

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE 2019 SOLICITATION

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BJA Solicitations Based on the Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence Act of 2018

BJA STOP School Violence Training and Technical Assistance Program

\$6 MILLION AVAILABLE TO:

NATIONAL NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS, FOR-PROFIT (COMMERCIAL) ORGANIZATIONS (INCLUDING TRIBAL NONPROFIT OR FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS), OR INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION (INCLUDING TRIBAL INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION) THAT HAVE EXPERTISE AND EXPERIENCE IN MANAGING TTA FOR EVIDENCE-BASED SCHOOL SAFETY PROGRAMS THAT ARE NATIONAL IN SCOPE.



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Specific Application Information for BJA Submissions:

- Projects are to be up to 36 months
- There is no match requirement.
- Submissions will use evidence-based strategies and programs

Deliverables:

- Create a comprehensive TTA program, primarily but not exclusively for STOP grantees, which identifies core capacities for creating safe and secure educational environments.
- Establish a multidisciplinary TTA delivery team that includes subject matter experts from across the continuum of STOP grantee activities. These experts and their qualifications must be identified in the grant application.

Deliverables cont.

- Applicants must describe a plan to assess and support new STOP grantee projects, core capacities, and their TTA needs.
- The plan must ensure that follow-up intensive assistance is available to grantees related to application of promising and evidence-based practices; and planning for STOP project implementation and sustainment.
- The plan should also discuss how the TTA provider will evaluate the TTA provided and its impacts, how peer-to-peer learning opportunities will be encouraged across sites, and how specialized assistance will be provided, where applicable.
- Applicants must have the expertise to be able to assist STOP grantees in developing evidence-based school threat assessment processes and plans, and assist with their implementation.
- The TTA provider should assist sites in creating regular reviews and exercises of the assessments; validating school threat assessments; or provide additional ongoing assistance as needed.

Deliverables cont.

- Assist BJA and the COPS Office in identifying promising projects, practices, and deliverables for all aspects of the STOP School Violence Act Program; develop toolkits, model policies, practices, templates, curricula, and other grantee-related deliverables to ensure consistency across the STOP program, and provide actionable resources for the field; maintain an online clearinghouse of these resources and coordinate with the Department of Education in their dissemination.
- Provide training and educational materials in all areas of the STOP program, to include, but not limited to, areas of threat assessment, development of crisis intervention teams, mental health educational resources, violence prevention, violence reduction, law enforcement coordination and training, and implementation of deterrent measures and notification technology.
- Assist grantees with site and risk assessments and determine the most efficient and effective uses of target-hardening deterrent measures and technology, including those related to expedited law enforcement notification.
- Assist STOP grantees in developing and implementing technological and school culture solutions for an anonymous reporting system, to include a plan for acquiring and implementing the technology, based on best practices, and developing marketing and educational programs for students to encourage its use.

Deliverables cont.

- Coordinate TTA delivery for grantees that are providing training for school officials responding to mental health issues, which could include crisis intervention team (CIT) training and multidisciplinary team development and deployment. Activities pertaining to CIT TTA should be coordinated with existing BJA CIT efforts to ensure consistency of content across programs.
- Coordinate TTA delivery with local law enforcement agencies to ensure effective coordination between schools and law enforcement agencies.
- Document work being done under the STOP School Violence Act Program, highlight successful strategies and programs, and develop an annual report to be submitted to the BJA Director for approval.
- Plan, support, and manage national or regional meetings of awardees and numerous peer-to-peer site visits, focus groups, and site meetings as directed by BJA and COPS Office.
- Describe a plan to assist individual STOP grantee organizations in disseminating updates about STOP goals, practices and project progress. Such plans should address how the TTA provider will facilitate consistent sharing of project information with key agency components throughout the life of individual STOP projects, with the objective of increasing understanding of the value of evidenced-based practices.
- Regularly check in with STOP grantees to increase the likelihood of the success of their individual programs, and assist BJA and COPS Office in collecting, reviewing, and analyzing STOP-related grantee data and performance measures.
- Provide technical assistance as requested by the field and/or BJA and COPS Office that may not come from STOP grantees.

BJA Application Process:

- Applications to be submitted to Grants.gov by **June 18, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. est.**
- 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) outside reviewers from BJA
- Peer reviewed scores are presented to BJA program representative
- 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

Thank you

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<https://www.bja.gov>

BJA STOP Solicitations are available at:

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

BJA Contact Information

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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)

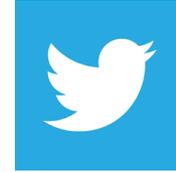
The NCJRS Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

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.

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- 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>