

FY 2009 Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Program Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the two FY 2009 Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Program solicitations. The purpose of this program is to provide victims access to timely and accurate information about individuals in custody or under criminal justice supervision to help protect crime victims from further victimization, and to ensure that victims' rights are being honored. The SAVIN Program also improves the criminal justice decisions made by ensuring that victims are given the information they need to fully participate in the criminal justice process (arrest, incarceration, prosecution, conviction, and/or placement in community supervision). The SAVIN Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) solicitation was released on November 17, 2008 and closed on December 18, 2009. Applicants were limited to for-profit (commercial) organizations, non-profit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, and institutions of higher learning. The SAVIN Statewide System Implementation and Enhancement solicitation was released on October 27, 2008 and closed on January 8, 2009 for state-based grants to agencies that administer statewide SAVIN systems. Applicants were limited to state government agencies and Indian tribes authorized to manage the planning and implementation of a SAVIN program.

Review Process:

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements as stated in the solicitation. Applications are initially screened to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

Funding Sought and Awarded:

BJA received three applications for the T&TA solicitation. BJA made one Training and Technical Assistance award of \$699,999 to the National Criminal Justice Association (NCJA) to provide 1) proactive, comprehensive, user-friendly technical assistance services; 2) uniform protocols for the assessment and delivery of technical assistance, as well as tracking, evaluation and follow-up; 3) technical assistance strategies that include developing publications, teleconferencing, peer-to-peer consultations, on-site technical assistance, and ongoing technical assistance by phone, email, and on-line; and 4) planning services and host regional or national training workshops.

BJA received 18 applications for the state-based solicitation with a total requested amount of \$9,269,635. This included six applications seeking funds for a new SAVIN statewide program, and 12 applications seeking funds for enhancements to an existing SAVIN statewide program. Of the 18 applications received, BJA made five new SAVIN program awards, and 11 awards for enhancements to existing SAVIN programs, for a total of 16 awards totaling \$7,900,519 in funding.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 89 percent of the applications.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at AskBJA@usdoj.gov.

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification Training and Technical Assistance Program BJA FY 09 SAVIN TTA	National Criminal Justice Association	DC	\$699,999.00
Developing and Enhancing Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Programs (Category I: Implementation)	Administrative Office of the District Attorney's for the State of New Mexico	NM	\$1,336,922.00
	Connecticut Judicial Branch	CT	\$190,000.00
	Nevada Office of the Attorney General	NV	\$819,267.00
	New York State Sheriffs Association Institute Inc.	NY	\$499,964.00
	North Carolina Department of Crime Control and Public Safety	NC	\$484,479.00
	Oklahoma Office of Attorney General	OK	\$138,760.00
	Utah Commission on Criminal and Juvenile Justice	UT	\$495,000.00
	Wisconsin Department of Corrections	WI	\$500,000.00
Developing and Enhancing Statewide Automated Victim Information and Notification (SAVIN) Programs (Category II: Enhancement)	California Department of Correction	CA	\$500,000.00
	Delaware State Police	DE	\$483,153.00
	Florida Department of Corrections	FL	\$102,521.00
	Illinois Attorney General Office	IL	\$481,894.00
	Indiana Department of Correction	IN	\$499,995.00
	Minnesota Department of Public Safety	MN	\$368,564.00
	Mississippi Department of Corrections	MS	\$500,000.00
	Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency	PA	\$500,000.00
Awards: 17	Total Funding:		\$8,600,518.00