BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

The Project Safe Neighborhoods FY 2021 National Training and Technical Assistance Program Announcement

June 10, 2021

The webinar will start shortly



BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

The Project Safe Neighborhoods FY 2021 National Training and Technical Assistance Program Announcement

Kate McNamee, Senior Policy Advisor, BJA

June 10, 2021





Overview

- FY 2021 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Project Safe Neighborhoods Program
- PSN Training and Technical Assistance Purpose, Goals, and Objectives
- **D** Eligibility
- Areas of Responsibility
- Application Submission Process
- Resources
- Questions



The Purpose of PSN

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) is designed to create and foster safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime.

The program's effectiveness depends upon the ongoing coordination, cooperation, and partnerships of local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies working together with the communities they serve—engaged in a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney (USA) in all 94 districts.



PSN Training and Technical Assistance

- Intended to support the capacity development and effectiveness of PSN Teams to strategically contribute to crime reduction in their district
- National in scope
- Share best practices, provide training on emergent topics
- Provide opportunities for peer to peer learning
- Maintain a robust source of subject matter expertise on crime reduction, policing, and prosecution topics



PSN Training and Technical Assistance Call for Proposals

- Establish one cooperative agreement with a national TTA provider to develop and deliver TTA to PSN Teams, state and local law enforcement, other criminal justice professionals, and research partners.
- Will assist all 94 USAO PSN Teams to achieve the goals of their PSN strategies.



Goals

- Create a TTA team or consortium supported by relevant subject matter experts (SMEs)
- Work with local USAOs, BJA, and the Executive Office for United States Attorneys (EOUSA)
- Support coordinated crime reduction efforts among federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement while building community trust
- Support PSN Teams' strategic messaging related to their efforts
- Support PSN Team members and partners in the effective use of intelligence and data to identify high crime areas and prolific violent offenders
- Support PSN Team members' and partners' efforts to prevent violent crime



Objectives

- Enable PSN Teams to develop strategic plans
- Provide information and subject matter expert advisement to support the district's specific activities and resource deployment
- Have regular, productive, and documented contact with PSN coordinators and partners in each of the 94 PSN Districts.



Who May Apply

Eligible applicants must have experience delivering training and technical assistance on a national level, and can be:

- For profit organizations other than small businesses,
- Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments),
- 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,

*All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.



Deliverables

- Periodic reports to BJA
- The establishment of strategic plans for all operational PSN Teams.
- National and/or regional meetings, workshops, or other educational sessions for individual districts, one or more regions, or the larger PSN community.
- Publications, web-based resources, and other materials that assist PSN Districts in learning about best practices related to evidence-based crime reduction, community engagement, and victim/witness support practices.
- A dynamic and interactive platform for resources, outreach materials, information sharing, and dissemination to include the maintenance of a PSN TTA website and related web resources, social media outreach, online newsletter, webinars, and virtual and inperson training curricula.



Areas of Responsibility

- PSN Team strategic planning, performance measurement, and research partnership support
- Law enforcement and prosecution-focused strategies
- Victim/witness-centered strategies



Strategic Planning, Performance Metrics, and Research

- A strategic plan for all operational PSN Teams as well as assessments of their capacity to fully implement their selected strategies
- Delivery of an annual training for PSN Teams
- Guidance and materials to PSN Teams related to using and evaluating the impact of strategic messaging, marketing, and public outreach initiatives
- Development of reports, publications, and other outreach vehicles to relay data-driven, practical information about effective strategies to PSN Teams



Evidence Based Policing and Prosecution Strategies

- Assessments of partners' capacities for violent crime reduction by qualified subject matter experts based on the District's PSN Strategic Plan
- Peer-to-peer information-sharing opportunities
- Innovative instruction via workshops, meetings, webinars, and other mediums to state and local law enforcement, prosecution, criminal justice stakeholders, and communities in PSN Districts
- Guidance and materials for partners related to using strategic messaging, marketing, and public outreach initiatives in relation to their violence reduction and community
- Reports, publications, and other outreach vehicles to relay data-driven, practical information about effective public safety strategies to state and local partner organizations.



Victim/Witness Support

- Assess, advise, and train PSN Teams to improve their response to, and mitigate the effects of, witness intimidation and community trauma and distrust
- Conduct trauma-informed gaps and needs assessments for PSN Districts and assist them in implementing assessment recommendations
- Development and provision of training on retaliatory violence and victim/witness intimidation.
- Materials to assist PSN Team members working with victims and witnesses of violent crime.
- Identification of emerging trends, promising practices, and model programs that are being used to assist, support, and protect victims and witnesses of violent crime and build broader community trust.
- Development of materials and training curricula to assist law enforcement, prosecutors, victim advocates, and service providers working with victims and witnesses of violent crime.



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.
- Step 2: Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at <u>JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov</u>.

*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



Project Safe Neighborhood TTA Solicitation was released on May 21, 2021

Grants.gov submission date: June 22, 2021

JustGrants submission date: July 6, 2021



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



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.



- 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)





Access tutorials and sign up for training alerts. Learn more about DOJ's grants management and financial systems.

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov



Application Submission

GETTING STARTED

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



Budget Information

Applicants will submit:

- The JustGrants web-based budget form
- Their indirect cost rate agreement by uploading the agreement as an attachment in JustGrants
- The Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high risk status)
- Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation
- Training: <u>Training: Application Submission</u>
 JUSTICEGRANTS (usdoj.gov)



Kate McNamee

Senior Policy Advisor Bureau of Justice Assistance Catherine.McNamee@usdoj.gov 202-598-5248



Application Assistance and Support

OJP Response Center

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance.
- email grants@ncjrs.gov
- web chat https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp
- **toll free** at 800–851–3420;
- **TTY** at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

The OJP Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Subscribe

- Subscribe to receive email notifications of new funding opportunities and other resources.
 - Sign-up to receive the twice monthly **JUSTINFO** newsletter as well as the weekly **Funding News** email.
 - Subscribe at <u>https://www.ojp.gov/subscribe</u> and be sure to select "Grants/funding" as an area of interest.



Recommended Resources

JustGrants Training

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-application-submission

DOJ Application Submission Checklist

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh296/files/media/document/appln-submission-checklist.pdf

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm

DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training

https://www.ojp.gov/training/financial-management-training

PSN TTA Website

www.psntta.org



Stay Connected!!

Email Updates

• Text OJP [your email address] to 468-311 to subscribe.

*Message and data rates may apply

Social Media

- Facebook: <u>https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA</u>
- Twitter: https://twitter.com/DOJBJA
- YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/dojbja

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





Important Contact Information



Technical Assistance Submitting the <u>SF-424 and SF-LLL</u> into Grants.Gov: 800–518–4726, 606–545–5035 | <u>support@grants.gov</u>



Technical Assistance Submitting the <u>FULL APPLICATION</u> into JustGrants: 833–872–5175 | <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u>



Technical Assistance with Programmatic Requirements contact the OJP Response Center: 800–851–3420 | grants@ncjrs.gov



Questions?

Please enter your question into the Q&A box