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FUNDING

Where do you go for funding

- **Federal Grants**
 - ✓ US Department of Justice
 - ✓ Department of Homeland Security
 - ✓ Grants.gov
- **State Grants**
 - ✓ State administrating agencies (DOJ & DHS)
 - ✓ State lead agency
- **National Foundations**
- **State or Local Foundation**
- **National and Local business doing business in your community.**





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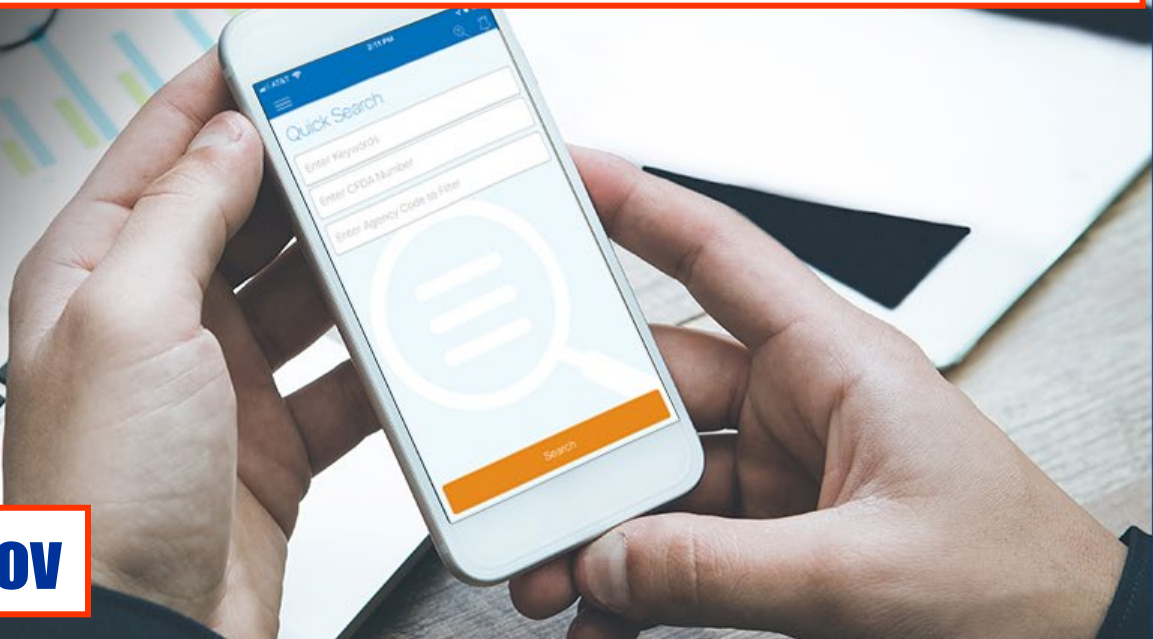
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26 Federal Agencies Funding Opportunities

Convenience Comes to Federal Grants

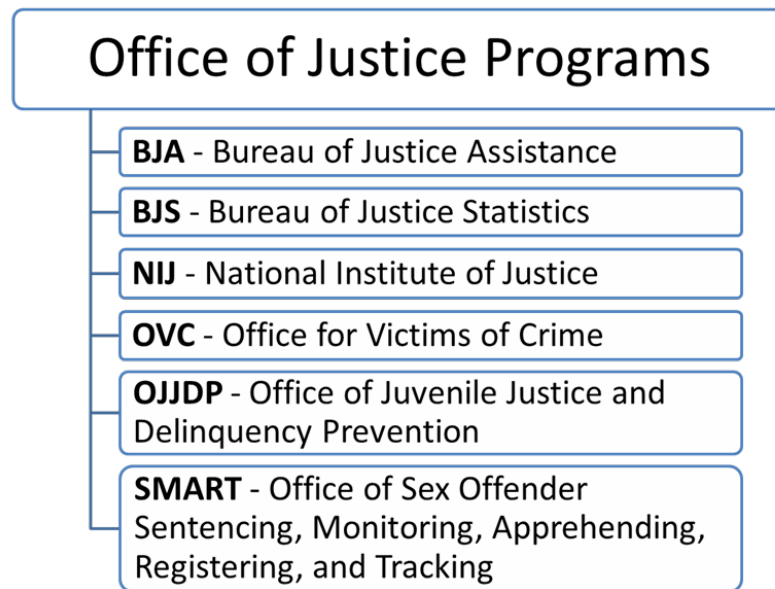
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<http://www.grants.gov>

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 along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)



Types of BJA Grants

Discretionary

- Awarded *directly* by OJP to eligible recipients.
- 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.

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.

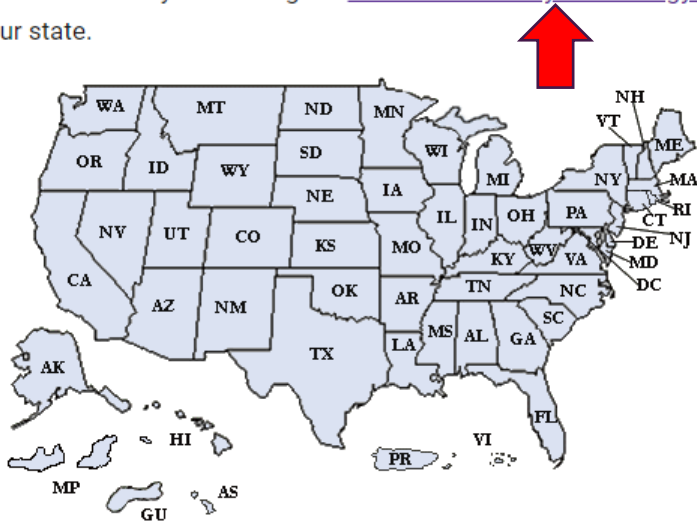
COPS Office Grant Programs

PROGRAM
COPS Hiring Program (CHP)
School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP)
Community Policing Development (CPD)
Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness (LEMHWA)
Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP) Support for the DOJ Tribal Access Program
Anti-Heroin Task Force Program (AHTF)
Anti-Methamphetamine Task Force Program (AHTF)

STATE ADMINISTRATING AGENCY

Overview

Many OJP formula grants are awarded directly to state governments, which then set priorities and allocate funds within that state. For more information on how a state intends to distribute formula grant funds, contact the appropriate state administering agency (SAA). If you are using grant monies for information technology, you can comply with the special condition by contacting the [State and Territory Technology Points of Contact](#) in your state.



Texas SAA



Utah SAA

Vermont SAA

Virginia SAA

Washington SAA

West Virginia SAA

Wisconsin SAA

Wyoming SAA

American Samoa SAA

Guam SAA

Mariana Islands SAA

Puerto Rico SAA

Virgin Islands SAA

Clarifying the idea so others understand

- An idea of one is not always understandable by others
- It's important to use general terms and avoid “lingo” terminology
- When developing the idea think about who will;
 - Read or review it
 - Be affected
 - Approve it
 - Implement/manage
- Is there a need and do others agree
- Will it solve a problem
- Can it be funded

Bringing an idea to reality

- It is important that the idea or project can be clearly stated
- Every idea **MUST** have;
 - **Executive Summary**
 - ✓ NO MORE than 2 ½ pages
 - ✓ The problem
 - ✓ The solution (include methodology)
 - ✓ The time
 - ✓ The cost
 - **The “elevator speech”**
 - ✓ Ability to clearly state the project in a short amount of time
 - ✓ Convey the value; not only to you, but the masses (including that person)
 - **Strong strategic champion**
 - **Know the difference between “start up” and “proof-of-concept”**

Developing a partnership

- It is important identify all the potential partners
- The development of an advisory group can be beneficial
 - This group can serve as the “strategic champion”
 - Can assist with education of others
- Documentation of the partners and regular meetings are important
 - Informal vs formal
 - Memorandums of understanding (MOU)
 - Letters of agreement/participation
- This will be a positive element when seeking funding
- Will assist with the development and implementation

Creating a plan

- What is the focus
- It is important to Identify the specific need(s)
- What items/issues/problems will this solve or improve
- In any plan it can be difficult to stay focused
 - Beware of mission creep
 - Know the theory of “parking lot”
 - Changes need to be shared with partners and well documented
- What elements are part of the development and implementation
- How will this be evaluated
- Maintenance and continued funding

Quotes from actual grant reviewers

“If you haven’t told us what you want by the end of the third paragraph, chances are you are not going to get it.”

– Phillips Petroleum Foundation

Questions to Ask

- How many grants will be awarded in the next funding cycle?
- How much money is available?
- Is there a predetermined award distribution?
- How many applications are expected?
- If my grant application doesn't get funding this year, could it be considered for funding next year?
- Is there a higher priority to continuation grants than to new proposals?
- Is there any technical assistance or sample grants of successful awards?

Pre-application items

- Identify the participants/partners
- Inventory of software/hardware
- Identify a clear mission
 - What you want to do
 - How you'd like to do it
 - Have a clear written plan
- Create an advisory committee
 - Begin meeting
 - Reach common ground
- Create/sign MOU/MOA with partners
- Implement standards

Applications should reflect:

- Provided a strong, representative team
- The project is replicable or transportable
- The project provides considerable value to other states
- The timeline presented was realistic
- The project description included measurable objectives
- Funds requested are reasonable

Quotes from actual grant reviewers

“If the budget doesn’t add up correctly, I don’t want to fund it.”

- Texas State Grant Review Team

Receiving the grant is just the beginning

- As a grantee you have responsibilities
- Reports required need to be completed on time
- A strong financial process is imperative
- Are your bound to and other grants that require reporting
- Download and maintain any reference documents

Once received there still is work to be done

- What are the reporting requirement and timeframes

- Financial requirements

- Document and receipt everything
- Know the rules for spending and allowable items
- Are there “drawdown” rules
- Submittal of reports is crucial

- What are the rules for making changes?

Evaluation shows success or failure

- Know the performance measures you expected to complete and the data needed
- Selecting the right individual(s) to manage the evaluation is important
- Know when they are due
- Be as complete as possible
- This may be a determining factor for future funding

Why applications don't make the grade

- Vague generalizations, promises, and unwarranted assumptions
- Overuse of boilerplate material/templates
- Didn't sell the project to the reviewer, no significance
- Application objectives did not match funder's objectives
- Objectives are too ambiguous/unrealistic
- Budget out of range based on total funding amount
- Duplication of services within community

OTHER REASONS APPLICATIONS NOT FUNDED

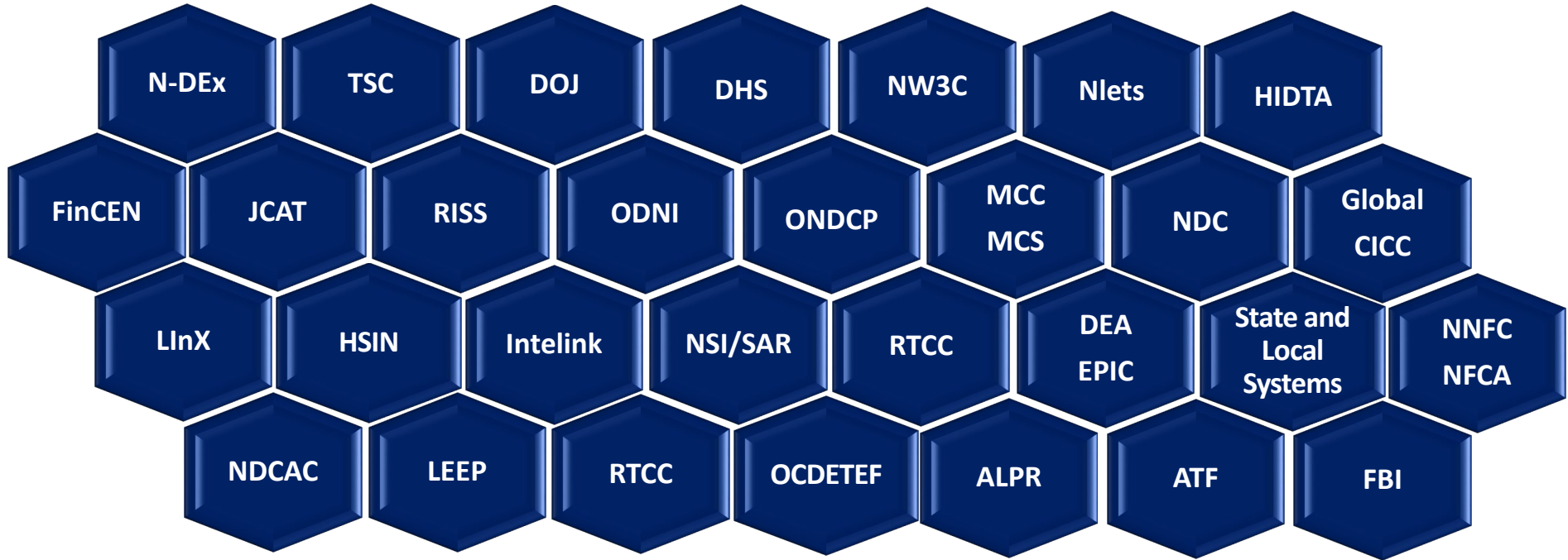
- Not meeting the guidelines
- No clear mission or description of project
- Failure to answer questions
- Roles of partners not defined
- Required partners not identified
- **Failure to follow directions**
 - Length/spacing
 - Number of copies
 - Binding
 - Attachments
- **Deadline**
- **Grant history**
- **No performance measures**

Tips:

- Never be afraid to apply or ask
- You won't get everyone you apply for, but 40% is better than average
- Make sure you fit THEIR guidelines, don't try to adapt and provide questionable information
- Be focused on the goals and objectives, the more specific the better . . . general is difficult to measure
- Provide EVERYTHING they ask for . . . if a provided form does not apply, submit it with that marked on it

TRAINING & RESOURCES

Building Blocks for Resources and Services

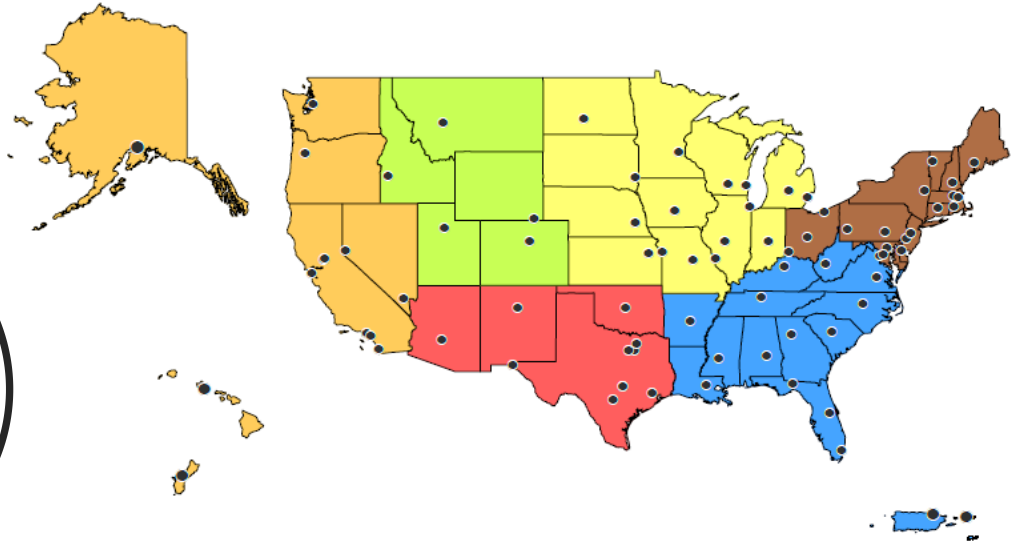


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


Do You Know?

- What is a fusion center? Do you know how to contact your fusion center?

**The National
Network of
Fusion Centers
(NNFCs)**



Legend

 Pacific  Rocky Mountain  Southwest  Central  Southeast  Northeast

Do You Know?

- What is a SAR? Do you know how to complete a SAR report or where to send it?



Online SAR Training for Law Enforcement and Hometown Security Partners

****NEW** SAR
Fundamentals
eLearning**



Do You Know?

- What if you grab a phone or computer from a crime scene—do you know what to do with it or whom to send it to?

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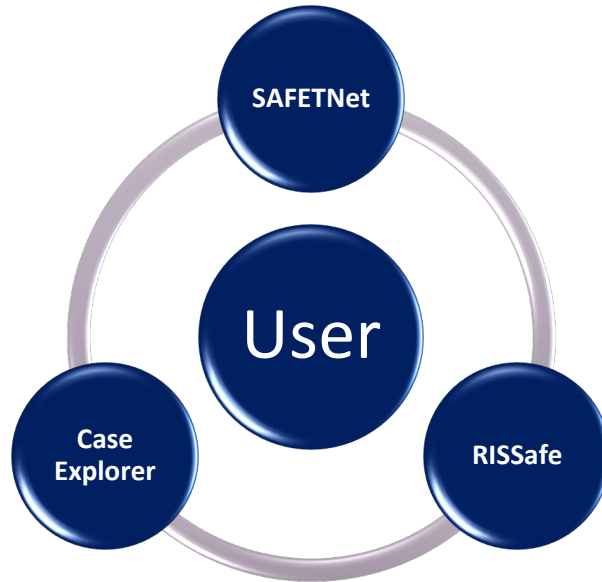
ONLINE TRAINING

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- Economic Crime Courses**
Learn to examine documents, recognize fraud indicators, and bring financial crime cases to prosecution.
- Cybercrime Courses**
Learn to conduct cyber investigations, process digital evidence, and investigate network intrusions.
- Intelligence Courses**
Analyze and report on criminal intelligence data in cases ranging from local crime to terrorism.
- Legal Courses**
Interactive courses delivered by renowned subject matter experts to improve your investigative skills.

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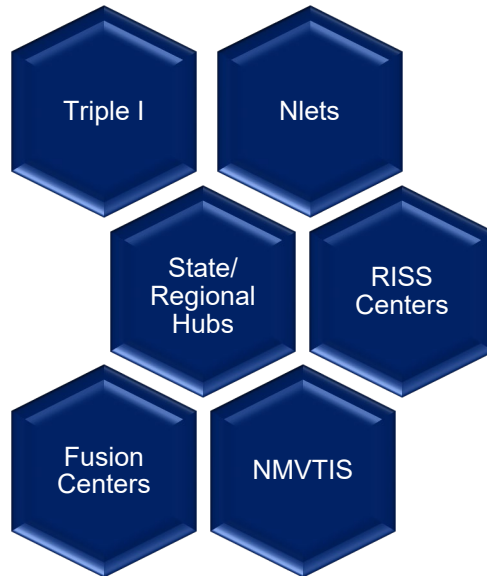
- If you are working undercover, do you deconflict your operation?



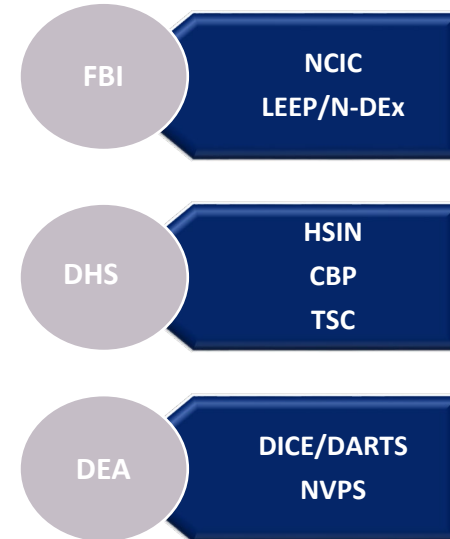
Do You Know?

- The data sources available to you?

State and Local Law Enforcement Data Sources



Federal Data Sources



MORE RESOURCES



Responding to First Amendment-Protected Events: The Role of State and Local Law Enforcement Officers



A screenshot of the NMVTIS (National Motor Vehicle Title Information System) Law Enforcement Access Tool interface. The page has a dark navigation bar with links for 'Federated VIN Search', 'State Title Search', 'Submit Bulk VIN Search', 'JSI Reporting Entities', 'Submit NMVTIS Violation Report', 'Jurisdiction Contact List', 'Share a NMVTIS Success Story', 'Resources and Training', and 'FAQ'. The main content area is titled 'NMVTIS Federated VIN Search' and includes a search input field labeled 'ENTER SINGLE VIN' with a 'SEARCH' button. Below the input field is a link to 'Add another VIN (5 maximum)' and a note that searches of more than 5 VINs should use the 'Submit Bulk VIN Search' link. A section titled 'Select all databases' contains a list of checked checkboxes for various databases: NMVTIS Central File, Suspected Flood Damage Database, Junk, Salvage, and Insurers Database, NICB Known Counterfeit Database, FBI NCIC Auto Theft File, NICB Known Clones Database, National Vehicle Services (NVS), CARS (Car Allowance Rebate System) USDOT Dealer Rebate Program - 2009, QCRA-Mexico Stolen Vehicle Database, and VIN Analyzer. A welcome message 'Welcome david.lewis@maploclen.riss.net' is visible in the top right corner.

BJA Resources Available for Grant Applicants

Application Assistance

Grants.gov

Provides technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL.

- **Customer Support Hotline** – 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035
 - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
- **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**

- Monday – Friday between 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM EST.
- Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EST.

- **Email**

- <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
- JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

OJP Response Center

Provides solicitation support and general assistance.

email - grants@ncjrs.gov

web chat - <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>

toll free at 800-851-3420;

TTY at 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only)

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Resources for Grant Applicants

OJP Funding Resource Center

<https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

<https://ojp.gov/financilaguidedojo/overview>

DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training

<https://www.ojp.gov/training/financial-management-training>

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

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



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Funding Webinars

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To help potential applicants, the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and BJA training and technical assistance providers host funding webinars to provide information about specific opportunities, capture guidance on how to apply, and answer questions. As webinars are announced, they will be included on this page. When available, materials from the webinars held will be included below.

Upcoming Events

Funding Webinars

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Cyber Threat Bulletins
Digital Search Warrants





Training & Technical Assistance

Overview [↗](#)

BJA works with over 100 training and technical assistance (TTA) programs to meet the unique needs of grantees and other criminal justice practitioners and agencies. The objectives of BJA's TTA services are to:

- Provide information to grantees and criminal justice professionals to replicate model programs and approaches.
- Increase knowledge and use of best practices, emerging technologies, and new models.
- Support agencies and jurisdictions to identify and address operational and programmatic needs.

BJA's [National Training and Technical Assistance Center \(NTTAC\)](#) promotes BJA's mission by serving as a one-stop shop for BJA's justice-related training and technical assistance (TTA).

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Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC)

The Collaborative Reform Initiative
Technical Assistance Center is here to help.

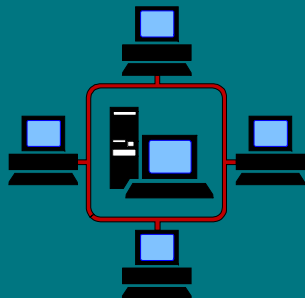
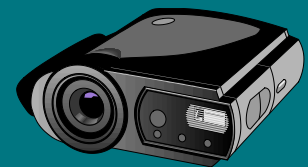
- Tailored, scalable solutions
- Informed by cutting-edge innovation and evidence-based and promising practices
- Designed in a collaborative manner with the agency
- Delivered by subject matter experts from the field
- No cost to the requesting agency



Services Provided

Resource Referral | Web-based Training
In-person Training | Virtual Mentoring
On-Site Consultation

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