

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FY2021 JUSTICE REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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SECTION 1

INTRODUCTION



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Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

FY2021 Appropriation

Congress appropriated \$33 Million to administer the Justice Reinvestment Initiative to assist states to implement data-driven strategies to improve public safety.

Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)



JRI uses criminal justice data to design and implement innovative, research-backed and comprehensive approaches to reduce crime, cut recidivism rates, and shift resources toward more cost-effective safety strategies that work.

JRI is a two-part process to customize public safety solutions to jurisdictions' specific needs.

Research and Development

- 1 **Bipartisan, Interbranch Working Group**
- 2 **Data Analysis**
- 3 **Stakeholder Engagement**
- 4 **Identify Policy and Practice Responses**

Assemble practitioners and leaders; receive and consider information, reports, and policies

Data should come from across the criminal justice system for comprehensive analysis

Complement data analysis with input from stakeholder groups and interested parties

Present a framework to increase public safety and project the impacts

Implementation

- 5 **Policy and Practice Execution**
- 6 **Monitor Key Measures**

Identify needs for implementation and deliver technical assistance for reinvestment strategies

Monitor the impact of enacted policies and programs, adjust implementation plan as needed

JRI has helped states:

- Conduct **intensive and objective agency-spanning data analysis**.
- **Comprehensively example** their systems, engaging everyone from law enforcement to parole officers.
- Build the collaboration necessary to examine data on a statewide level while **taking into account all aspects of the criminal justice system**, including local perspectives.
- Craft **innovative, data-driven approaches** to improve public safety. JRI helps states contemplate policies that are working well in other states that cut crime, recidivism, and costs.
- Identify and align state and local resources to **fight violent crime**.
- Improve collaboration between **behavioral health** and criminal justice agencies and stakeholders.
- Address **victim needs and community safety** in policies that increase public safety while holding people accountable.

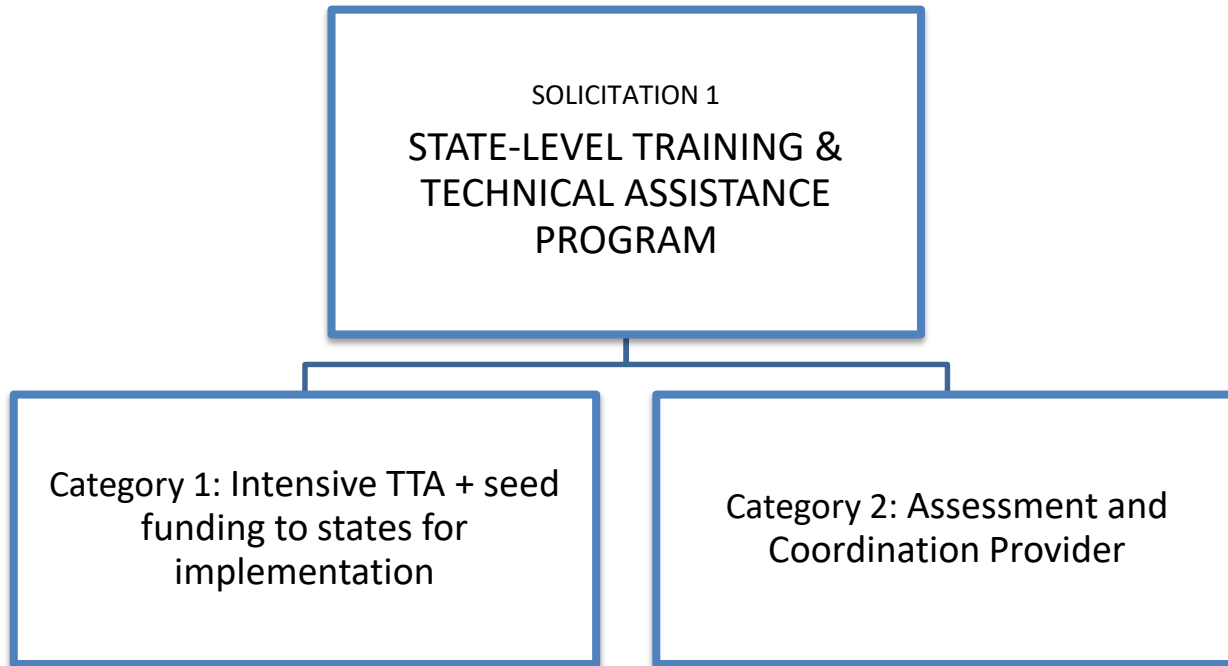
36 states have used JRI



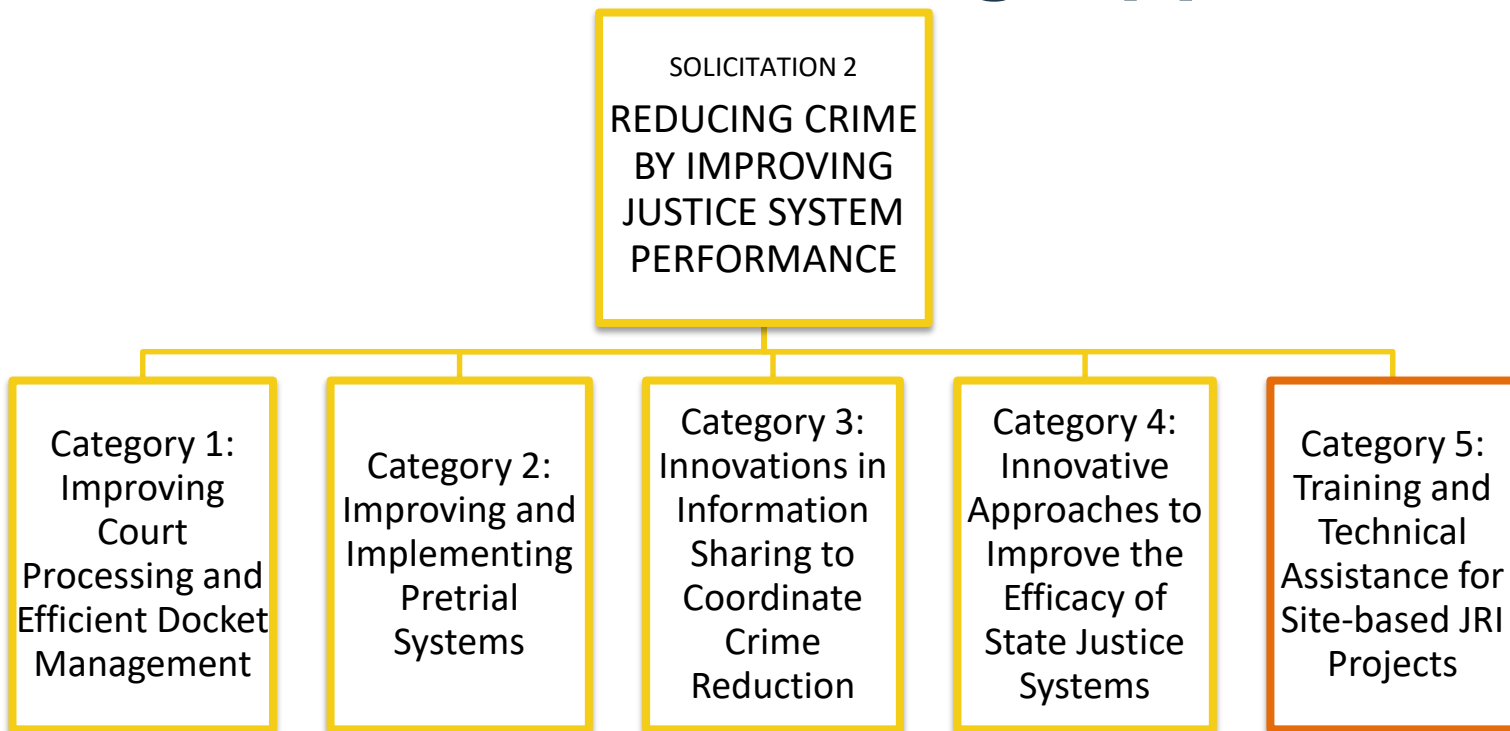
States can **reduce crime and recidivism** by addressing the complex factors that drive crime and use of **criminal justice system resources**.

This year's funding opportunities will help **state governments** that want to use **JRI's data-driven approach** to **improve business management and operations processes**.

Overview of FY21 Funding Opportunities



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JRI: State-Level Training and Technical Assistance Program

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-108001>

Applications have two deadlines:

Grants.gov – July 6, 2021

JustGrants – July 20, 2021

JRI: Reducing Crime by Improving Justice System Performance

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-106002>

Applications have two deadlines:

Grants.gov – June 18, 2021

JustGrants – July 12, 2021

SECTION 2

JRI: STATE-LEVEL TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



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Program Overview

Two (2) Training and Technical Assistance providers will facilitate states' use of the data-driven JRI process to examine and improve policies, practices, and outcomes across their criminal justice systems.

Policy Assessment and Coordination providers will assess the outcomes of those efforts.

Objectives

Identify drivers of
criminal justice
resource
consumption

Improve capacity to
prevent and respond
to crime, including
reducing the risk for
recidivism among
people involved in
the justice system

Improve public
safety through a
reallocation of
resources in high-
performing crime-
and recidivism-
reduction efforts

Category 1: Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)

Category 1: Award Information

2 awards

**Up to \$8.8M
total**

36 months

Eligible applicants are national scope private and nonprofit organizations, colleges, and universities

Expertise to conduct complex data analysis and understand and address regional and state-specific CJ problems

Category 1: Purpose

TTA to help states use
the JRI process to
prevent and respond to
crime and recidivism



Category 1: Framework is the JRI process

Ripening

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Assessment memo and request from state

Research and Development

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Bipartisan, Interbranch Working Group

2

Data Analysis

3

Stakeholder Engagement

4

Identify Policy and Practice Responses

Implementation

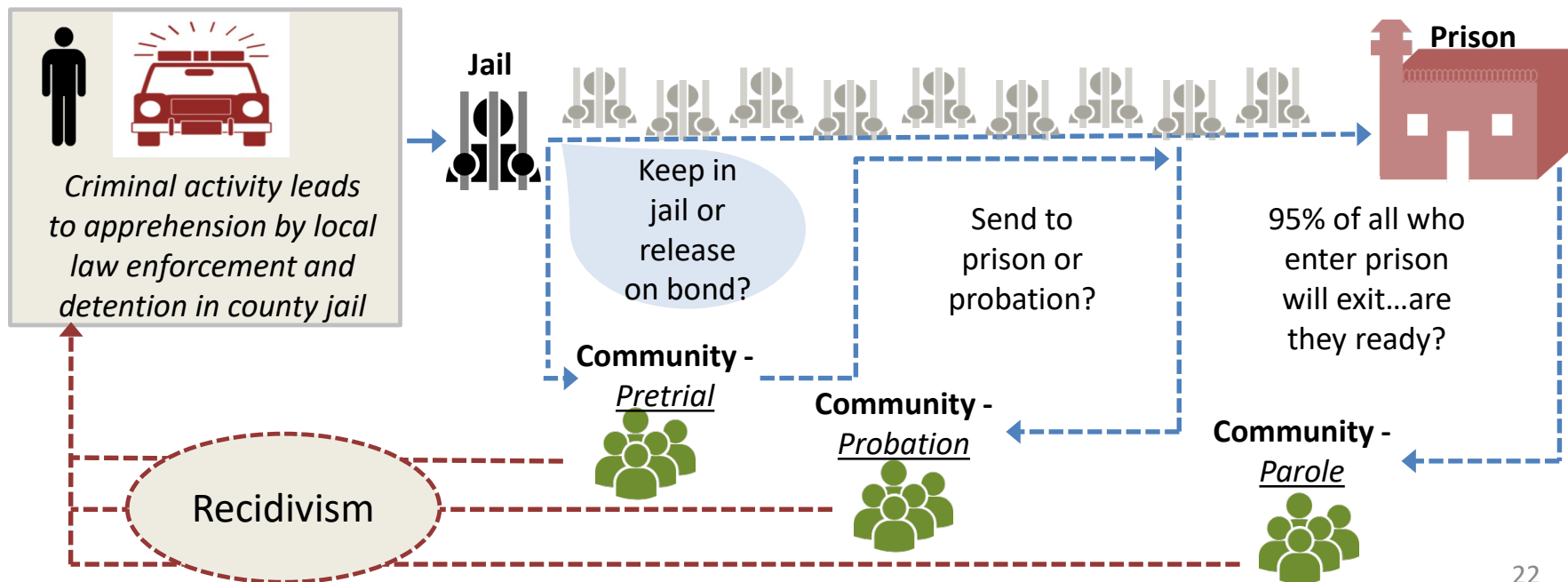
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Policy and Practice Execution

6

Monitor Key Measures

States use JRI to take a comprehensive look at their criminal justice systems' operations, decision points, and effectiveness. They make changes to relieve pressure points so resources can be redirected towards serious, violent, and chronic offenders.



Category 1: Objectives and deliverables

In-person meetings and phone calls with stakeholders, including, but not limited to:



Justice Reinvestment Task Force

Individual meetings/calls with task force members and their staff



Legislature

Meetings with senators, House representatives, and legislative staff



Courts, Prosecutors, and Defense Attorneys

Meetings and calls with individual judges, prosecuting attorneys, public defenders, defense attorneys, and more



Department of Corrections

Meetings with leadership and staff, including supervision officers and administrators, treatment providers, correctional officers and administrators, and more



Law Enforcement

Meetings with, and surveys of, police chiefs, sheriffs, and their officers and deputies



Probation and Parole

Meetings with leadership, members, and staff



Behavioral Health Treatment Providers

Meetings with treatment providers for people who are incarcerated or on supervision in Missouri

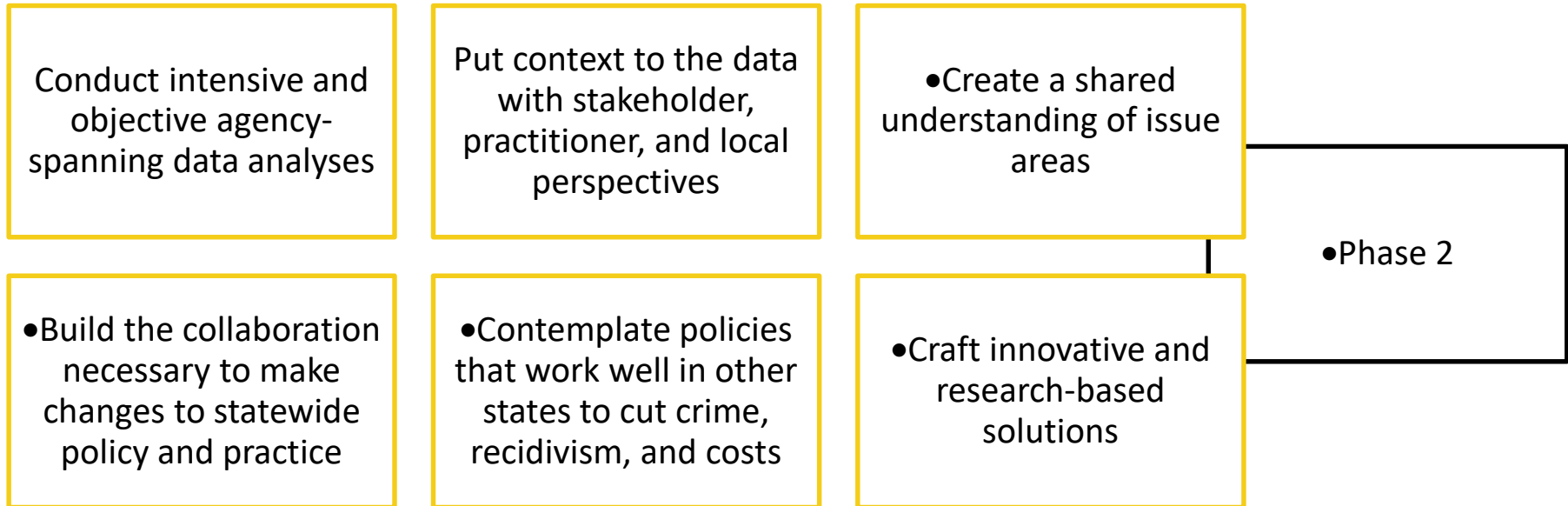


Organizations and Community Members

Meetings with representatives of Missouri's counties, victims organizations, representatives of communities impacted by crime and violence, and more

Category 1: Deliverables

TTA supports approximately four (4) states with assistance, training, and funding to:



Category 1: Deliverables

TTA supports states with assistance, training, and funding to:

Phase 1

- Develop detailed implementation plans to implement the adopted policy and practice changes

- Improve collaboration between behavioral health and criminal justice agencies

- Ensure that victim needs and community safety are addressed in policies that aim to increase public safety while holding people accountable.

- Administer subaward as seed funding to support implementation

- Monitor states' performance and outcomes

Category 2: Policy Assessment

Category 2: Award Information

1 award

Up to \$600,000

36 months

Eligible applicants are national scope private and nonprofit organizations, colleges, and universities

Expertise to conduct complex data analysis and understand regional and state-specific CJ problems

Category 2: Purpose

Provide program
assessment and
coordination



Category 2: Deliverables

- Coordination assistance to BJA

- A framework to assess state-level JRI as a whole and state-specific or topical activities therein.

- Approximately four state or topical assessments with clear implications for the program and the field at large

- Dissemination of assessment results through formats and venues accessible to the field at large to learn from states' efforts to impact these issues

The Application

Review Criteria

Selection Criteria	Weight
Statement of the problem	15%
Project design and implementation	40%
Capabilities and competencies	30%
Plan for collecting data for the solicitation's performance measures and sustainability plans	5%
Budget	10%

Narrative elements

Provide a detailed description of the capacity of the organization to deliver the required services, including:

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Project design and implementation	40%
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Plan for collecting data...	5%
Budget	10%

Category 1 ✓ Experience **leading** national-scope and state-level CJ data analysis, policy recommendation, and implementation projects

✓ **Ability or experience, managing pass-through funding**

Category 2 ✓ Experience **assessing** national- and state-level CJ projects

All ✓ Position title, résumés of key staff and work product examples

SECTION 3

JRI: REDUCING CRIME BY IMPROVING JUSTICE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE



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Program Overview

Develop, implement, and test innovative and research-based responses to high-cost drivers of crime and other public safety and community challenges, as identified through data analysis.

Challenges may include **chronic crime problems, emerging crime problems, or barriers to addressing such problems**, including those related to law enforcement, prosecution, sentencing, jail and prison, probation and parole.

Award Information

Category 1:

Improving Court
Processing and Efficient
Docket Management

Category 2:

Improving and
Implementing Pretrial
Systems

Category 3:

Innovations in
Information Sharing to
Coordinate Crime
Reduction

Category 4:

Innovative Approaches
to Improve the Efficacy
of State Justice Systems

Category 5:

Training and Technical
Assistance for Site-based
JRI Projects

Award Information

Approximately
6 awards

Up to **\$1M**

36 months

Eligible applicants:

Categories 1-4: state governments

Category 5: Institutions of higher education, nonprofit

Objective: Categories 1-4

Apply the JRI process
to address an
identified problem.

1	Bipartisan, Interbranch Working Group
2	Data Analysis
3	Stakeholder Engagement
4	Identify Policy and Practice Responses
5	Policy Execution
6	Monitor Key Measures

Category 1:
**Improving Court Processing
and Efficient Docket
Management**

Focus: Category 1

- Identify and address the challenges that prevent efficient, timely, and effective court case processing.
- Applicants should review their court system data, policies, and procedures to identify opportunities to improve docket management, thus reducing unnecessary costs and delays that negatively impact the justice system and public safety.

Example: Category 1

Build a collaborative, data-driven strategy for addressing court system backlogs due to COVID-19.



Develop comprehensive and integrated systems to streamline court processing, including developing option for diversion.

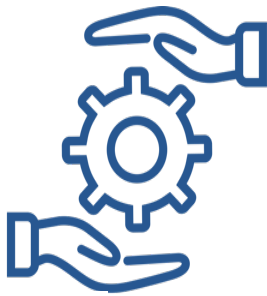
Category 2:

Improving and Implementing Pretrial Systems

Focus: Category 2

- Identify and address the challenges faced by jurisdictions in making pretrial release decisions that are timely, risk-informed, and fair, and assure a defendant's court appearance while protecting public safety.
- Applicants should review their pretrial data, policies, and procedures to identify opportunities for planning, implementation, and enhancements to better determine a defendant's level of risk to public safety and reduce the likelihood of their failure to appear in court if released pending trial, as well as opportunities to create or enhance pretrial release assessment services.

Example: Category 2



Undertake a comprehensive, data-driven assessment of the state of pretrial system in a state, including exploring the viability of implementing tools to streamline decision-making.

Category 3:

**Innovations in Information
Sharing to Coordinate Crime
Reduction**

Focus: Category 3

- Develop and build data-sharing tools that assist in addressing expensive deficiencies in sites' criminal justice systems.
- Projects must seek to break down information sharing silos and challenge current practices that may impede a community's crime reduction strategies.

Example: Category 3



Develop comprehensive and integrated data-sharing and notification systems about violent offenders moving into, between, or being released into communities.

Build data-analysis capacity and improve justice system partners' abilities to produce a cross-system analysis that provides a better understanding of the contributions of pretrial, probation, parole, reentry, and other services to crime trends.

Category 4:

**Innovative Approaches to
Improve the Efficacy of State
Justice Systems**

Focus: Category 4

- Identify innovative approaches to address persistent or emerging crime and public safety problems, or the impediments/barriers to address them.
- Applicants should review the entire criminal justice system spectrum — from event to reentry — to identify innovative opportunities for improvement.

Example: Category 4



- Improve data collection and training about victimization, trauma, and related needs.
- Implement data-driven interventions in the areas of behavioral health.
- Review existing violent crime and opiate reduction strategies to determine effectiveness and make improvements.
- Develop analytic capacity to identify and respond to other criminal justice system-related problems.

Deliverables: Categories 1-4

- Final Report summarizing the changes made and preliminary outcomes.

All grantees will receive support from a training and technical assistance provider in implementing their projects and completing their final reports.

Priority consideration

- Documentation of advancing DOJ Priorities
- Documentation of high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties

Category 5:
Training and Technical Assistance
for Site-based JRI Projects

Objective: Category 5

Support site-based grantees in using the JRI process to address crime problems and implement their proposed projects.



Deliverables: Category 5

- Provide education and proactive, comprehensive training and technical assistance.
- Assign coaches to each site to manage, monitor, and report on support needs.
- Identify and maintain a list of consultants whose expertise and experience can best meet grantees' needs.
- Plan for and host distance-learning sessions for sites and the field at large.
- Develop materials to document grantee experiences and results of assistance.

The Application

Review Criteria, Categories 1-4

Selection Criteria	Weight
Description of the Issue	30%
Project design and implementation	40%
Capabilities and competencies	15%
Plan for collecting data for the solicitation's performance measures and sustainability plans	5%
Budget	10%

Review Criteria, Category 5

Selection Criteria	Weight
Description of the Issue	15%
Project design and implementation	40%
Capabilities and competencies	30%
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Budget	10%

SECTION 4

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION



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Additional Eligibility Requirements

To advance Executive Order 13929 Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Attorney General determined that all state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved, independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to be eligible for FY 2021 Department of Justice (DOJ) discretionary grant funding. The certification requirement also applies to proposed subawardees.

To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions: (1) the agency's use of force policies adheres to all applicable federal, state, and local laws; and (2) the agency's use of force policies prohibits chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law.

For detailed information on this new certification requirement, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO>.

JustGrants

- Offers a streamlined, end-to-end process, enabling applicants and grantees to move seamlessly through the full grants management life cycle
- Gives applicants and award recipients new ways to manage their own entity information and that of users in the system

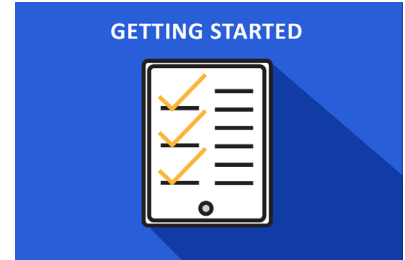
Dual Deadlines

Applications will be submitted in a new two-step process, each with its own deadline:

- Step 1: Applicants submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).
- Step 2: Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justicegrants.usdoj.gov).

Read the solicitations carefully for further guidance.

Application Submission



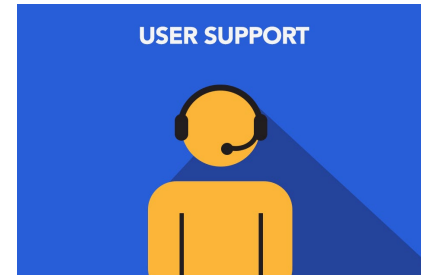
- ✓ Identify the forms needed to submit an application.
- ✓ Complete a web-based budget form.
- ✓ Complete an application, including certifying the information.
- ✓ Submit the application.

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sign up for training
alerts.**



Learn more about DOJ's
grants management and
financial systems.

<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>

Additional Resources

- OJP Funding Resource Center
<https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>
- DOJ Grants Financial Guide
<https://ojp.gov/financilaguidedojo/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>
- National Institute of Justice's CrimeSolutions.gov
<https://www.CrimeSolutions.gov>

Additional Resources

BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

- Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2021: An Overview of What's Ahead
- The Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations

PDFs of the presentations and transcripts are available at <https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>.

Important Contact Information



Technical Assistance Submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL into Grants.Gov: 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035 | 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

Q & A

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