

# BJA FY 2016 COMPETITIVE SOLICITATIONS FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT

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Below is a brief list of anticipated 2016 competitive Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) solicitations most relevant to law enforcement. BJA anticipates releasing these solicitations on a rolling basis throughout winter and early spring. A complete list of planned Office of Justice Programs solicitations and more detailed information can be found at: <http://data.ojp.gov/services/PPI/includes/PPI/Solicitations.htm?Year=2016>

### Intellectual Property Enforcement Program (IPEP)

The Intellectual Property Enforcement Program (IPEP), administered by BJA, is designed to provide national support and improve the capacity of state, local, and tribal criminal justice systems to address intellectual property (IP) enforcement, including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance. Awards will be made by BJA to support law enforcement agencies in coordinating the goals, objectives, and activities of their IP enforcement task forces in close collaboration with the relevant state, local, tribal, and federal agencies, to include local U.S. Attorney's Offices (USAOs).

### Smart Policing Initiative (SPI)

BJA's "Smart Suite" of programs invest in the development of practitioner-researcher partnerships that use data, evidence, and innovation to create strategies and interventions that are effective and economical. This data-driven approach enables jurisdictions to understand the full nature and extent of the crime challenges they are facing and to target resources to the highest priorities. The Smart Suite of programs, which includes the Smart Policing Initiative (SPI), represents a strategic approach that brings more science into criminal justice operations by leveraging innovative applications of analysis, technology, and evidence-based practices with the goal of improving performance and effectiveness while containing costs. As part of BJA's Smart Suite, the SPI grant program seeks to build upon analysis-driven, evidence-based policing by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to crime within their jurisdictions.



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## **Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)**

The National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI) provides funding to support multidisciplinary community response teams engaged in the comprehensive reform of jurisdictions' approaches to sexual assault cases resulting from evidence found in previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAK). Unsubmitted kits (those in police custody that have never been submitted to a crime laboratory for testing) and untested kits (those that have been submitted to crime labs but are delayed for testing for longer than 30 days, for example, as a result of a backlog of work in the laboratory) are separate and distinct issues.

The focus of this effort is on those unsubmitted kits that have never been submitted to a crime laboratory. The goal of the SAKI is to create a coordinated community response that ensures just resolution to these cases whenever possible through a victim-centered approach, as well as to build jurisdictions' capacity to prevent the development of conditions that lead to high numbers of unsubmitted SAKs in the future. This holistic program provides jurisdictions with resources to address their unsubmitted SAK issue, including support to inventory, test, and track SAKs; create and report performance metrics; access necessary training to increase effectiveness in addressing the complex issues associated with these cases and engage in multidisciplinary policy development, implementation, and coordination; and improve practices related to investigation, prosecution, and victim engagement and support in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process.

## **Violent Gang and Gun Reduction: Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)**

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) 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 (USA) in each district. The USA is responsible for establishing a collaborative PSN task force of federal, state, and local law enforcement and other community members to implement gang and gun crime enforcement, intervention, and prevention initiatives within the district. Through the PSN task force, the USA will implement the five design features of PSN—partnerships, strategic planning, training,



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outreach, and accountability—to address specific gun crime and gang violence, in the most violent neighborhoods.

## **Enhanced Collaboration Model to Combat Human Trafficking**

The purpose of the Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking Program is to support the development and enhancement of multidisciplinary human trafficking task forces that implement collaborative approaches to combating all forms of human trafficking within the United States—sex trafficking and labor trafficking—of foreign nationals and U.S. citizens (of all sexes and ages). The Office of Victims of Crime (OVC) and BJA intend for funding through this program to be used to assist communities in developing effective and sustainable multidisciplinary task forces that will implement victim-centered and coordinated approaches to identify victims of all types of human trafficking, address the individual needs of victims through quality services, and investigate and prosecute human trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels.

## **Police-Prosecutor Partnership Initiative**

As part of BJA's Smart Suite, the Police-Prosecutor Partnership Initiative seeks to build upon analysis-driven, evidence-based crime reduction and response strategies by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies to partner in an effort to create effective and innovative responses to precipitous increases in crime within their jurisdictions.

## **Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program**

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC) supports innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system. BJA is seeking applications that demonstrate a collaborative approach between criminal justice and mental health partners from eligible applicants to plan, implement, or expand a justice and mental health collaboration program.



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## **Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program**

The Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Pilot Implementation Program will support the implementation of body-worn camera programs in law enforcement agencies of all sizes across the country. The intent of the program is to help agencies develop policy, implement, and evaluate a BWC program as one tool in a law enforcement agency's comprehensive problem-solving approach to enhance officer interactions with the public and build community trust.

## **Small Agency Body-Worn Camera Pilot Implementation Program**

The Small Agency Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Policy Implementation Program will support the implementation (including the purchase, deployment, maintenance, data storage, and policy development) of a body-worn camera program, and the necessary policies for law enforcement agencies. The program will play a critical role in the creation, implementation, and evaluation of problem-solving approaches that incorporate BWCs into officer practice in selected jurisdictions.

## **Encouraging Innovation: Field Initiated Program**

The Field Initiated Program seeks applications from organizations to develop and implement new and innovative strategies that better enable local criminal justice systems to prevent and respond to emerging and chronic crime problems that affect many communities in the United States. Proposals will be aimed at addressing a gap in the current base of knowledge on responding to and/or preventing crime, and should be developed or implemented in a way that allows other communities or organizations to learn from and potentially replicate the approach. Applications must be innovative and/or strategic in nature.

## **Technology Innovation for Public Safety**

The Technology Innovation for Public Safety (TIPS) program is designed to enable strategic information sharing across crime-fighting agencies to address specific local or regional crime problems. Often these efforts will require a multidisciplinary response, involving law enforcement, analysts, investigators, information technology staff, public safety, first responders, adjudications/courts, corrections, human services organizations, and other stakeholders. Applicants are encouraged to propose comprehensive plans that include coordination among multiple stakeholder agencies, shared investment and use of technology services, or regional planning as appropriate.



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