

Bureau of Justice Assistance
Fiscal Year 2016 National Initiatives: Officer Safety and Wellness Initiative—VALOR Program

Frequently Asked Questions

General Questions

Q. Can my organization apply for more than one category?

A. Yes. Organizations may submit one application under each category. If an organization applies as the lead applicant in a category, it may not submit a second application under that same category.

Q. Can a subrecipient (a partner to a lead applicant) be listed as a subrecipient in more than one proposal?

A. Yes. Subrecipients may be part of multiple proposals.

Q. I understand that VALOR is an existing program. Where can I learn more about the current VALOR program?

A. You can learn more about the current VALOR Initiative by visiting the following websites: www.valorforblue.org, www.alerrt.org, www.nleomf.org/programs/destination-zero.

Q. The solicitation states that there needs to be close coordination and collaboration between the different categories. Does this mean that we need to begin coordination during the application process?

A. No. Applicants are not expected to coordinate with other category applicants during the solicitation application stage. Coordination and collaboration is expected after the awards are made.

Q. All awardees are expected to attend quarterly in-person coordination meetings with BJA. Where will these meetings be held?

A. For budgeting purposes, applicants should assume that the majority of the meetings will be held in the Washington, DC area.

Q. The funding amount listed under each category—is that the amount that will be awarded each year of the 2-year project period, or is that amount the total amount to be received for the 2 years?

A. The listed funding amount is the total amount to be awarded for the 2-year period.

Q. Can I apply under this competitive solicitation to request funding to bring training and/or technical assistance to my area/department? Is this solicitation for requesting training funding?

A. No. This solicitation is to apply to **provide/deliver** training and technical assistance throughout the country.

Q. Can an applicant propose to develop other deliverables in addition to the listed required deliverables?

A. Yes. BJA encourages applicants to propose other deliverables and activities.

Q. Can funding be awarded to an applicant/entity that is not a U.S. applicant/entity if the activities will be done within the United States?

A. Currently, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) does not include foreign entities among eligible applicants for grants or cooperative agreements. The applicant, also being the fiscal agent, must be a U.S. entity.

Q. Can you tell me what the peer reviewers who review applications under this solicitation will be looking for during their review?

A. Peer reviewers will be asked to score applications based on the selection criteria listed on pages 33 – 35 of the solicitation.

Q. How can I get more information related to overhead and indirect costs, and any other budgetary issues?

A. Applicants should review the OJP Financial Guide for guidance on budgetary issues. The guide can be found here: <http://ojp.gov/financialguide/index.htm>.

Category 1 Questions

Q. Where can I learn about the current VALOR TTA program?

A. You can visit www.valorforblue.org to learn more about the current TTA program.

Q. Can a proposed advisory board member also be one of the instructors or subject matter experts involved in the development and delivery of the TTA program?

A. No. The advisory board members should not be intimately involved in the actual development and delivery of the TTA materials. The board members must be able to be completely unbiased and objective in the review of the program. To avoid the appearance of possible bias, etc., the board members' responsibility in connection to the program should be just as board members.

Category 2 Questions

Q. Where can I learn about the current active shooter tactical training program under VALOR?

A. You can visit www.alerrt.org to learn more about the current TTA program under VALOR.

Q. What does “natural physiological response to stress” mean?

A. It means the natural responses that a person's body goes through when faced with a stressful situation.

Q. The second listed deliverable under Category 2 mentions a training that addresses the need for an established response plan and training that accounts for other first responders (Fire/EMS). Does this mean that the training should be a training that includes Fire/EMS personnel as training participants?

A. No. This training should be for a law enforcement audience that addresses the importance of establishing a coordinated response plan with other first responders, such as Fire/EMS.

Category 3 Questions

Q. Where can I learn about the current officer safety and wellness recognition program under VALOR?

A. You can visit www.nleomf.org/programs/destination-zero/ to learn more about the current program under VALOR.

Q. Will the Category 3 awardee need to organize and hold the two national conferences mentioned under deliverable 4 of Category 3?

A. No. The awardee will need to assist in the coordination. The Category 1 awardee will be required to hold the conferences.

Category 4 Questions

Q. Will each pilot site have a different researcher?

A. No. It is expected that one researcher will work with all three pilot sites.

Q. Should the kick-off meeting that is required with each pilot site be conducted together with all three sites, or individually – conducting three different kick-off meetings?

A. Each pilot site should have its own kick-off meeting.

Category 5 Questions

Q. Can a proposed advisory board member also be one of the instructors or subject matter experts involved in the development and delivery of the TTA program?

A. No. The advisory board members should not be intimately involved in the actual development and delivery of the TTA materials. The board members must be able to be completely unbiased and objective in the review of the program. To avoid the appearance of possible bias, etc., the board members' responsibility in connection to this program should be just as board members.