



Department of Justice

Grants? Yes, Please!

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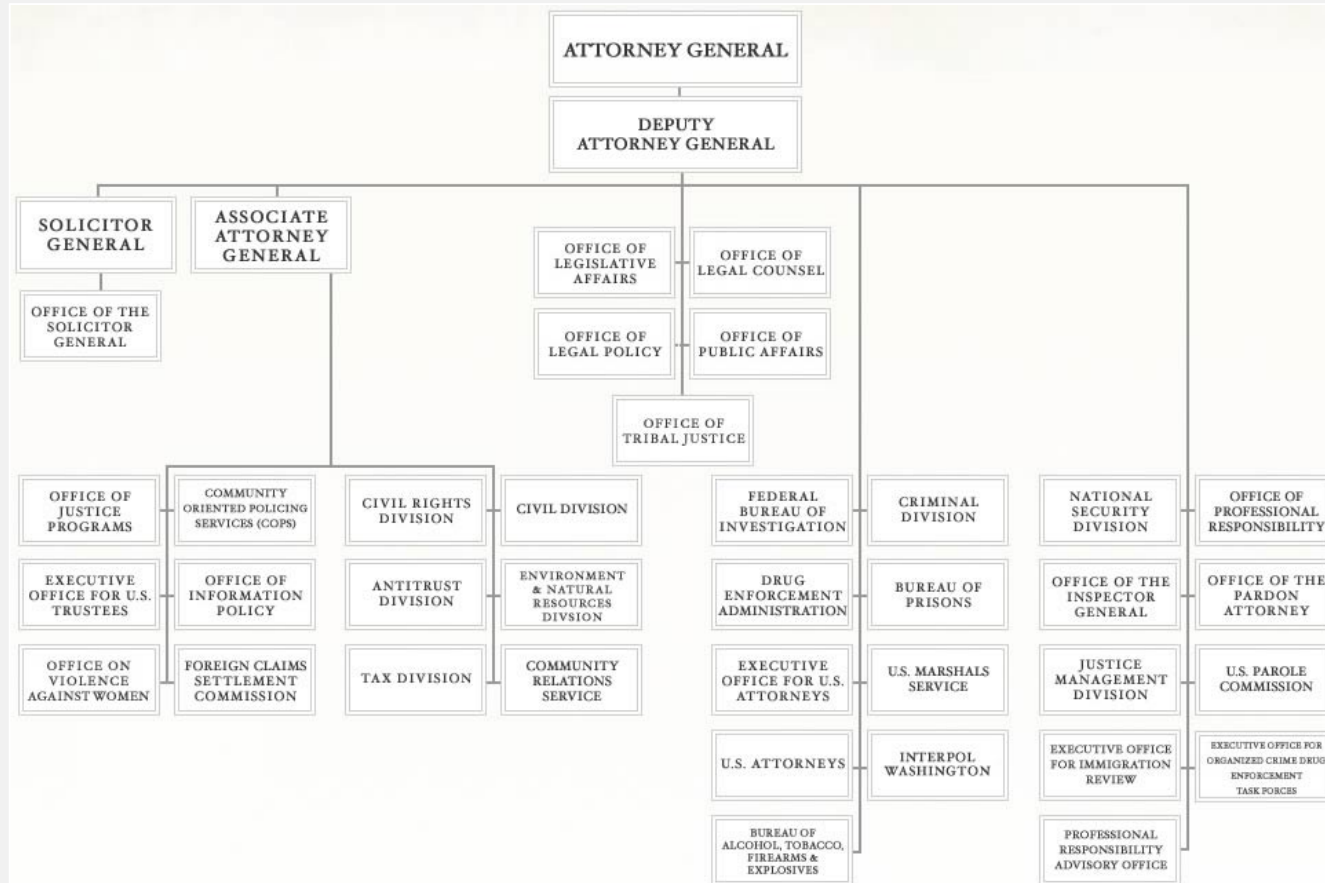
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U.S. Department of Justice - Mission Statement

To enforce the law and defend the interests of the United States according to the law; to ensure public safety against threats foreign and domestic; to provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime; to seek just punishment for those guilty of unlawful behavior; and to ensure fair and impartial administration of justice for all Americans.



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Types of Grants from the Department of Justice

Monetary Awards

Formula

Competitive

Training and Technical Assistance (TTA)



U.S. Department of Justice FY 20 Priorities

- Countering Violent, Gun Crime
- Drug Enforcement and the Opioid Crisis
- National and Cyber Security
- First Step Act

You can read more about DOJ's current priorities and recent performance at -
<https://www.performance.gov/justice/>



Grants from the Department of Justice

Three grant-making components in the
Department:

- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
- Office on Violence Against Women
- Office of Justice Programs



Where to Find Funding Opportunities

- Grants.gov
 - Grants.gov is managed by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services and serves as a centralized location for grant seekers to find and apply for federal funding opportunities
 - Today, the Grants.gov system houses information on over 1,000 grant programs and vets grant applications for 26 federal grant-making agencies.

Each Grant-Making Components' website

- Office of Community Oriented Policing Services
 - <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>
- Office on Violence Against Women
 - <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>
- Office of Justice Programs
 - <http://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm>



Grants.gov Landing Page

The screenshot shows the Grants.gov website interface. At the top, there is a search bar with the text "SEARCH: Grant Opportunities" and a "GO" button. Below the search bar is a navigation menu with links: HOME, LEARN GRANTS, SEARCH GRANTS, APPLICANTS, GRANTORS, SYSTEM-TO-SYSTEM, FORMS, CONNECT, and SUPPORT. The main content area features a large image of a hand holding a smartphone displaying the Grants.gov mobile app interface. To the left of the image, the text reads "Convenience Comes to Federal Grants" and "Download the Grants.gov Mobile App to search and submit on the go." Below this text are two buttons: "Download on the App Store" and "GET IT ON Google Play". At the bottom of the page is a footer with icons and labels for various services: SEARCH GRANTS, GET STARTED, GRANT POLICIES, GRANT-MAKING AGENCIES, PREVENT SCAMS, COMMUNITY BLOG, TWITTER FEED, YOUTUBE VIDEOS, ONLINE HELP, and SUPPORT CENTER.

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The Department of Justice (DOJ) grant making components—the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)—have established this website to serve as a resource hub for their grants management system (JustGrants) and payment management system (ASAP), both of which launched on October 15, 2020.

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What Is JustGrants?

JustGrants replaces the Grants Management System (GMS) used by the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW), as well as the NexGen system used by the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office).



COPS Landing Page



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If you're a state, local, tribal or territorial law enforcement agency then you should explore our funding opportunities. As the leading community policing experts at the U.S. Department of Justice, we've invested over \$14 billion in community policing since Congress established our office in 1994.

We invite you to learn about our various grant programs some of which are available to non-law enforcement agencies, [read about our current grantees' successes](#), and plan to apply for funding to support your community policing efforts.

COPS OFFICE 2020 AWARDS

- [COPS Hiring Program \(CHP\)](#)
- [COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program \(CAMP\)](#)
- [COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force \(AHTF\) Program](#)
- [Community Policing Development \(CPD\) Microgrants Program](#)
- [Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act \(LEMHWA\) Program](#)
- [Community Policing Development \(CPD\) Program](#)
- [Preparing for Active Shooter Situations \(PASS\) Program](#)
- [School Violence Prevention Program \(SVPP\)](#)
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Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

- 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 invested more than \$15 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 more than 130,000 additional officers to more than 13,600 of the nation's 18,000 law enforcement agencies across the country in small and large jurisdictions alike.



Depleted Hiring Resources Through COPS

- In 2009, COPS received 7,272 COPS Hiring Program applications requesting approximately \$8.3 billion for 39,346 officers. However, we were able to fund only 1,046 of those applications for 4,699 officers with the \$1 billion available.
- In 2013, COPS received 1,718 applications requesting over \$970 million and were only able to make 266 awards for 955 officers.
- In 2014, COPS funded only 215 applications of the 1,296 that were submitted. COPS received funding requests of more than \$425 million for the \$123 million that was available.
- In 2020, COPS awarded nearly \$400 million dollars to 605 agencies out of the approximate 1,100 that were submitted. These awards allowed an additional 2,761 additional full-time law enforcement professionals to be hired.



COPS FY 20 Funding

- Total COPS awards in FY20 - 919
- Total COPS funding for FY20
\$530,738,832



Recent COPS Funding to Alabama

- FY20 COPS Hiring Program awarded a combined 58 officer positions to Alexander City, DeKalb County, Falkville, Helena, Madison County, Mobile, Montevallo, Montgomery County, Satsuma, Tarrant, and Troy.
- Cherokee County received a COPS youth engagement microgrant for \$15,090 in FY20.
- The School Violence Prevention Program awarded funding to Alabaster in FY20, as well as ALEA and Mobile in FY18.
- In FY20 ADOC received a COPS Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness Act award.
- In FY19, FY18 the National Association of School Resource Officers were awarded a Community Policing Development Award.
- Alabama has been unsuccessful in obtaining COPS funding for Anti-Heroin and Anti-Meth awards due to an absence of applications.



OVW Grants Landing Page



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ABOUT OVW GRANT PROGRAMS

The Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) currently administers 19 grant programs authorized by the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) of 1994 and subsequent legislation. Four programs are "formula," meaning the enacting legislation specifies how the funds are to be distributed. The remaining programs are "discretionary," meaning OVW is responsible for creating program parameters, qualifications, eligibility, and deliverables in accordance with authorizing legislation. These grant programs are designed to develop the nation's capacity to reduce domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking by strengthening services to victims and holding offenders accountable.

Read a short piece on ["Measuring the Effectiveness of Grants"](#) or get the full [Report to Congress on the Effectiveness of Grants, 2014-2016 \(PDF\)](#).

See a [1-page list of OVW grant programs \(PDF\)](#) or a [4-page list with descriptions of the programs \(PDF\)](#).

See staff responsible for each program on the [grant program contacts page](#).

Formula Grant Programs

— ▶ [STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program](#) —

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OVW Funding

Formula Grants

- Victims of Crime Act Victim Compensation
- Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance

Discretionary grants include opportunities related to housing, legal assistance, medical services, etc.



OVW Discretionary Funding

FY 2019

Number of Award(s): **754**

Total Amount Awarded:
\$462,064,610



OVW VOCA Victims' Assistance Funding in Alabama (2014 – 2020)

Number of Awards: **281**

Organizations awarded - **104**

Total Amount Awarded:
\$108,498,361



VAWA Discretionary Grants





Funded Activities

Law
Enforcement

Direct
services

Legal
Assistance

Training

Crisis
Intervention

Prevention
Education

Transitional
Housing

Court
Improvement

Supervised
Visitation



OJP Landing Page



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Opportunities & Awards

Current Funding Opportunities

See below for a list of all currently open OJP funding opportunities, with links to the full text of the solicitation where you can locate information on how to apply. We encourage you to check out the [Applicant Resources](#) section of the site for information and training on writing and submitting an application. If you are looking for funding opportunities released in previous years or that closed during the current fiscal year, go to the [Past Funding Opportunities page](#).

- [Open Solicitations](#): Solicitations are OJP's competitive and formula/block grant funding opportunity announcements.

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Office of Justice Programs Overview

- The Mission of OJP is to increase public safety and improve the fair administration of justice across America through innovative leadership and programs.
- OJP strives to make the nation's criminal justice and juvenile justice systems more responsive to the needs of state, local and tribal governments and their citizens.
- OJP partners with federal, state, and local agencies, and national and community-based organizations, including faith-based organizations, to develop, operate, and evaluate a wide range of criminal and juvenile justice programs.



OJP COMPOSITION

- OJP is comprised of 5 bureaus and 1 program 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)
 - Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering and Tracking (SMART)



OJP Funding

FY 20

Number of Grants: 269

Number of Awards: **31,382**

Total Amount Awarded:
\$11,919,940,939



Broad Scope of OJP Opportunities

FY 20

Bullet-Proof Vests

Alabama Jurisdictions Receiving
Awards - 87

Total Amount for Alabama:
\$457,770.56



OJP Program Plan Projection

Reentry

Specialty Courts

School Safety

Legal Services

Human Trafficking

Community
Programming and
Supervision

Substance Abuse
Treatment

Cold Case
Investigations

Justice Systems
Enhancement

Elder Protection

Mental Health of
Law Enforcement



What to Apply For?



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Reliable Research. Real Results.

The first step in knowing what to do is knowing what works ... and what hasn't.

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What is CrimeSolutions? [↗](#)

CrimeSolutions is a central resource to help practitioners and policymakers understand what works in justice-related programs and practices. Its purpose is to assist in practical decision making and program implementation by gathering information on justice-related programs and practices and reviewing evaluation and meta-analysis research against standard criteria.

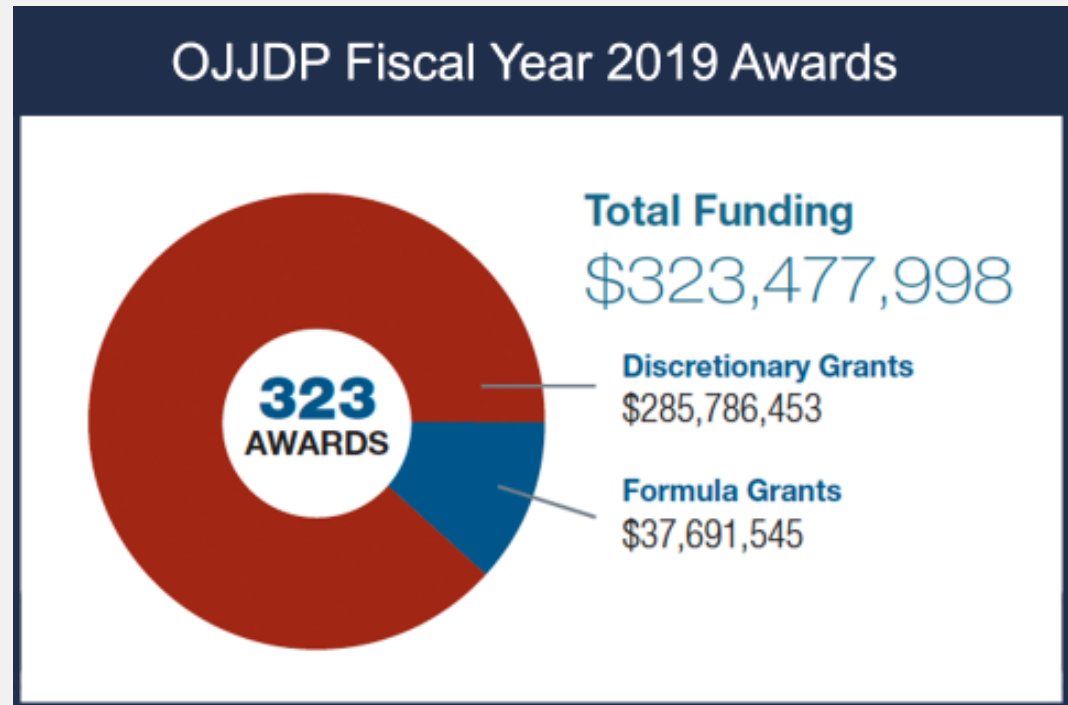
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OJJDP Funding

OJJDP strives to strengthen the juvenile justice system's efforts to protect public safety, hold justice-involved youth appropriately accountable, and provide services that address the needs of youth and their families.





OJJDP Funding in Alabama

Since 2015, there have been 33 OJJDP award made to Alabama agencies, amounting to \$21,954,286.



Current ADECA OJJDP Funding

The Alabama Department of Economic and Community Affairs will allocate FY 2020 Title II Formula Grant funds (~\$776k) to local government agencies and nonprofit organizations to implement projects that focus on community-based programs that work with juveniles and their families to address issues within the family that may be a causative factor in a juvenile's delinquent behavior.

Projects will address issues such as effective communication, discipline, substance abuse, physical and emotional abuse, mental health issues, education, job skills training, and the cyclical histories of illiteracy, unemployment and involvement in the criminal justice system. Funding will be utilized to address compliance with the four Core Requirements, specifically, deinstitutionalization of status offenders, sight and sound separation, jail removal, and compliance monitoring.



Key Grants to Highlight Competition

- Body Worn Camera
- Children of Incarcerated Parents
- SAKI
- COAP
- Coverdell
- Drug Court
- Law Enforcement Mental Health Wellness
- Missing and Exploited Children
- Second Chance Act
- STOP SVPP



Body Worn Camera Grant

Application and Award History

(\$ in millions)	FY 2016 ^{1/}	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019 CR	FY 2020 Request
Amount Available for Funding [^]	\$22.5	\$22.5	\$20.1	\$22.5	\$22.5
Total Funding Awarded	\$20.1	\$17.4	\$12.3	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	223	138	84	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	107	84	75	TBD	TBD
Percentage of Applications Funded	48%	61%	89%	TBD	TBD



Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

(\$ in millions)	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019 CR	FY 2020 Request
Amount Available for Funding	\$40.6^	\$37.3^	\$42.9^	\$47.5	\$47.5
Total Funding Awarded	\$36.4	\$35.3	\$42.9	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	37	29	38	TBD	TBD
Number of awards	27	22	32	TBD	TBD



Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program

(\$ in millions)	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021 Request
Amount Available for Funding	\$11.9^	\$134.8^	\$141.4^	\$180.0	\$160.0
Total Funding Awarded	\$11.6	\$129.8	\$141.1	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	141	146	112	TBD	TBD
Number of awards	27	133	77	TBD	TBD
Percentage of Applications Funded	19%	91%	69%	TBD	TBD

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Drug Court Program

(\$ in millions)	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019 CR	FY 2020 Request
Amount Available for Funding	\$37.7^	\$38.6^	\$68.1^	\$75.0	\$75.0
Total Funding Awarded ^{1/}	\$24.05	\$22.1	\$47.6	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	129	165	122	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	56	53	75	TBD	TBD
Percentage of Applications Funded	43%	32%	61%	TBD	TBD



Missing and Exploited Children Program

(\$ in millions)	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019 CR	FY 2020 Request
Amount Available for Funding	\$64.9^	\$65.4^	\$69.1^	\$76.0	\$81.0
Total Funding Awarded	\$64.9	\$65.4	\$69.1	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	162	127	167	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	90	81	83	TBD	TBD
Percentage of Applications Funded	56%	64%	50%	TBD	TBD



STOP School Violence Act

(\$ in millions)	FY 2017	FY 2018	FY 2019^^	FY 2020	FY 2021 Request
BJA STOP School Violence Prevention and Mental Health Training & Threat Assessment and Technology Reporting Programs					
Amount Available for Funding	\$0.0^	\$47.5^	\$63.5^	\$75.0	\$75.0
Total Funding Awarded	\$0.0	\$46.9	\$52.9	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	0	213	157	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	0	183	112	TBD	TBD
Percentage of Applications Funded	0%	85%	71%	TBD	TBD
COPS Office School Violence Prevention Program					
Amount Available for Funding	\$0.0^	\$25.0^	\$33.0^	\$50.0	\$75.0
Total Funding Awarded	\$0.0	\$24.5	\$32.5	TBD	TBD
Number of Applications	0	202	598	TBD	TBD
Number of Awards	0	91	103	TBD	TBD
Percentage of Applications Funded	0%	45%	17%	TBD	TBD

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Select DOJ Enforcement, Reentry, and Prevention Grants in the NDAL

2012 Jefferson County Reentry Strategic Plan

2013 Justice Information Sharing

2014, 2015 Swift and Certain Sanctions

2014 Birmingham Day Reporting Center

2014 Co-occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Health in Reentry

2015 Sexual Assault Justice Initiative

2015, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020 Project Safe Neighborhoods

2015 National Initiative for Building Community Trust and Justice

2015 Statewide Justice Reinvestment Strategy

2016, 2019, 2020 Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

2017, 2020 COAP – Birmingham Recovery Resource Center

2019 Community-based Adult Reentry (Cullman County)



Additional Federal Reentry Grants

Department of Education

2016 Second Chance Pell (Ingram State & Calhoun Community College)

Department of Health and Human Services

2012 Ex-offender Healthcare Transitions Clinic

2012 Jefferson County Reentry Demonstration Project

2014 Minority Health

Department of Labor

2012 Juvenile Offender Reentry Employment

2018, 2019, 2020 Reentry Employment

Private Source

2014 Social Security Outreach, Access, and Recovery



Other Justice Oriented Funding Streams

- Department of Education - <https://www.ed.gov/jjreentry> and <https://experimentalsites.ed.gov/exp/index.html>
- Department of Labor - <https://www.dol.gov/agencies/eta/reentry>
- Health and Human Services - <https://reentry.ojp.gov/funding/hhs>
- Local community foundations



Department of Labor

Reentry Projects - \$90 million awarded in FY20

Provide the opportunity for community and faith-based organizations, states, and local governments to improve outcomes for young adults between the ages of 18 to 24 that have been involved in the juvenile or adult justice system, and adults age 25 and older who have been incarcerated in the adult criminal justice system and released from prison or jail within 180 days. The projects offer a range of services based on current evidence and proven research, as well as promising emerging practices which test interventions that improve employment outcomes. The grants operate in rural and urban areas, and must serve high-crime, high-poverty communities. (*ending September 2022*)



Current Training and Technical Assistance Examples

- Public Safety Partnership (Jefferson and Calhoun Counties)
- National Council of Family and Juvenile Court Judges (Jefferson County Domestic Violence and Firearms TTA)
- International Association of Chiefs' of Police (Jefferson and Calhoun Vicarious Trauma Response Initiative)



Tips for Preparing Successful Grant Applications

- Ensure your online registrations, passwords, etc. (e.g., Grants.gov, GMS, COPS website, etc.) are current!
- Start the application and submission process as early as possible
- Thoroughly read solicitation, call for concept papers, request for proposals, etc.
- Include a research partner in your grant proposal
- Call or email the point of contact if you have questions
- Ensure complete compliance with current grants (progress reports, Federal Financial Reports, past audit or site visit issues are resolved, etc.).
- Narrative sections should be well-written and should address all relevant sections/questions
- Use the application checklists and follow instructions to the letter
- Complete all sections and ensure accuracy of the information
- Ensure that all contact information is current, especially email addresses, as this is how we alert you of solicitation openings and closings
- Print and keep copies of all online grant applications



Tips for Preparing Successful Grant Applications

- Plan ahead, have an idea of what you want/need beforehand
- Partner with others, but not too many
- Work as a team, but have defined roles and expectations
- Strongly consider bringing in a research partner
- Read and re-read the application carefully, so as not to make a careless error
- Mirror the language and priorities of the awarding agency
- Be ambitious, but realistic and incremental
- If you have a question, ask the agency
- APPLY
- Reapply the next year



Grant Realism

- Grants are not a panacea, but are ideal as catalysts or supplements
- Grants ARE NOT a quick fix
- Necessity of revisions
- Possibility of extensions
- Applying and receiving an award is the easy part
- Your grant efforts can be more successful than you think (especially if you're good at paperwork).



OJP Grants 101

OJP Grants 101 features step-by-step guidance on how to apply for funding, providing:

- Overview of the OJP grant process.
- Tips to find funding opportunities and writing strong applications.
- Description of the application review process.
- Links to other resources, including the OJP Financial Guide and sample application materials.
- OJP Grants 101 website: www.ojp.gov/grants101



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