

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

STRATEGIES FOR POLICING INNOVATION

National Training and Technical Assistance Program

Kate McNamee,
Senior Policy Advisor

April 22, 2019



BJA
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

Since 2009, the Strategies for Policing Innovation Program (SPI) has provided grant funding and assistance to law enforcement organizations to support their efforts to identify and test innovative, evidence-based solutions to policing challenges and chronic crime problems in their jurisdictions.

The SPI Training and Technical Assistance Program was established to ensure SPI sites' success through provision of expert guidance on evidence based policing, research partnerships, program evaluation, and logistical support for knowledge sharing and exchange.



BJA
Bureau of Justice Assistance
U.S. Department of Justice

What is the SPI Site Based Program?

- Jurisdictions competitively receive up to \$700,000 for three-year initiatives
- Target a pressing operational, technology implementation, or crime reduction issue for innovative, intensive intervention or implementation
- Often partner with researchers to evaluate their progress and results (strongly encouraged)
- Issues addressed include:
 - Violent crime reduction
 - Technology implementation
 - Crime analysis
 - Prolific offenders and hot spots
 - Alternatives to arrest for people in mental health or drug related crisis
- **Receive intensive training and technical assistance (TTA)**
- See www.strategiesforpolicinginnovation.com for valuable information on SPI's ongoing work

SPI Results

Boston, MA: The Boston Police Department engaged in a problem-oriented policing process to improve its homicide investigation processes and practices that resulted in a significant increase in its homicide clearance rate.

Los Angeles, CA: The Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) implemented Operation LASER to focus on hot spot corridors and chronic violent offenders. Homicides decreased by 56 percent in Newton Division, and overall violent crime declined by almost 20 percent. LAPD has expanded LASER to multiple divisions in an effort to reduce homicides and shootings across the city.

Rochester, NY: the Rochester Police Department (RPD) developed and validated a risk assessment tool as an effective predictive device in retaliatory gun violent disputes. Trends in aggravated assaults and murders in Rochester have continued to decline in the year and a half since the RPD implemented its SPI intervention.

Kansas City, MO: the Kansas City Police Department planned and implemented a comprehensive focused deterrence strategy, which was associated with a 40 percent decrease in homicides and a 19 percent decrease in gun-related aggravated assaults.

What is the role of the SPI TTA Provider?

- The SPI TTA provider is a key partner in BJA's efforts to ensure SPI site success.
- The provider is expected to (Solicitation pp. 5-7):
 - Provide ongoing TTA (both remote and onsite) to existing and future SPI grantees throughout the duration of their SPI grant award, including the development of a network of subject matter experts to advise SPI sites on their projects
 - In close coordination with BJA, plan and conduct national and/or regional meetings, workshops, or other educational sessions for existing and other SPI sites during the project period.
 - Create and maintain an SPI website, social media outreach, online newsletter, webinars, and blogging opportunities. Provide online resources, materials, and limited assistance to both SPI sites and the general public regarding SPI, lessons learned and related issues.
 - Work with BJA to plan and conduct national and/or regional meetings, workshops, or other educational sessions for existing and other SPI sites.

The Role of the SPI TTA Provider continued....

- Collaborate with other entities to enhance resources and leverage respective expertise to respond to the needs of the field, and to coordinate delivery of services and technical support.
 - Create hard copy materials and web-based resources on important policing topics for SPI sites and the policing field generally
 - Highlight and publicize SPI site accomplishments and results
 - Provide regular updates to BJA as outlined in the solicitation
- ❖ Additional important guidance is located in Section E (pp. 32-34) of the Solicitation

Competitive applicants will have.....

- An established infrastructure to support complex criminal justice projects that are occurring across the nation
- Expertise and experience in managing training and technical assistance for evidence-based law enforcement programs national in scope
- Capacity to provide technical expertise in implementing action research partnerships between law enforcement researchers and practitioners.
- Ready access to expertise on following topics:
 - Technology-driven information sharing program implementation
 - Violent crime reduction
 - Crime analysis and data analysis capacity building
 - Investigative practices
 - Evidence-based approaches police response to individuals with substance abuse and/or mental health disorders
 - Research partnership development
 - Evaluation design, methodology, and advanced data analysis
 - Multi-agency and multi-sector collaboration to enhance public safety

Who Can Apply?

- ✓ National Nonprofit Organizations
 - ✓ This includes tribal nonprofit organizations

- ✓ For-Profit (Commercial) Organizations
 - ✓ This includes tribal for-profit organizations

- ✓ Institution of Higher Learning
 - ✓ This includes tribal institutions of higher education

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

Specific Application Information for BJA Submissions:

- Projects are to be up to 36 months
- Applications for funding up-to \$1,500,000
- Submissions will use evidence-based strategies and programs
- A match is not required.
- Awards will be made in the form of a cooperative agreement.

Applications Due May 23, 2019

Project Start Date October 1, 2019

BJA Application Process:

- Applications to be submitted to Grants.gov by **May 23, 2019, at 11:59 p.m. et**
- Applications are reviewed to ensure they meet the Basic Minimum Requirements (BMR) as stated in the solicitations
- All applications meeting BMR are moved forward for peer review
- Applications are peer reviewed by a panel of three (3) reviewers
- Peer reviewed scores are presented to BJA staff overseeing process
- BJA staff provides the scoring results to the BJA Director with recommendations for funding
- BJA Director makes final decision and submits recommended applications to the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Principal Deputy AAG
- Upon approval awards to be issued to successful candidates no later than 9/30/2019

Application Assistance and Support



National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center

<https://www.ncjrs.gov>

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance
- Links to all current OJP funding opportunities
- Funding Notices - subscribe to receive email notifications of new opportunities
 - Sign-up to receive the bi-weekly JUSTINFO newsletter as well as the weekly Funding News From NCJRS email.
 - Be sure to select “Grants/funding” as an area of interest in your NCJRS registration profile when you subscribe.
- **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)

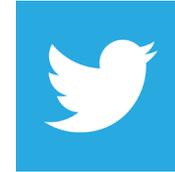
The NCJRS Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Application Assistance

Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting an application
 - **Customer Support Hotline** – 800-518-4726 or 606—545-5035
 - The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
 - **Email**
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
 - support@grants.gov
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

Stay Connected!!



Social Media

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DOJBJA>
- RSS: <https://www.bja.gov/Connect.aspx>

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

Recommended Resources

BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

A series of four previously recorded webinars designed to assist potential applicants interested in applying for BJA funding opportunities.

- Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2019: An Overview of What's Ahead
- The First Steps to Applying, Prepare Now
- The Federal Funding Process: What New and Seasoned Applicants Should Consider
- Submitting Your Application: Avoid These Common Mistakes
- <https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>

Recommended Resources

OJP Funding Resource Center

- <https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

- <https://ojp.gov/financilaguide/DOJ/index.htm>

DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training

- <https://ojpfgm.webfirst.com/>

2019 OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

- <https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>

NIJ's CrimeSolutions.gov

- <https://www.CrimeSolutions.gov>

Thank you

Bureau of Justice Assistance

<https://www.bja.gov>

BJA SPI TTA solicitation is available at:

<https://www.bja.gov/funding.aspx>

BJA Contact Information

Phone: 202-616-6500

Fax: 202-305-1367

Questions?