

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY IN 2019: AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT'S AHEAD

**BJA Grant Applicant Education Series
(Session 1 of 4)**



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Agenda

- Overview of OJP and BJA
- Explanation of grants available*
- Review of the FY 2019 Department of Justice Program Plan
- Question and answer session

*Note: Please note the following disclaimer: All Grant Program Plan and Forecast data provided by the U.S. Department of Justice is subject to the availability of appropriations and potential legislative changes of statutory requirements. The information provided by DOJ is based on projected operational plans and may be updated frequently, including the addition, substitution, or cancellation of projected solicitations without advance notice.

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The First Steps to Applying, Prepare Now

- January 31, 2019 at 1 p.m. EST

The Federal Funding Process: What New and Seasoned Applicants Should Consider

- February 5, 2019 at 1 p.m. EST

Submitting Your Application: Avoid These Common Mistakes

- February 7, 2019 at 1 p.m. EST

What is the Office of Justice Programs (OJP)?

- OJP provides grant funding, training, research and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice.
 - Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
 - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

OJP Bureaus and Offices

- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
- Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)
- National Institute of Justice (NIJ)
- Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
- Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART)

BJA Mission Statement

BJA provides leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

BJA's Guiding Principle Statement

Reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

Administration Priorities

Funding through BJA is aligned with the Administration's priorities to prosecute more drug and felonious gun cases, with a focus on violent crime, while also supporting the safety of law enforcement officers.

Types of BJA Grants

Discretionary

- Awarded *directly* by OJP to eligible recipients.
- Applicants apply directly to OJP/BJA.
- Most often on a competitive basis.
- Applications undergo a preliminary review process to ensure that they are complete and meet the eligibility requirements.

Formula

- Are usually administered and managed by State Administering Agencies.
- The applicant agency is the State Administrating Agency.
- Distribution of funds is most often governed by statutes or congressional appropriations acts that specify which factors are used to determine eligibility, how the funds will be allocated among eligible recipients, and the method by which an applicant must demonstrate its eligibility for that funding.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Formula

- JAG is OJP’s flagship grant program and the leading source of federal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions.
- JAG funds may be used across seven broad purpose areas:
 - Law enforcement
 - Prosecution and court
 - Crime prevention and education
 - Corrections and parole and probation
 - Drug treatment and enforcement
 - Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement
 - Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation)
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 56
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$3,000,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 3 – April, May, June

Project Safe Neighborhoods

- 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 in each district.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 93
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$350,000
 - Application Submission Deadline: 30-60 days after the release date

Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs)

- BJA through a competitive process provides grant funding to local law enforcement to develop a business model for utilizing the ATF CGIC and their technology for collecting, processing, analyzing, investing and prosecuting illegal firearms.
- Evidence is collected at every shooting and analyzed with actionable intelligence produced without any bias.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 5
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$800,000
 - Expected Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs)



Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)

- Support inventorying, testing, and tracking sexual assault kits.
- Access necessary training.
- Engage in multidisciplinary policy development, implementation, and coordination.
- Improve practices related to investigation, prosecution, and victim engagement and provide support in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 28
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,250,000
 - Award Release Date: Quarter 1 – October, November, December

Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI)

- Jurisdictions receive up to \$700,000 for 3-year initiatives.
- Target a pressing operational or crime reduction issue for innovation and intensive intervention.
- Partner with a researcher to evaluate the project and results.
- Receive intensive training and technical assistance (TTA).
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated number of awards: Up to 10
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$650,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Body-Worn Cameras (BWC)

- The intent of the program is to help agencies develop, implement, and evaluate a BWC program as one tool in a law enforcement agency's comprehensive problem-solving approach to improve officer safety, enhance evidentiary values, and enhance officer interactions in ways that contribute to building community trust and facilitating cooperative engagements.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 71
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$225,000
 - Application Submission Deadline: 30-60 days after the release date

Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking

- This will be a new solicitation in FY 2019, building off of the previous Enhanced Collaborative Model to Combat Human Trafficking from previous years.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$900,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Intellectual Property Enforcement Program (IPEP)

- IPEP is designed to provide national support and improve the capacity of state, local, and tribal criminal justice systems to address IP enforcement, including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 6
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$400,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

National Officer Safety Initiatives Program

- The National Officer Safety Initiatives Program is soliciting innovative approaches to augment law enforcement safety in a variety of key areas based on existing needs and emerging trends and concerns.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 15
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,000,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Threat Assessment and Technology Reporting Program

- The STOP School Violence Act of 2018 authorized BJA to manage a grant program that would support efforts by state, local, and federally recognized Indian tribes to prevent and reduce school violence.
- This solicitation specifically seeks applications that address the development and operation of school threat assessment and crisis intervention teams and the development of technology for local or regional anonymous reporting systems.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 65
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$500,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

STOP School Violence Prevention Training and Response to Mental Health Crisis Program

- The STOP School Violence Act of 2018 authorized BJA to manage a grant program that would support efforts by state, local, and federally recognized Indian tribes to prevent and reduce school violence.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 70
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,000,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program

- This program focuses on high crime communities with concentrated distress and hot spots of crime and directly supports the Department's priorities to reduce violent crime (sometimes associated with gang activity), assist communities struggling with drug abuse, and support law enforcement officers by integrating officers and enforcement strategies into community-based crime reduction efforts.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,000,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime

- The purpose of this program is to provide state, local, and tribal prosecutors with information, resources, and training and technical assistance (TTA) to develop effective strategies and programs to address violent crime. The Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program encourages prosecutors to use data in the development of their violent crime strategies and programs.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 6
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$360,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Program: Demonstration Projects to Establish Zero Tolerance Cultures for Sexual Assault in Correctional Facilities

- The PREA Demonstration Grant Program provides resources to eligible applicants for demonstration projects within confinement settings, including adult prisons and jails, juvenile facilities, community corrections facilities, law enforcement lockups and other temporary holding facilities, and tribal detention facilities.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 20
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$300,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Justice Reinvestment: Reducing Violent Crime by Improving Justice System Performance

- This program provides funding for tribal, state, and local justice agencies to develop, implement, and test innovative and research-based responses to high cost drivers of crime and other public safety and community challenges, as identified through data analysis. Challenges may include chronic crime problems, emerging crime problems, or barriers to justice agencies' ability to address such problems, including those related to law enforcement, prosecution, sentencing, jail and prison, probation and parole.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 6
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,250,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program

- This solicitation presents competitive awards to create multidisciplinary teams to assess and address areas of risk for wrongful conviction and to review and assess post conviction claims of innocence. Applicants will lead collaborative teams of prosecutors, conviction integrity units, and innocence programs to complete the work.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 5
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$250,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Second Chance Act Comprehensive Community-Based Adult Reentry Program

- Supports community- and faith-based organizations in developing and implementing comprehensive and collaborative programs that support people who are reentering communities from incarceration who are at medium to high risk of reoffending, reduce recidivism, and improve public safety.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,000,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Innovative Reentry Initiatives: Building System Capacity & Testing Strategies to Reduce Recidivism

- This Innovations in Reentry Initiative seeks state, local, and tribal jurisdictions to engage in a three part recidivism reduction program: strategic planning, implementation, and evaluation. Applicant jurisdictions will propose to establish or expand a recidivism reduction initiative in line with the RNR framework and evidence-based practices.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 9
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,025,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Innovations in Supervision

- The Innovations in Supervision Program seeks to improve the capacity and effectiveness of community supervision agencies to increase probation and parole success rates and reduce the number of crimes committed by those under probation and parole supervision, which would in turn reduce admissions to prisons and jails and save taxpayer dollars.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 5
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$900,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Innovative Responses to Behavior in the Community: Swift, Certain, and Fair Supervision

- BJA is issuing this solicitation to work with jurisdictions and agencies interested in developing or enhancing supervision strategies that comport with the swift, certain, and fair (SCF) principles and implementing them as part of models informed by research and responsive to local circumstances. SCF strategies are designed to improve supervision outcomes which will reduce recidivism and, in turn, improve public safety.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 5
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$600,000
 - Award Release Date: Quarter 1 – October, November, December

Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness

- The Second Chance Act Program for Improving Reentry for Adults with Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Illness improves access to and delivery of services to offenders with co-occurring substance abuse and mental illness when they leave incarceration to reenter the community.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$1,000,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC)

- JMHCPC supports innovative cross-system collaboration to improve responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 55
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$350,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program

- Widespread use of opioids has devastated many communities. In response to this epidemic, the Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-based Program is designed to support our nation's first responders and provide for the needs of crime victims; support diversion and alternatives to incarceration programs for non-violent individuals who come in contact with the justice system as a result of the abuse of illicit and prescription opioids; implement and enhance prescription drug monitoring programs; promote cross-system planning and coordination of service delivery; and reduce the incidence of fatal overdoses associated with opioid use.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 201
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$900,000
 - Expected Award Release Date: Quarter 2 – January, February, March

Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program

- The purpose of the Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program is to provide financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement drug courts that effectively integrate evidence-based substance abuse disorder treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over substance misusers to include addressing the opioid epidemic.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 170
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$500,000
 - Expected Release Date: Quarter 2 - January, February, March

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

- To provide comprehensive training and technical assistance to tribes in the areas of alcohol and substance abuse-related crime, tribal courts, tribal justice systems, Alaska Native justice systems, addressing violent crime and supporting prosecutors in tribal communities.
- FY 2019 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 5
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$750,000
 - Award Release Date: Quarter 1 – October, November, December



Questions?

FY 2019 Resources for Funding Opportunities

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

2019 OJP Grant Applicant Resource Guide –
<https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>

Office of Justice Programs – FY2019 Program Plan Initiatives: The 2019 Program Plan
<https://www.grantsnet.justice.gov/programplan/html/Solicitations.htm>

FY 2019 Resources for Funding Opportunities

Grants.gov

- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies
- <http://www.grants.gov/>

National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS)

- Links to all current OJP funding opportunities,
- Subscribe to receive email notifications of new opportunities
- <https://www.ncjrs.gov>

NIJ's CrimeSolutions.gov

- Web-based clearinghouse of programs and practices that have been rated in terms of effectiveness in addressing different criminal justice issues.
- <https://www.CrimeSolutions.gov>