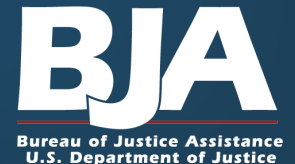


**BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE**

**FY2021 BJA Solicitation Webinar  
National Initiatives:  
Law Enforcement and Prosecution**

**July 7, 2021  
2:00 to 3:00 p.m. (EDT)**



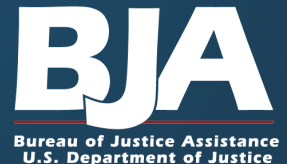
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# Competitive Solicitation Announcement

FY 2021 National Initiatives:  
Law Enforcement and Prosecution

**Grants.gov Deadline: August 2, 2021, 11:59 p.m. ET**

**Application JustGrants Deadline: August 16, 2021, 11:59 p.m. ET**



# Webinar Topics

- Welcome from BJA Leadership
- Eligibility and Other Details
- Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables for Each Category
- Important Funding/Application Details to Consider

# Welcome from BJA Leadership

Kristen Mahoney

Acting Director, BJA

Welcome and Vision for Program

# Eligibility and Other Details

- For profit organizations other than small businesses, Individuals, Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Small businesses, Other
- BJA will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). For additional information on subawards, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

# Eligibility and Other Details

- The purpose of this solicitation is to fund national in-scope training and technical assistance (TTA) efforts to support law enforcement, prosecution, and analysis within key criminal justice operations.

Award Start Date: October 1, 2021

Period of Performance: 36 months

Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded: \$8,000,000

- BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as cooperative agreements, which provide for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities.

# Category 1: National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab

## Goal:

Create a single entity called the National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab where core competencies and standards for law enforcement operations are defined, training is developed, expert assessment and assistance is provided, and law enforcement entities can go to develop or learn model policy to advance constitutional policing.

## Objectives:

- Identify, develop, and disseminate constitutionally sound standards of professional practice for police officers, police staff, and all who work in policing.
- Establish evidence-based core competencies for law enforcement agencies and measure them.
- Provide training to support the professional development of those working in policing and crime prevention.
- Provide consultation, advice, and assistance to departments and partner organizations to work together to protect the public and prevent crime.

# Category 1: National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab

- Deliverables: Listed on page 6 of the solicitation
- Funding Amount: \$3,000,000
- For applicants in the Washington, D.C. region, as part of the coordination and planning of TTA activities, BJA may request a dedicated key project staff person remain onsite at BJA for up to 40 hours weekly during the duration of the award, though BJA will consider shorter periods of time where the applicant makes the case that they will still satisfactorily accomplish the goals of the solicitation. BJA will not cover the cost of residency or travel to Washington, D.C. for the purpose of meeting this onsite coordination and planning obligation.



## Category 2: Prosecution and Research Collaborative

### Goal:

Work in partnership with the nation's prosecutors who are experiencing an increase in violent crime to identify current research and knowledge gaps regarding prosecutorial practices that improve public safety and build trust.

### Objectives:

- Review existing related research;
- Identify best practices on what works in effective, unbiased crime reduction; identify areas for future research; and
- Develop accessible products/tools.
- Prosecutorial efforts to address violent crime should always include the perspectives of victims and survivors. This project must focus on jurisdictions experiencing a precipitous increase in crime.

## Category 2: Prosecution and Research Collaborative

- Deliverables: Listed on pages 6-7 of the solicitation
- Funding Amount: \$1,000,000
- For applicants in the Washington, D.C. region, as part of the coordination and planning of TTA activities, BJA may request a dedicated key project staff person remain onsite at BJA for up to 40 hours weekly during the duration of the award, though BJA will consider shorter periods of time where the applicant makes the case that they will still satisfactorily accomplish the goals of the solicitation. BJA will not cover the cost of residency or travel to Washington, D.C. for the purpose of meeting this onsite coordination and planning obligation.

# Category 3: National Case Closed Project

## Goal:

Enhance clearance rates, witness participation, victim services, community trust, and the delivery of fair and unbiased justice through improvement of investigative policies, protocols, and practices of response to violent crime.

## Objectives:

- Provide onsite assessment and assistance to jurisdictions seeking to improve their investigative processes, practices, and protocols.
- This project must focus on jurisdictions experiencing a precipitous increase in crime.

# Category 3: National Case Closed Project

Deliverables: Listed on page 7 of the solicitation

Funding Amount: \$1,000,000

# Category 4: Crime and Corrections Analyst in Residence Program

## Goal:

Expand the use of data analysis and analytics in the management of law enforcement and institutional corrections operations and practices. This category covers both law enforcement and corrections analysts to allow sharing of information and resources, and leverage management and subject matter expertise.

## Objectives:

- Build the capacity of law enforcement and corrections entities through technical assistance to more fully integrate sophisticated crime/data analysis practices, products, tools, and information into the daily operations and management of the department's crime fighting or institutional management efforts.
- This project must be focus in jurisdictions experiencing a precipitous increase in crime.
- For law enforcement analysts, work closely with the recipient department to create tools that drive operations and activities that would assist in solving cases, help in the identification of crime patterns, support problem-solving approaches, and promote crime-reduction strategies.
  - Achieve these objectives by deploying senior crime analysts to departments to be embedded in-person and remotely. During the time onsite, the analyst will do an initial assessment and then fully immerse in the department to help implement recommendations.
- For corrections, work closely with the department to create tools that drive operations and activities that would assist in the core competency of understanding and projecting the incarcerated population and related staffing needs.
  - The selected entity must have the capacity to extend this effort to include community supervision if BJA so designates in future years.

# Category 4: Crime and Corrections Analyst in Residence Program

- Deliverables: Listed on pages 7-8 of the solicitation
- Funding Amount: \$3,000,000
- For this category only, applicants should budget \$2,000,00 toward crime analysis with law enforcement departments and \$1,000,000 toward institutional management analysis with corrections departments.
- For applicants in the Washington, D.C. region, as part of the coordination and planning of TTA activities, BJA may request a dedicated key project staff person remain onsite at BJA for up to 40 hours weekly during the duration of the award, though BJA will consider shorter periods of time where the applicant makes the case that they will still satisfactorily accomplish the goals of the solicitation. BJA will not cover the cost of residency or travel to Washington, D.C. for the purpose of meeting this onsite coordination and planning obligation.

# Other Funding Details

- There is no match requirement for this grant
- Grant period is 36 months (beginning on or about October 1, 2021).
- Submitted budget should be complete, cost effective, and allowable (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).
- All expenditure should be reasonable related to project goals, objectives, and deliverables.

# Applications Must Include:

- Project Abstract
  - Program Narrative
  - Budget Detail Worksheet with Budget Narrative  
(online via JustGrants)
- See the “Application Elements and Formatting Instructions” section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on what happens to an application that does not contain all the specified elements or that is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.



# Project Abstract

- A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words)
- Summarizing the proposed project including the service area and who will benefit from the proposed work; primary activities; products and deliverables
- Abstract submitted using JustGrants web-based application

# Project Narrative Formatting Specifications

- Not to exceed 12 pages, double-spaced
- 12-point standard font, Times New Roman preferred
- One-inch margins
- Use of sections and structured format are preferred
- Attachments do not count against the page limit

**Note:** Closely following this format makes it easier for peer-reviewer to understand and assess your agencies application.

# Project Narrative Topic Areas

- Description of the Issue(s) OR Statement of the Problem if research is involved.
- Project Design and Implementation
- Capabilities and Competencies
- Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures

# Performance Management and Reporting

- Award recipients will be required to submit performance measure data in the BJA TTA Reporting Portal and/or JustGrants. Examples of the performance measures questionnaire can be found [here](#). Further guidance on the post-award submission process will be provided, if selected for award.

# Attachments to Include, if Applicable

- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity
- Memoranda of Understanding / Letters of Support from Subrecipient Agencies
- Research Partner Letter of Participation

# Review Criteria

• Statement of Problem/Description of the Issue	10%
• Project Design & Implementation:	35%
• Capabilities & Competencies:	25%
• Plan for Collecting the Required Performance Measures Data:	10%
• <u>Budget:</u>	<u>20%</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

## What You Should Do Next (if you have not already)

- **Prior to registering with Grants.gov:**
  - Acquire a DUNS Number
  - Acquire or renew registration with SAM (System for Award Management)
- **Register with Grants.gov - Due August 2, 2021 (11:59 PM)**
  - Acquire AOR( Authorized Organization Representative)
  - Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Biz POC

# NEW: Two Step Application Process

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 solicitation document carefully for further guidance.



# DOJ Application Submission Checklist

Review the [\*DOJ Application Submission Checklist\*](#)

The checklist covers all necessary steps to complete the two-part application process in Grants.gov and JustGrants.

## The checklist includes:

- ✓ how to prepare to apply
- ✓ completing the abbreviated application in Grants.gov
- ✓ Entity Onboarding and JustGrants Access
- ✓ completing, reviewing, certifying and submitting your application in JustGrants, and
- ✓ helpful user tips



**JUSTgrants**  
 JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

# JustGrants Application Submission Resources

## [Application Mechanics eLearning Videos](#)

By viewing the eLearning videos, job aids, DOJ Application Checklist and other resources, applicants will have all of the information needed to successfully navigate the mechanics of submitting an application.



**JUSTgrants**  
JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

- ✓ [Application Mechanics: Getting Ready to Apply \(NEW\)](#)
- ✓ [Application Mechanics: Initiating Application Submission in Grants.gov \(NEW\)](#)
- ✓ [Application Submission: Locating an Application](#)
- ✓ [Application Submission: Submitting an Application](#)
- ✓ [Application Submission: Completing a Budget Detail Form](#)
- ✓ [Application Mechanics: After Submitting an Application \(NEW\)](#)

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- YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/dojbja>



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

# Important Contact Information



**Technical Assistance Submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL into Grants.Gov:** 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035 | [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)



**Technical Assistance Submitting the FULL APPLICATION into JustGrants:** 833-872-5175 | [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov)



**Technical Assistance with Programmatic Requirements contact the OJP Response Center:** 800-851-3420 | [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)



# Question & Answer

Please submit your questions into the **Q@A** box

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