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OFFICE OF COMMUNITY ORIENTED
POLICING SERVICES (COPS OFFICE)

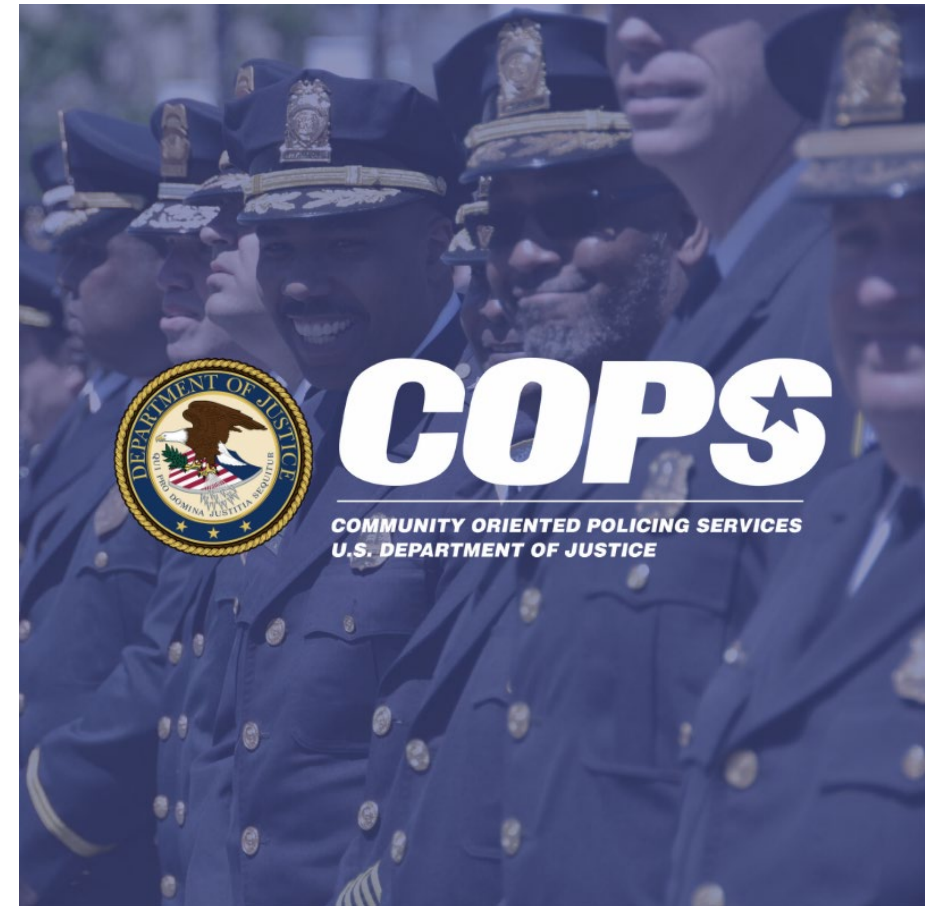
Grants Workshop – Rep. Henry Cuellar



COPS
Community Oriented Policing Services
U.S. Department of Justice

COPS OFFICE OVERVIEW

- Established by the Violent Crime Control and Law Enforcement Act of 1994.
- Mission is to advance public safety through community policing.
- Community policing focuses on collaborative efforts to prevent and respond to crime, social disorder, and fear of crime.
- Since 1994, the COPS Office has been appropriated more than \$20 billion to add community policing officers to the nation's streets, enhance crime fighting technology, support crime prevention initiatives, and provide training and technical assistance to help advance community policing.
- The COPS Office has funded approximately 138,000 additional officer positions for more than 13,000 of the nation's 18,000 law enforcement agencies across the country in small and large jurisdictions alike.





THE COPS OFFICE...

...is the only agency within the Justice Department with policing in its title dedicated solely to supporting state, local, tribal and territorial law enforcement agencies

...reports to the Associate Attorney General – the third highest ranking official in the Department

...funded through the Commerce, Justice, Science, and Related Agencies Appropriations bill (\$662.8 million in Fiscal Year 2023)

...maintains the statutory flexibility to implement priorities of the Attorney General and motivate the law enforcement field in alignment with his/her mission

SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

The COPS Office works to support state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement in three ways: grants, training, and technical assistance.

The COPS Office puts money directly in the hands of the nation's chiefs and sheriffs to reduce violent crime.

All training and technical assistance provided by the COPS Office is designed to reduce violent crime.



GRANTS

- Direct funding to agencies and to organizations supporting law enforcement professionals
- Respects the importance of local control of policing
- Provides funding for the hiring or rehiring of sworn entry-level law enforcement positions
- Other COPS Office grants provide assistance to tribal law enforcement, support school safety, and target the distribution of heroin and other opioids as well as methamphetamine



TRAINING

- Live in-person and train-the-trainer courses
- Active shooter response, tools for tolerance, drug endangered children, school resource officers, de-escalation
- COPS Training Portal
- Bringing on-demand, self-paced learning options to busy professionals



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

- Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC), part of the Collaborative Reform Initiative continuum
- National Blue Alert Network
- Publications and knowledge products: 500+ guidebooks and toolkits available covering different aspects of modern American policing, based on real practice; nearly 100,000 resource requests filled last year

SELECTED 2023 COPS OFFICE PROGRAMS

PROGRAM	FUNDING
COPS Hiring Program (CHP)	\$224.5M
School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)	\$53M (plus \$20M - BSCA)
Drug Task Force Programs	\$51M
Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP)	\$34M
Support for the DOJ Tribal Access Program	\$4M (non-grant)
Community Policing Development (CPD)	\$45M
Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness (LEMHWA)	\$10M
Collaborative Reform	\$7.5M
Preparing for Active Shooter Situations (PASS)	\$12M

COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP)



PURPOSE

Assist law enforcement agencies in the hiring or rehiring of career law enforcement officers in an effort to increase their community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts.

2023 ELIGIBILITY

State, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies with primary law enforcement authority.

FUNDING

Up to \$224.5 million was available.

Funds up to 75% of entry-level salary and fringe benefits up to \$125K per position – three years of funding over a five-year award period. Minimum 25% cash match unless waiver granted. No cap on number of officer positions requested.

HIRING CATEGORIES

Newly hired officers

Rehired officers who were laid off or are scheduled to be laid off

RETENTION

12-month retention requirement at conclusion of three years of federal funding.

COPS HIRING PROGRAM (CHP)



PROBLEM FOCUS AREAS

CHP applicants are required to identify a public safety problem that will be the focus of COPS-funded officer positions. Problem focus areas in 2023 included (priority consideration areas are in blue):

- **Violent Crime** (particularly gun violence)
- **Combating Hate and Domestic Extremism**
- **Police-Based Response to Persons in Crisis**
- **Building Legitimacy and Trust**
- Homeland Security
- Other/Innovations in Community Policing

The FY 2023 COPS Hiring Program provided approximately \$216.8 million to 394 state, local, territorial, and tribal agencies to hire or rehire 1,730 officer positions. Awards were announced on November 2, 2023.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM (SVPP)

The COPS Office provides funding through the School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) for the following purposes:

- Coordination with law enforcement
- Training for local law enforcement officers to prevent student violence against others and self
- Metal detectors, locks, lighting, and other deterrent measures
- Technology for expedited notification of local law enforcement during an emergency
- Other measures providing a significant improvement in security.

SVPP does NOT provide funding for the hiring of School Resource Officers.



Awards are provided directly to States, units of local government, Indian tribes, and other public agencies (school districts, local law enforcement, etc.). Grant recipients may also contract with or make sub-awards to local educational agencies, nonprofit organizations (excluding schools), units of local government, or tribal organizations.

SCHOOL VIOLENCE PREVENTION PROGRAM (SVPP)

2023 Funding – Up to \$53 million available. Maximum of \$500,000 per award.



Funding was also made available through the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (**\$20M**) and used to make additional SVPP awards.

Funds up to 75% of allowable costs to improve school safety, up to \$500K over three years.

Minimum 25% cash match unless waiver granted.

Through FY 2023 SVPP, the COPS Office made 206 awards totaling \$73.6 million. Nearly 4,000 schools and more than 1.5 million students will benefit from the funded projects. Awards were announced on November 2, 2023.

ANTI-HEROIN TASK FORCE (AHTF) PROGRAM

Through the Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Program, the COPS Office makes competitive grants to state law enforcement agencies in states with high per capita levels of primary treatment admissions for heroin, fentanyl, carfentanil, and other opioids.

These funds shall be used for drug enforcement, including investigations and activities related to the distribution of heroin, fentanyl, or carfentanil or the unlawful diversion and distribution of prescription opioids.

Awards are made directly to state-level law enforcement agencies, but we emphasize that state-level offices must partner with local agencies to address these issues.

For AHTF, there was a maximum of \$4 million per award in FY 2023.

The FY 2023 AHTF program solicitation closed on April 25, 2023. Awards were announced on October 13, 2023 totaling approximately \$32.9 million in grant funding to 13 state law enforcement agencies.



COPS ANTI-METHAMPHETAMINE PROGRAM (CAMP)

Through the COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP), the COPS Office makes competitive grants to state law enforcement agencies in states with high seizures or precursor chemicals, finished methamphetamine, laboratories and laboratory dump seizures.

These funds shall be used for investigative purposes to locate or investigate illicit activities, including precursor diversion, laboratories or methamphetamine traffickers.

Awards are made directly to state-level law enforcement agencies, but we emphasize that state-level offices must partner with local agencies to address these issues.

All CAMP awards have a \$1 million minimum award threshold, with a maximum of \$2 million per award.

The FY 2023 CAMP solicitation closed on April 25, 2023. Awards were announced on October 13, 2023 totaling approximately \$15 million in grant funding to 15 state law enforcement agencies.



TRIBAL RESOURCES GRANTS

- Since FY 2010, the COPS Office has awarded funding for tribes through the Tribal Resources Grant Program as part of the Department of Justice's Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) process.
- Through CTAS, the Department is able to meet multiple public safety resource needs of tribal communities through a single solicitation that aims to increase the capacity of tribes to develop and implement a comprehensive approach to addressing their public safety, criminal and juvenile justice, and victimization issues.
- As a part of CTAS, COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program funding can be used to hire or re-hire full-time career law enforcement officers and to procure basic equipment and training to enhance policing efforts.
- The COPS Office also provides funding for the expansion and deployment of the Tribal Access Program (TAP), which provides tribes access to national crime information databases and technical support.
- In FY2023, the COPS Office awarded approximately \$29.9 million through CTAS.

COMMUNITY POLICING DEVELOPMENT (CPD)

CPD is a competitive grant program designed to advance the practice of community policing by providing guidance on promising practices through the development and testing of innovative strategies; building knowledge about effective practices and outcomes; and supporting new, creative approaches to preventing crime and promoting safe communities.

Highlights of the 2023 CPD funding include:

- **Crisis Intervention.** \$11 million will go toward expansion of the use of crisis intervention teams to embed mental and behavioral health services with law enforcement.
- **De-escalation Training.** \$16 million will support the creation and delivery of national level de-escalation training efforts, as well as state and local law enforcement agency efforts to build and maintain their officers' de-escalation proficiency.
- **Accreditation.** \$9 million will be used to expand accreditation programs and assist agencies with gaining accreditation to ensure compliance with national and international standards, covering all aspects of law enforcement policies, procedures, practices and operations.
- **COPS Microgrants.** \$6 million will support COPS Microgrants demonstration or pilot projects in local agencies. These are projects that offer creative ideas to advance crime fighting, community engagement, problem solving or organizational changes to support community policing.
- **Critical Topics -- Tolerance, Diversity, and Anti-Bias Training.** \$3 million will be used for the creation and delivery of tolerance, diversity and anti-bias training for law enforcement officers.
- In FY 2023, the COPS Office awarded a total of \$42.2 million under the individual CPD program solicitations. Awards were announced on November 2, 2023.



LAW ENFORCEMENT MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLNESS ACT (LEMHWA) PROGRAM

LEMHWA funds are used to create or improve mental health and wellness services in law enforcement agencies through the implementation of projects that provide better services and training on officer emotional and mental health, implement suicide prevention programming, and help officers seek assistance in receiving support services. This can include efforts such as facilitating peer mentoring programs and embedding clinical services, as well as providing suicide prevention, stress reduction, and police officer family services.

Projects may serve one agency, a consortium of agencies, or personnel from all agencies located within a county or state. Projects may also incorporate civilian staff of law enforcement agencies, such as those who work in dispatch, crime scene processing, victim/witness services, and others who may regularly experience exposure to trauma.

The FY 2023 LEMHWA program solicitation closed on April 21, 2023. Awards were announced on October 13, 2023 totaling approximately \$9.2 million in grant funding to 60 agencies.



COLLABORATIVE REFORM INITIATIVE

The Collaborative Reform Initiative will now offer a continuum of expert services to state, local, territorial, campus and tribal law enforcement agencies through three levels of technical assistance, at no cost to the requesting agency:

- Training and technical assistance will continue to be offered through the popular Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC). Led and supported by nine leading law enforcement stakeholder associations, CRI-TAC provides a wide array of technical assistance services using a “by the field, for the field” approach. Since its inception in 2017, the program has provided technical assistance to almost 700 law enforcement agencies nationwide.
- The Critical Response program is designed to provide targeted technical assistance to law enforcement agencies experiencing high-profile events, major incidents, or sensitive issues of varying need. Technical assistance can include after-action reviews, targeted assistance in the wake of a critical incident, peer-to-peer exchanges, and facilitated discussions with subject matter experts.
- The Organizational Assessment program offers the most intensive form of technical assistance on the continuum, involving in-depth assessments and long-term assistance on systemic issues that can challenge community trust and confidence. These engagements are the most comprehensive and can often take the most time.

PREPARING FOR ACTIVE SHOOTER SITUATIONS (PASS) TRAINING

- The PASS Training Program is designed to increase public safety by providing funds for scenario-based training that prepares officers and other first responders to safely and effectively handle active-shooter and other violent threats.
- PASS provides funds to training providers as described in the 2016 POLICE Act.
- The PASS-funded provider (ALERRT at Texas State University) has substantial experience with providing and tailoring cross-disciplinary active shooter training to law enforcement and other first responders nationally.
- PASS funding may be used to provide supplemental resources to help officers maintain these vital but perishable skills – including scenario libraries and e-learning modules – and to enhance agency skills in tactical medicine and managing exposure to trauma.
- Please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/training> for more information.

COPS OFFICE TRAINING PORTAL

- The COPS Training Portal exists to directly support training efforts by providing a *no-cost* means for entire law enforcement organizations, training academies, and individual officers to access high-quality and engaging materials and information to enhance the training already being conducted at the local level.
- The Portal offers high quality eLearning courses and resources developed by partners known for their expertise and leadership in law enforcement, community policing, and public safety. Agencies can gain access to case studies, scenarios, training videos, visuals, interactive publications, instructional content, and simulation-based activities within courses and resources that could supplement training or lead action planning within a team.
- <https://copstrainingportal.org/>
- Nearly 41,000 individuals – officers, staff, and stakeholders – have taken part in over 78,500 training sessions through the COPS Office Training Portal!



PREPARING TO APPLY

When applying, applicants should be sure to:

- Start early! Begin the application process well before the deadlines.
- Do not wait until the application deadline date to begin the application process.
- Pay special attention to the Grants.gov and JustGrants deadlines when planning your timeframe for application submission.
- Read the instructions and review the submission thoroughly.
- Save frequently while submitting your applications in JustGrants.
- https://cops.usdoj.gov/pdf/2022ProgramDocs/how_to_apply/Tips_Preparation_How_to_Apply_Presentation.pdf
- Application process tutorial: <https://cops.usdoj.gov/how-to-apply>

COPS OFFICE RESOURCES

The COPS Office produces hundreds of guidebooks, white papers, and publications on the most successful proactive methods for improving public safety.

Visit COPS.USDOJ.GOV for the latest COPS Office updates and resources, or call the COPS Office Response Center at (800) 421-6770.



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OJP & BJA FY24 FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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NIJ - National Institute of Justice

OVC - Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP - Office of Juvenile Justice and
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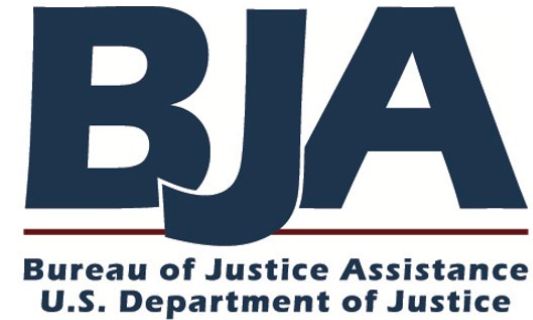
Operations Office

Leadership and Service to Achieve Safer Communities

BJA helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system through grants, training, technical assistance, and policy development

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.



<https://bja.ojp.gov/>



How BJA Supports the Field



Fund

Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals.



Educate

Research, develop, and deliver what works.



Equip

Create tools and products to build capacity and improve outcomes.



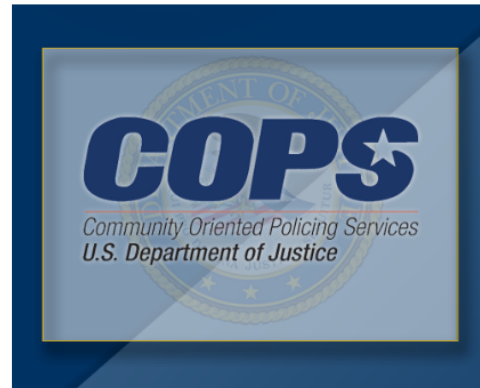
Partner

Consult, connect, and convene.

Over 80 planned solicitations in FY24

BJA FY 24 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Training and Technical Assistance
BJA FY 24 Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program
BJA FY 24 Community Based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crime
BJA FY 24 Community Courts Initiative
BJA FY 24 Competitive DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program
BJA FY 24 Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Use Training and Technical Assistance Program
BJA FY 24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program- Local Solicitation
BJA FY 24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program- State Solicitation
BJA FY 24 Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Prosecution Program
BJA FY 24 Formula DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program
BJA FY 24 Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
BJA FY 24 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program
BJA FY 24 Missing and Unidentified Human Remains (MUHR) Program
BJA FY 24 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)
BJA FY 24 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program
BJA FY 24 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (formula)
BJA FY 24 Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence
BJA FY 24 Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program
BJA FY 24 Project Safe Neighborhoods Formula Grant Program
BJA FY 24 Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA
BJA FY 24 Public Safety Partnership- Capacity Building Grant
BJA FY 24 Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety
BJA FY 24 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program
BJA FY 24 Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program
BJA FY 24 Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Incubator Program
BJA FY 24 Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program
BJA FY 24 Smart Policing Initiative Demonstration Program
BJA FY 24 Smart Prosecution- Innovative Prosecution Solutions Training and Technical Assistance
BJA FY 24 Smart Reentry: Innovation for Jails
BJA FY 24 State Criminal Alien Assistance Program
BJA FY 24 STOP School Violence Specialized Training and Technical Assistance Program

Additional USDOJ Funding Agencies



Office of Community Oriented Policing (COPS)

The [Office of Community Oriented Policing Services \(COPS\)](#) is responsible for advancing the practice of community policing by the nation's state, local, territorial, and tribal law enforcement agencies through information and grant resources. The COPS Office awards grants to hire community policing professionals, develop and test innovative policing strategies, and provide training and technical assistance to community members, local government leaders, and all levels of law enforcement.

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OVW

Office on Violence Against Women

Working Together to End the Violence

Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)

The [Office on Violence Against Women \(OVW\)](#) provides federal leadership in developing the national capacity to reduce violence against women and administering justice for, and strengthening services to, victims of domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. OVW administers grant programs to help provide victims with the protection and services they need to pursue safe and healthy lives, while simultaneously enabling communities to hold offenders accountable for their violence.

Available Funding

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As funding opportunities become available from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, they will be included below. [Subscribe to NewsFromBJA](#) to receive funding announcements.

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Current Solicitations

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Department of Justice Grants Program Plan

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Fiscal Year 2024 DOJ Program Plan -- Coming Soon

The Department of Justice offers funding opportunities to support law enforcement and public safety activities in state, local, and tribal jurisdictions; to assist victims of crime; to provide training and technical assistance; to conduct research and collect national statistics; and to implement programs that improve the criminal, civil, and juvenile justice systems.

The DOJ Program Plan is a tool to help find potential funding opportunities (solicitations) from DOJ's grant-making Components, the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and Office on Violence Against Women (OVW). The Program Plan provides summary details of the funding opportunities each DOJ grant-making Component is expecting to release or has released in a particular fiscal year.

To Search, click Use Search Filters, enter the search criteria and then click Show. Click on any solicitation title for more information. From there click Results to return to your Search results or click Use Search Filters to enter new or refined search criteria. You can filter by the grant-making component or office (i.e., COPS, OJP program offices, and OVW), keywords, eligible applicant categories, and expected release date.

On the solicitation details page, the Opportunity ID will say "TBD" for any program that has not yet been published. For those that have been published, if you are interested in applying for funding, you can copy the Opportunity ID into the Search box on <https://www.grants.gov/>.

You can also find more details on open opportunities as they become available on these pages:

- [Office of Justice Programs Current Funding Opportunities](#)
- [Office on Violence Against Women Open Solicitations](#)
- [Office on Community Oriented Policing Services Grants](#)

Planned Solicitations

<https://www.justice.gov/dojgrantsprogramplan>

Types of BJA Grants

Formula

- Are usually administered and managed by State Administering Agencies or other BJA-approved fiscal agents
- Are most often on a noncompetitive basis
- Distribution of funds to eligible recipients is either statutorily defined or defined by a distribution process that is specified by BJA

Discretionary

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



Formula Grants

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

JAG is OJP's flagship grant program and the leading source of federal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions. There are nine broad purpose areas:

- 1) Law enforcement programs
- 2) Prosecution and court programs
- 3) Crime Prevention and education programs
- 4) Corrections and community corrections, including reentry
- 5) Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- 6) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement
- 7) Crime victim and witness programs (noncompensation)
- 8) Mental health programs (and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams)
- 9) Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives (including but not limited to mental health courts, drug courts, veterans' courts, and extreme risk protection order programs)

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Eligible Applicants

- **JAG State awards:** Only states may apply under this solicitation, and states must designate a single SAA that has authority to apply on their behalf.
- **JAG Local awards:** Only units of local government appearing on the JAG Allocations List may apply under this solicitation.

FY23 Awards

- **JAG State awards:** 56 awards totaling \$209,416,792
- **JAG Local awards:** 802 awards totaling \$84,212,586

FY 2024 Opportunities

The FY 2024 JAG (state and local) funding solicitation will be released next year. Visit <https://bj.a.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview> for more information.



Discretionary Grants

Body-worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies

- **Who May Apply?**

- City or township, county, special district, state, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments
- Independent school districts
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Public housing/Indian housing authorities
- State, county, and local law enforcement agencies
- Correctional agencies that perform law enforcement functions
- University and college law enforcement agencies at publicly funded institutions
- Publicly funded specialized police forces such as park police, independent school district police, transit police, or fish and game enforcement agencies
- Prosecutors' offices
- State or regional consortia that support such agencies, including state administering agencies

- **Why Apply?**

Receive funding to purchase or lease body-worn cameras (BWCs) to establish or expand a comprehensive BWC program. Or receive funding for a demonstration project to improve the management, sharing, and integration of digital evidence generated from BWCs; or optimize how prosecutors leverage BWC footage to improve operations; or use BWC footage to enhance officer training or constitutional policing practices.

- **Maximum per Award**

- Up to \$2 million per award for law enforcement and state correctional agencies
- Up to \$1 million per demonstration project award

Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program

- **Who May Apply?**

- City or township, county, or state governments
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education with on-campus police departments

- **Why Apply?**

Receive funding to implement crisis response and intervention training (CRIT) that will support law enforcement, correctional, probation and parole, and sheriff's department officers on how to effectively partner with mental health, substance use disorder, and community service agencies to improve responses to individuals in crisis who have behavioral health conditions or intellectual, developmental, or physical disabilities.

- **Maximum per Award**

- Up to \$250,000 per award

Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program

- **Who May Apply?**
 - State governments
 - County governments
 - City or township governments
 - Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
 - Public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education
 - Nonprofit or for-profit mental health agencies are eligible if they provide services as a unit of the state or local government
- **Why Apply?**

Receive funding to support law enforcement and behavioral health cross-system collaboration that will improve public health and safety responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.
- **Maximum per Award**

Up to \$550,000 per award





DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program

Who May Apply?

- City or township, county, or state governments
- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education

Why Apply?

Receive funding to conduct, and increase capacity to conduct, analyses of crime scene samples for entry into CODIS in order to reduce the number of forensic DNA and DNA database samples awaiting analysis and/or prevent a backlog of forensic and database DNA samples.

Maximum per Award

Up to \$3,500,000 based on a formula, plus up to \$1,000,000 per award for those that apply under the competitive/discretionary program



Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

- **Who May Apply?**

- City or township, county, or state governments
- Special district governments
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Other

- **Why Apply?**

Receive funding to support cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders (MHDs) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MHSUDs) who come into contact with the criminal justice system or are leaving a custodial setting.

- **Maximum per Award**

\$550,000 per award, including no-cost training and technical assistance

Intellectual Property Enforcement Program: Protecting Public Health, Safety, and the Economy from Counterfeit Goods and Product Piracy

Who May Apply?

- City or township, county, or state governments
- Special district governments
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
- Public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education

Why Apply?

Receive funding to support law enforcement agencies that have an intellectual property (IP) enforcement task force or plan to create one.

Maximum per Award

- Up to \$375,00 per award



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Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program

- **Who May Apply?**
 - State, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecutions agencies
- **Why Apply?**

Receive funding to support conducting outreach, educating practitioners and the public, enhancing victim reporting tools, and investigating and prosecuting hate crimes.
- **Maximum per Award**
 - Up to \$4,000,000 for Category 1 – State or Regional Applications
 - Up to \$400,000 for Category 2 - Single Agency Applications

Smart Policing Initiative (SPI) Program

- **Who May Apply?**

- State, local, tribal, and campus law enforcement agencies
- Governmental nonlaw enforcement agencies acting as their fiscal agent
- Federally recognized Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions
- Tribal consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian tribes (including tribal consortia operated as nonprofit organizations) acting as a fiscal agent for one or more tribal law enforcement agencies

- **Why Apply?**

Receive funding to support innovative and evidence-based policing practices, more effective information sharing, and multiagency collaboration.

- **Maximum per Award**

- Up to \$800,000 per award including no-cost training and technical assistance

STOP School Violence

- **Who May Apply?**

- City or township, county, or state governments
- Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Independent school districts
- Nonprofits, other than institutions of higher education
- Public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education

- **Why Apply?**

Receive funding to support training that will improve school climate using school-based behavioral threat assessments and/or intervention teams to identify school violence risks among students, technological solutions shown to increase school safety such as anonymous reporting technology, and other school safety strategies that assist in preventing violence.

- **Maximum per Award**

Up to \$2,000,000 per award



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FY 2023 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program

Opportunity ID: O-BJA-2023-171520

Solicitation Status: Closed

Fiscal Year: 2023

Closing Date: May 1, 2023

Posting Date: January 26, 2023

Solicitation Type: Competitive

Grants.gov Deadline: April 24, 2023, 8:59 pm Eastern

Application JustGrants Deadline: May 1, 2023, 8:59 pm Eastern

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Description

This opportunity will support law enforcement-behavioral health cross-system collaboration to improve public health and safety as well as responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders (MHDs) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MHSUDs).

[View/print the Solicitation Overview](#)

Available Funding

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FY 2023 CONNECT AND PROTECT: LAW ENFORCEMENT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH RESPONSE PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
APRIL 24, 2023

JUSTGRANTS:
MAY 1, 2023

Who May Apply:

State, county, city, township, or Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education; and special district governments. Nonprofit or for-profit mental health agencies are eligible if they provide services as a unit of the state or local government. All applications require a demonstrated partnership through a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between a justice entity and a mental health partner.

Why Apply:

Receive funding to support law enforcement and behavioral health cross-system collaboration that will improve public health and safety responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

Maximum per Award:

- Up to \$550,000 per award

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Agencies that have not received BJA funding before.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded:

- Cross-system collaboration programs such as case management, crisis intervention teams, co-responder teams, and mobile crisis teams
- Training and coordination for police-mental health collaboration
- Collect data to inform practices and develop policies
- Engage residents via outreach and education to improve public health and safety
- Enhance officer skills in responding to community members with mental health disorders

Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171520.pdf for the full solicitation.



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IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION STRATEGIES WEBINAR SERIES

The Implementing Community Based Violence Intervention Strategies webinar series will highlight a wide range of issues important to successfully implementing Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategies. Using the BJA CVI Checklist as a framework, the series will walk through the stages of planning and implementation of CVI strategies and take a deeper dive into opportunities and challenges that jurisdictions face as they implement these strategies in their communities.

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BJA National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC)

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The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) offers training and technical assistance (TTA) to offices to:

- Provide office or program assessments to identify gaps, suggest efficiencies, and make recommendations;
- Fund subject matter experts to provide trainings or general support;
- Fund individuals to attend trainings;
- Fund travel for peer-to-peer site visits; and
- Identify strategies to strengthen organizational operations.

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SAM.gov Entity Validation Update [🔗](#)

GSA implemented a new process to validate an entity's legal business name and physical address when requesting a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and for completing a SAM.gov entity registration. Due to a high volume of requests, entity validations are taking longer than expected to process. This validation process is now taking 7-10 business days, and in some cases longer.

OJP strongly recommends starting your SAM.gov registration process as soon as possible to allow the time necessary to process entity validations well in advance of the Grants.gov due date posted in the solicitation. Read [this FAQ](#) for more information.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Grant Application Resource Guide ("Guide") provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding. It addresses a variety of policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP program applicants, or to grants and cooperative agreements awarded in fiscal year (FY) 2023. Some OJP programs may have program solicitations that expressly modify a provision of this Guide; in such cases, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in the solicitation as to any such expressly modified provision.

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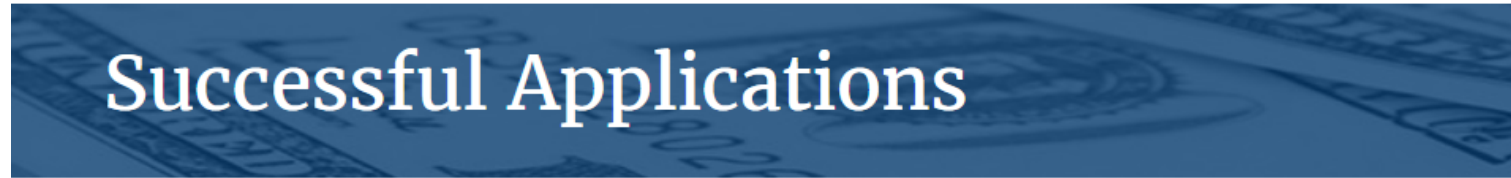
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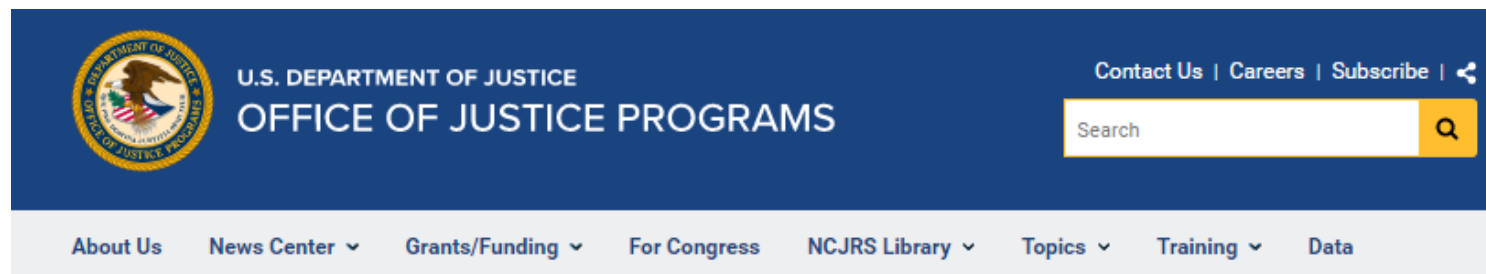
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 - **Customer Support Hotline:** 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035
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 - **Email**
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
 - support@grants.gov
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

JustGrants Technical Support

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).
- **Customer Support Hotline:** 833-872-5175
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Contact the OJP Response Center:

- Email: grants@ncjrs.gov
- Web chat: <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- Toll free: 800–851–3420
- TTY: 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

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

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Community Programs

Community Facilities

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Community Facilities Programs

- Direct Loans
- Grants
- Loan Guarantees

Applicant Eligibility

- Public Bodies
- Non-Profit Corporations
- Federally Recognized Indian Tribes

CF Eligibility – Essential Community Facilities

- Must serve the local community
- Needed for the orderly development of community
- May not include private or commercial undertakings
- Must have significant community support (non-profit organizations)

Eligible Areas

- Must serve rural areas
- Cities, towns, or incorporated areas that have a population of 20,000 or less inhabitants.

Eligible Project

- Public Health – hospitals, medical clinics, nursing homes, assisted living facilities
- Public Service – courthouses, city hall, streets, sidewalks, municipal buildings
- Public Safety – fire stations, police departments, emergency operations centers, firetrucks, police vehicles, communication equipment
- Education – school buildings, equipment, buses
- Community Services – public libraries, community centers, food pantries, community gardens, museums

Community Programs

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