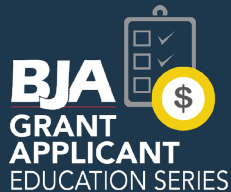


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Agenda

- Overview of OJP and BJA
- Explanation of funding opportunities available*
- Review of the FY 2021 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 along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

Office of Justice Programs

BJA - Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ - National Institute of Justice

OVC - Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SMART - Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

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.

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.

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP)

- Supports effective local, state, and tribal responses to illicit substance use and misuse in order to reduce overdose deaths, promote public safety, and support access to treatment and recovery services throughout the criminal justice system.
- 1) Pre-booking or post-booking treatment alternative-to-incarceration programs that serve individuals at high risk for overdose or substance abuse.
 - 2) Law enforcement and other first responder diversion programs.
 - 3) Education and prevention programs to connect law enforcement agencies with K-12 students.
 - 4) Embedding social services with law enforcement in order to rapidly respond to drug overdoses where children are affected.
 - 5) Comprehensive, real-time, regional information collection, analysis, and dissemination.

COSSAP *(continued)*

- 6) Naloxone for law enforcement and other first responders.
- 7) Identifiable and accessible drug take-back programs.
- 8) Evidence-based treatment, such as medication-assisted treatment (MAT), as well as recovery support services, including transitional or recovery housing and peer recovery support.
- 9) Family court programming to prioritize and expedite treatment and recovery services to individuals at high risk for overdose. Funds may be used to purchase naloxone, as well as pay for staff (law enforcement, first responder, treatment, evaluators, peer recovery services), data analytics, and recovery supports, such as housing (up to 30 percent of funds), transportation, and training.

- **FY 2021 Opportunities**

Category 1: State Based: Estimated Number of Awards: 10 / Average Award Amount: \$3,000,000

Category 2: Local Site Based: Estimated Number of Awards: 100 / Average Award Amount: Up to \$1000,000

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP)

- JMHCP 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 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 60
 - Average Amount: Up to \$550,000

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. Eight broad purpose areas:
 - 1) Law enforcement programs
 - 2) Prosecution and court programs
 - 3) Prevention and education programs
 - 4) Corrections & community corrections
 - 5) Drug treatment and enforcement programs
 - 6) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement
 - 7) Crime victim and witness programs (non-compensation)
 - 8) Mental health programs (and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams)
- FY 2021 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

Smart Policing Initiative (SPI)

- The Smart Policing Initiative provides resources to law enforcement agencies to help them identify their most pressing crime problems, and support their use of promising practices, data, and technology to effectively respond to those problems.
- Target a pressing operational or crime reduction issue for innovation and intensive intervention. Partner with a researcher to evaluate the project and results.
- BJA will prioritize applications for the development of real-time crime centers in communities with high violent and gun crime rates.

- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
 - Award Amount: Up to \$500,000

Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs)

- The intent of the program is to fund the purchase or lease of BWCs and deployment of BWC pilot, full-implementation, or expansion programs as one tool in a law enforcement agency's comprehensive problem-solving approach to improve officer safety, enhance evidentiary values, improve accountability and transparency, and promote mutual trust.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 55
 - Estimated Award – Depending on size of agency and BWC proposed : From \$10,000 and up to \$2,000,000

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 2021, BJA will post one solicitation that will address threat assessment, mental health training or other school climate improvement training such as anti-bullying, and technology solutions such as anonymous reporting systems.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - **Category 1:** State Governments
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10 / Average Amount: Up to \$2,000,000
 - **Category 2:** City or Township Governments, County Governments, Native American Tribal Governments, Non-Profit Organizations, Institutions of Higher Education, etc.
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 140 / Average Award Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs)

- The Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) Integration Initiative, administered by BJA in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), is a competitive grant program that provides funding to state, local, and tribal government entities that are experiencing precipitous increases in gun-related violent crime.
- The purpose of this initiative is to support local and tribal jurisdictions' capacity to work with their ATF partners to utilize intelligence, technology, and community engagement to swiftly identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources, and effectively prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 7
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$700,000

Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program

- The Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program supports state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies to investigate and prosecute unsolved homicide cold case murders suspected of having been racially motivated, including support for victims' families and stakeholders impacted by these cases. Funds are limited to violations of civil rights statutes resulting in death that occurred no later than December 31, 1979.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 6
 - Estimated Award Available: Up to \$2,945,000

Intellectual Property Enforcement Program (IPEP)

- The Intellectual Property Enforcement Program (IPEP) is designed to protect public health, safety, and the economy from counterfeit goods and product piracy. IPEP also enhances the capacities of state, local, tribal, and territorial criminal justice systems to address intellectual property enforcement, including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 6
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$250,000

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)

- 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 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 93
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$350,000

Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime (Smart Prosecution)

- The IPS 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.
- 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.

Smart Prosecution *(continued)*

- 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.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 22
 - Award Amount: Up to \$350,000

Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

(formerly - Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program)

- This program supports comprehensive, data-driven community-oriented strategies to reduce crime in neighborhoods with concentrations of serious and violent crime. Through a broad cross-sector partnership, BCJI grantees address the conditions, including physical conditions, which contribute to crime in these areas, using a broad range of prevention and intervention strategies that include building trust between residents, law enforcement other partners.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 15-16
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: \$800,000–\$1,000,000

Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program (ROL/WCR)

- BJA's ROL/WCR Program is committed to protecting the integrity of the criminal justice system by supporting efforts to provide high-quality and efficient representation for defendants in post-conviction claims of innocence and to identify, whenever possible, the actual perpetrators of the crimes.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 13
 - Estimated Award Available: Up to \$3,800,000

Innovations in Supervision Initiative: Building Capacity to Create Safer Communities

- The Innovations in Supervision Initiative (ISI) provides opportunities to increase community corrections agencies' ability to reduce crimes committed by those supervised in the community. To that end, ISI helps improve the capacity and effectiveness of probation and parole agencies to increase probation and parole success rates and reduce the rate of recidivism for those under supervision.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 7
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$715,000

Justice Reinvestment Initiative: 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 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Site Awards: 5
 - Estimated Award Available: Up to \$5,000,000

Swift, Certain, and Fair Supervision Program: Applying the Principles Behind Project HOPE

- This grant program seeks to enhance community supervision agencies' capacity to help reduce crime committed by, and improve outcomes for, people under supervision by using the swift, certain, and fair (SCF) principles of intervention. Award funds may be used for a variety of activities to assist community supervision agencies with developing or enhancing their SCF initiatives (e.g., drug and alcohol screening, training, treatment, staff positions, and overtime).
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 5
 - Estimated Award Average Amount: Up to \$700,000

BJA FY 21 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners Program (RSAT)

- The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment 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 2021 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 56
 - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$514,218

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 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards:
 - Category 1: units of state government - 8
 - Category 2: units of local governments - 8
 - Category 3: federally recognized tribal governments - 2
 - Estimated Award –up to \$250,000

Combating Contraband Cell Phone Use in Prisons

- These site-based awards are for state and local governments, including federally recognized Indian tribes that have detention capacity, to operationalize effective and secure managed access systems in correctional settings to prevent, detect, seize, and stop the presence and use of contraband cellphones by detainees and inmates. Applicants may propose to enhance or implement new physical, technical, and/or tactical managed access systems to prevent, detect, and respond to cellphone contraband use in correctional facilities. Applicants are encouraged to identify strategies that will educate relevant staff members and other key stakeholders about steps they can take to address contraband cellphones, and to define a process to gather, use, and share intelligence as a result of seizing contraband cell phones.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 4
 - Estimated Award –up to \$425,000

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 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 4
 - Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Second Chance Act Adult Reentry Education, Employment, Treatment and Recovery Program

- This program 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.
- The program also helps communities establish education, vocation, and job training programs in their correctional systems that address employment challenges facing incarcerated adults re-entering those communities and the workforce.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards:
 - Category 1 Improving Correctional Education – up to 7,
 - Category 2 Improving Vocational and Employment Services – up to 8,
 - Category 3 Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment Services – up to 9
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$900,000

Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program

- The Community-based Reentry Program provides opportunities for nonprofit service providers and tribes to partner with correctional agencies to provide critical transitional services as offenders return from incarceration back into the community. Grantees implement or expand on reentry programs that demonstrate strong partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, and other reentry service providers.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 17
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$750,000

Adult Drug and Veterans Court Discretionary Grant Program

- The Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Programs support states, state and 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 high risk, high need defendants with addictions including those at risk for overdose, including veterans. This program supports significant investments in rural jurisdictions and those without drug court services.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 91
 - Estimated Award – Categories 1-3: \$500,000 and Category 4: \$1,500,000

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 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 40
 - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$1,200,000

DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program (formula)

- The DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) provides formula funding to states and units of local government with existing crime laboratories to increase the capacity of publicly funded forensic DNA and DNA database laboratories to process more DNA samples, thereby helping to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis and/or prevent a backlog of forensic and database DNA samples.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 136
 - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$5,000,000

Prosecuting Cold Cases using DNA

- The Prosecuting Cold Cases using DNA Program provides funding to prosecute violent crime cold cases and decrease the number of violent crime cold cases awaiting prosecution. Additionally, this program provides direct assistance to increase capacity of state and local prosecuting agencies to address violent crime cold cases.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 11
 - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$500,000

Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program

- The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Competitive Program (“Coverdell”) aims to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner/coroner’s offices services
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 9
 - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$165,000

Post-Conviction Testing of DNA Evidence

- Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence provides funding to States, units of local government, and public institutions of higher education to assist in defraying the costs associated with postconviction case identification, case review, evidence location, and DNA testing in violent felony cases (as defined by state law) where the results of such testing might show actual innocence
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 8
 - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$500,000

Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System Program

- The Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System program is a competitive, discretionary program that provides funding to support medical examiner-coroner (ME/C) offices increase the supply of board-certified forensic pathologists nationwide, and strengthen the quality and consistency of ME/C services in their respective office, increasing public trust in these services.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 12
 - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$165,000

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS)

- Through the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation, BJA and other Justice grant making components to provide a coordinated application process for federally recognized tribes.
- BJA oversees Purpose Areas 2, 3 and 4, which support comprehensive strategic planning; programs for adult tribal justice systems from prevention and treatment to tribal courts, corrections and reentry and strategies to address violent crime; and to support tribal justice infrastructure investments through renovation and modular buildings.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 36-43
 - Estimated Average Amount: PA 2 up to \$150,000; PA3 \$250,000–900,000; and PA 4 \$1-4 million.

Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Program

- The TCCLA Program provides civil and criminal legal assistance to low-income individuals, Indian tribes, and tribal justice systems to support the development and enhancement of tribal justice systems and access to those systems. Funding supports 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that provide legal assistance services to eligible individuals pursuant to federal poverty guidelines and federally recognized Indian tribes; and to tribal justice systems to provide legal aid and indigent defense services to tribal communities.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 2 or more
 - Estimated Award – up to \$600,000

Kevin and Avonte Program: 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 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 13
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$150,000

Hal Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program

- The Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP) enhances the capacity of regulatory and law enforcement agencies and public health officials to collect and analyze controlled substance prescription data and other scheduled chemical products through a centralized database administered by an authorized agency. This program also strengthens states' and territories' ability to plan, implement, or enhance PDMPs by accommodating local decision-making based on state laws and preferences, while encouraging the replication of promising practices, including tracking prescribing across providers and states through the integration of PDMPs and Electronic Health Records and Health Information Exchanges.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 14
 - Estimated Award – up to \$2,000,000

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 2021 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 56
 - Estimated Average State Award Amount: Up to \$35,147

What's Next

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

FY 2021 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 2021 Resources for Funding Opportunities

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