe that the virtual-world events and activities may play a role today and certainly in future real-world crimes. As virtual games increasingly involve real-world activities and virtual lives begin to crossover into real-world contexts, law enforcement must understand the technology, its capabilities, and how to be proactively involved and to prevent and respond to crimes related to this technology, which changes every day. The successful applicant will assist law enforcement in identifying such technologies, explaining its capabilities, identifying potential threats, and learning how to use the technology to the advantage of law enforcement. The successful applicant will be expected to support up to 10 BJA training events or workshop presentations and to develop materials to be published by BJA in electronic or other forms to keep law enforcement informed about the project and the changing technology.

CATEGORY IX: LIAISON INITIATIVE TO LEVERAGE LESSONS LEARNED FROM AGENCIES ABROAD.

BJA expects to make one or more awards in Category IX. Up to \$200,000 is available for awards under this category. The project period is up to 18 months, and the project start date should be on or after October 1, 2009.

The 21st century has seen the development of a global economy facilitated by extraordinary advances in information technology. By nearly eliminating barriers of time and distance, these advances have propelled greater collaboration in many professional disciplines. More recently, law enforcement professionals are sharing best practice and lessons learned information across international borders.

As institutes in countries with established criminal justice systems are formed to support innovations in policing, liaison opportunities are being created that have useful implications for law enforcement in America. The successful applicant(s) will propose forward-looking strategies that will create ongoing dialogues between BJA and international policing improvement organizations. BJA expects the applicant(s) to organize and facilitate BJA forums that will share information with the U.S. law enforcement community. The successful applicant(s) will also develop BJA publications and online resources, etc. to broaden the reach of this program. BJA is interested in engaging the international policing community on a variety of topics, including police administration, performance measurement, advancements in forensics and technology, investigative strategies, and community engagement, particularly engagement of neighborhoods largely populated by immigrants.

The successful applicant(s) will demonstrate the organizational capability to establish this initiative; an existing relationship with the institute(s) identified; the resources to identify international lessons learned and promising practices; and the expertise to translate the information into realistic, actionable material for law enforcement in America.

Note: This project does not contemplate grantee international travel and is designed to leverage online information technology wherever possible.

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver: No portion of any award of more than \$250,000 made under this solicitation may be used to pay any portion of the total cash compensation (salary plus bonuses) of any employee of the award recipient whose total cash compensation exceeds 110 percent of the maximum annual salary payable to a member of the Federal government's Senior Executive Service (SES) at an agency with a Certified SES Performance Appraisal System for that year. (The salary table for SES employees is available at www.opm.gov.) This prohibition may be waived at the discretion of the Assistant

Attorney General for the Office of Justice Programs. An applicant that wishes to request a waiver should include a detailed justification in the budget narrative of the application. The justification should include: the particular qualification and expertise of the individual, the uniqueness of the service being provided, the individual's specific knowledge of the program or project undertaken with the grant funds and a statement explaining that the individual's salary is commensurate with the regular and customary rate for an individual with his/her qualifications and expertise, and for the work that is to be done.

Performance Measures

To assist in fulfilling the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), Pub. L. 103-62, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation must provide data that measure the results of their work. In addition, applicants must discuss their data collection methods in the application. Performance measures for this solicitation are as follows:

Objective	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
<p>Increase the knowledge of criminal justice practitioners through in-person training.</p>	<p>Percentage of trainees who successfully completed the program.</p> <p>Percentage of trainees who completed the training who rated the training as satisfactory or better.</p> <p>Percentage of trainees who completed the training whose post test indicated an improved score over their pre-test.</p>	<p>Number of individuals who completed the training.</p> <p>Number of individuals who attended each training.</p> <p>Number of trainees who completed the training who rated the training as satisfactory or better.</p> <p>Number of individuals who completed an evaluation at the conclusion of the training.</p> <p>Number of individuals who completed the training whose post-test indicated an improved score over their pre-test.</p> <p>Number of individuals who completed a pre and post-test.</p>
<p>Increase a criminal justice agency's ability to solve problems and/or modify policies or practices.</p>	<p>Percentage of requesting agencies who rated services as satisfactory or better in terms of timeliness and quality following completion of an onsite visit.</p> <p>Percentage of requesting agencies that were planning to implement at least some of the report recommendations six months after the onsite visit.</p> <p>Percentage of requesting agencies of other onsite services who rated the services provided as satisfactory or</p>	<p>Number of requesting agencies who completed an evaluation of other onsite services.</p> <p>Number of requesting agencies who rated services as satisfactory or better in terms of timeliness and quality following completion of a onsite visit.</p> <p>Number of requesting agencies that were planning to implement at least some of the report recommendations six months after the onsite visit.</p> <p>Number of requesting agencies who completed an evaluation of services.</p>

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Increase information provided to the criminal justice community.	Percentage of advisory/focus groups evaluated as satisfactory or better.	<p>Number of advisory/focus groups held.</p> <p>Number of advisory/focus groups evaluated as satisfactory or better.</p> <p>Number of documents produced as a result of advisory/focus groups.</p> <p>Number of documents disseminated to the field as a result of advisory/focus groups.</p> <p>Number of times the requesting agency evaluated the product of the advisory/focus group.</p> <p>Number of web sites developed.</p> <p>Number of web sites maintained.</p> <p>Number of publications developed.</p> <p>Number of visits to web sites.</p> <p>Number of publications disseminated.</p>
Increase the knowledge of criminal justice practitioners through the development and/or revision of training curricula.	<p>Percentage of curricula that were pilot tested.</p> <p>Percentage of curricula that were revised after pilot testing.</p>	<p>Number of training curricula developed.</p> <p>Number of training curricula pilot tested.</p> <p>Number of training curricula revised after being pilot tested.</p>

How To Apply

Grants Management System Instructions. Applications must be submitted through OJP’s online Grants Management System (GMS). To access the system, go to <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Applicants should begin the process a few weeks prior to the GMS registration deadline, especially if this is the first time they have used the system. Each application requires a separate GMS registration. For a step-by-step guide, visit <http://www.ojp.gov/gmscbt/> and refer to the section entitled “External Overview: Locating & Applying for Funding Opportunities.” For additional assistance, call the GMS Support Hotline at 1-888-549-9901 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Funding Opportunities with Multiple Categories: Some OJP solicitations posted on GMS contain categories, denoted by the individual solicitation title referencing the category area. If you are applying to a solicitation with multiple categories, you must select the appropriate solicitation title for the intended category of your application. The application will be peer reviewed according to the requirements of the category under which it is submitted.

Note: OJP will not review any application with attachments in Microsoft Vista or Microsoft 2007 format. Applications submitted via GMS must be in the following formats: Microsoft Word (*.doc), Word Perfect (*.wpd), Microsoft Excel (*.xls), PDF files (*.pdf), or Text documents (*.txt). GMS is not yet compatible with Vista and cannot yet process Microsoft Word 2007 documents saved in the new default format with the extension “.docx.” Please ensure that any Word documents you are submitting are saved using "Word 97-2003 Document (*.doc)" format. Additionally, GMS does not accept executable file types as application attachments. These disallowed file types include, but are not limited to, the following extensions: ".com," ".bat," ".exe," ".vbs," ".cfg," ".dat," ".db," ".dbf," ".dll," ".ini," ".log," ".ora," ".sys," and ".zip."

CFDA Number: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) numbers for this solicitation are 16.751, titled “Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program,” 16.738, titled “Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program,” and 16.015, titled “Missing Alzheimer’s Alert Program.”

A DUNS number is required: The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numeric System) number in their application for a new award or renewal of an award. Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information for federal assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1-866-705-5711 or by applying online at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

Central Contractor Registration (CCR) is required: In addition to the DUNS number requirement, OJP requires that all applicants (other than individuals) for federal financial assistance maintain current registrations in the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database. The CCR database is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and subrecipients. Organizations that have previously submitted applications via Grants.gov are already registered with CCR, as it is a requirement for Grants.gov registration. Please note, however, that applicants must update or renew their CCR at least once per year to maintain an active status. Information about registration procedures can be accessed at www.ccr.gov.

What an Application Must Include

Standard Form 424

Program Abstract (Attachment 1)

Applicants must provide an abstract identifying the applicant’s name, title of the project, dollar amount requested, and category for which the applicant is applying (e.g., Category I: Small

Agency Homicide Investigation: Metro Squad Approach). The abstract must include goals of the project, a description of the strategies to be used, a numerical listing of key/major deliverables, and coordination plans. The abstract must be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman is preferred) with 1-inch margins, and must not exceed 1 page.

Program Narrative (Attachment 2)

The program narrative must respond to the solicitation and the Selection Criteria (1–3, 5) in the order given. The program narrative must be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman is preferred) with 1-inch margins, and must not exceed 10 pages. Please number pages “1 of 10,” “2 of 10,” etc. Submissions that do not adhere to the format will be deemed ineligible.

Budget and Budget Narrative (Attachment 3)

Applicants must provide a budget that is allowable, cost effective, and reasonable (Selection Criteria 4). Applicants must submit a budget detail worksheet and budget narrative. A budget detail worksheet form is available on OJP’s web site at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/forms/budget_detail.pdf. When using this form, you must also include a budget narrative, in MS Word or PDF format, as a separate attachment. Both the budget detail worksheet and narrative explanation of costs can be provided in a single document using this acceptable MS Word Budget template, available at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/funding/Budget_Worksheet_Narrative_Template.doc. Applicants may submit the budget and budget narrative in a different format (i.e., Excel spreadsheet), but it must contain all categories listed within the budget detail worksheet.

Project Timeline and Position Descriptions (Attachment 4)

Attach a project timeline with each project goal, related objective, activity, expected completion date, and responsible person or organization, and project descriptions for key positions.

Selection Criteria

1. Statement of the Problem (15 percent of 100)

Identify the precise problem to be addressed nationally by the project. Provide specific data where available.

2. Program Design and Implementation (30 percent of 100)

Describe how the national-scope project will reach the stated goals and objectives by providing a complete description of its design and proposed implementation. Discuss the national significance of the program to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, specifically law enforcement. Tie program activities to goals, objectives, and the performance measures applicable to the project. Include a comprehensive timeline that identifies milestones, numerically listed deliverables, and who is responsible for each activity (as Attachment 4).

In addition to the above, for Categories IV, V, and VI, applicants must: 1) address how the proposed project addresses and combats or prevents precipitous increase in crime locally or nationally; and 2) provide supporting data.

3. Capabilities/Competencies (25 percent of 100)

Fully describe the applicant’s experience and capabilities to implement the project and the competencies of the staff assigned to the project.

4. Budget (10 percent of 100)

Provide a comprehensive budget and budget narrative that are complete, allowable, and justified based on the proposed project (as Attachment 3).

5. Impact/Outcomes, Evaluation, Sustainment, and Description of the Applicant's Plan for the Collection of the Data Required for Performance Measures (20 percent of 100)

Explain how the program's effectiveness will be demonstrated. Describe how program data will be collected and how it will be assessed to measure the impact of proposed efforts. Outline a strategy for sustaining the project when the federal grant ends.

Review Process

OJP is committed to ensuring a standardized process for awarding grants. The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) reviews the application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program or legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation.

Peer reviewers will be reviewing the applications submitted under this solicitation as well. BJA may use either internal peer reviewers, external peer reviewers, or a combination of both to review the applications under this solicitation. An external peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation who is NOT a current U.S. Department of Justice employee. An internal reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation who is a current U.S. Department of Justice employee. Applications will be screened initially to determine whether the applicant meets all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, strategic priorities, past performance, and available funding.

After the peer review is finalized, the Office of the Chief Financial Officer (OCFO), in consultation with BJA, conducts a financial review of all potential discretionary awards and cooperative agreements to evaluate the fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants; examines proposed costs to determine if the budget and budget narrative accurately explain project costs; and determines whether costs are reasonable, necessary, and allowable under applicable federal cost principles and agency regulations. OCFO also reviews the award document and verifies the OJP Vendor Number.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may also give consideration to factors including, but not limited to, underserved populations, strategic priorities, past performance, and available funding when making awards.

Additional Requirements

Successful applicants selected for award must agree to comply with additional applicable requirements prior to receiving grant funding. We strongly encourage you to review the list below pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting your application. Additional information for each can be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/other_requirements.htm.

- Civil Rights Compliance
- Funding to Faith-Based Organizations
- Confidentiality and Human Subjects Protection
- Anti-Lobbying Act
- Financial and Government Audit Requirements
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance
- DOJ Information Technology Standards
- Single Point of Contact Review
- Non-Supplanting of State and Local Funds
- Criminal Penalty for False Statements
- Compliance with Office of Justice Programs [Financial Guide](#)
- Suspension or Termination of Funding
- Non-Profit Organizations
- For-Profit Organizations
- Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
- Rights in Intellectual Property
- Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act (FFATA) of 2006