



## Funding Resources: Office of Justice Programs and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services

Since 1984, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) has provided Federal leadership in developing the Nation's capacity to control crime and the criminal justice system. Along with that leadership, OJP supplies funding to States and agencies through formula and discretionary (competitive) grants.

Most OJP formula grant programs provide funding to State agencies, which may, in turn, subgrant funds to support relevant projects of local governments and private agencies. OJP has created an online resource that lists contacts for every State. To find your contact, go to the State Administering Agencies page ([www.ojp.usdoj.gov/state.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/state.htm)) on the OJP website and click your State on the map. Your browser will jump to a list of people you can contact in order to learn about funding from OJP agencies.

Other OJP funds are awarded through a competitive process in response to general and targeted solicitations. OJP solicitations call for research proposals ranging from advancing the use of forensic DNA to spatial data analysis to preventing the abduction and sexual exploitation of children. To view the current open solicitations, see Funding Opportunities at OJP at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundops.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundops.htm).

OJP includes the National Institute of Justice (NIJ), the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS), the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP), and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC). In addition, its Special Program Offices include the Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP), the American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Affairs Desk, the Violence Against Women Office (VAWO), the Corrections Program Office (CPO), the Drug Court Program Office (DCPO), the Executive Office for Weed and Seed, and the Office of the Police Corps & Law Enforcement Education.

### Discretionary Grants

Discretionary grants are awarded on a competitive basis to public and private agencies and private non-profit organizations. The Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) and OJP offer the following grant programs:

- **Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.** Established in 1998 and administered by BJA, this program provides funding assistance to State, local, and tribal governments for the purchase of body armor. BJA will match up to 50 percent of the cost of the armor, including the cost of shipping and taxes. Vests must meet NIJ Standard-0101.04 requirements. For more information, see [www.vests.ojp.gov](http://www.vests.ojp.gov) or contact the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Response Center at 800-421-6770.
- **Convicted Offender DNA Backlog Reduction Program.** Administered by NIJ, this program assists States that have a backlog of convicted offender samples for DNA profiling. Funding is provided to perform rapid DNA testing on unanalyzed samples so they can be uploaded into the National DNA Index System (NDIS) through the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS). For more information, contact the DOJ Response Center at 800-421-6770.
- **Crime Laboratory Improvement Program.** Administered by NIJ, this program helps State and local crime laboratories improve and expand their analysis capabilities and capacities in all forensic disciplines. For more information, contact the DOJ Response Center at 800-421-6770.
- **Crime Mapping Research Fellowship Program.** NIJ supports demonstrations in crime mapping for law enforcement personnel and provides crime mapping software that is compatible with most mapping programs. NIJ's

crime mapping research program serves as a clearinghouse for crime mapping research and development in the United States. It coordinates its efforts with the Crime Mapping Technology Center at the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC)–Rocky Mountain. Funding is available for both research and training. For more information, contact NIJ at 202–514–3431 or [cmrc@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:cmrc@ojp.usdoj.gov), or visit NIJ’s crime mapping website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/cmrc](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/cmrc).

- **Forensic DNA Research and Development Program.** The goal of this NIJ program is the development of cutting-edge molecular biology methods and tools to achieve highly discriminating, reliable, economic, and rapid DNA testing approaches appropriate for forensic identity testing. Major objectives for 1999–2003 include reducing DNA testing costs by more than 98 percent, from \$700 per test to less than \$10 per test; reducing analysis time from hours to minutes; developing inexpensive DNA test kits for laboratory use; developing standard materials for population databases; and developing innovative technologies and markers to enhance the value of DNA evidence for the criminal justice system.
- **Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program.** Administered by DCPO, this program provides financial and technical assistance to States and localities to develop and implement drug courts that use a mix of treatment, testing, incentives, and sanctions to remove nonviolent offenders from the cycle of substance abuse and crime. Grant recipients can use funds to support the development of information management systems and accompanying software. Data sharing among drug courts is a primary focus of the program. For more information, contact DCPO at 202–616–5001 or visit the DCPO website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/dcpo](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/dcpo).
- **Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Discretionary Grants.** These grants, provided through BJA, are awarded to State and local law enforcement and private entities for crime control and violence prevention projects. The program focuses on education and training for criminal justice personnel, technical assistance, multijurisdictional projects (e.g., State records integration), and program demonstrations. Grants also support research and development projects. For more information, contact BJA at 202–514–6638 or access the BJA website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA).
- **Grants To Encourage Arrest Policies.** These grants, provided through VAWO, encourage States and localities to increase law enforcement attention to domestic abuse. They can support development of integrated computer tracking systems and provide training for police to improve tracking of domestic violence cases. For more information, contact the Violence Against

Women Office, Office of Justice Programs, U.S. Department of Justice, at 202–307–6026 or visit the VAWO website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo).

- **Innovative Community Policing Grants.** Administered by the COPS Office, these grants help State and local law enforcement develop community policing infrastructures. The funds can be used to purchase technology and equipment, statistical and crime mapping software, and training services. Grants can be used to help law enforcement agencies overcome organizational obstacles and to establish demonstration centers that model current community policing methods. For more information, contact the DOJ Response Center at 800–421–6770 or visit the COPS website at [www.usdoj.gov/cops](http://www.usdoj.gov/cops).
- **Making Officer Redeployment Effective (MORE) Grants.** These grants, provided through COPS, are awarded to help increase the deployment of law enforcement officers. The grants help local law enforcement agencies buy equipment and technology that will expand available officer time and police resources without hiring new officers. The grants cover 75 percent of the cost of equipment and technology, with a 25-percent local match. For more information, contact the DOJ Response Center at 800–421–6770 or visit the COPS website at [www.usdoj.gov/cops](http://www.usdoj.gov/cops).
- **National Criminal History Improvement Program.** NCHIP, administered by BJS, helps States upgrade the quality and completeness of criminal records and provides increased compatibility with, and access to, national crime information databases. A priority is to ensure that State criminal history records are complete and ready for access through the National Instant Criminal Background Check System. NCHIP funding also supports the Firearms Inquiry Statistics Program and the National Sex Offender Registry Assistance Program. For more information, contact the BJS Clearinghouse at 800–732–3277 or visit the BJS website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs).
- **National Incident-Based Reporting System Implementation Program.** NIBRS represents the next generation of crime data from Federal, State, and local law enforcement agencies and is designed to replace the Uniform Crime Reporting program initiated by the FBI in 1930. BJS and the FBI are developing the new system to encourage the presentation of higher quality data on a wider variety of crimes. BJS funds the operation of a dedicated website and the formulation of model analytic strategies. For more information, contact the BJS Clearinghouse at 800–732–3277 or visit the BJS website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs).
- **Office of Science and Technology General and Direct-ed Solicitations.** Administered by NIJ, this initiative supports technology research and development for law

enforcement, corrections, and the forensic sciences. For more information, contact the DOJ Response Center at 800-421-6770, or visit NIJ's website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij), or NLECTC's website at [www.justnet.org](http://www.justnet.org).

- **State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers.** Administered by BJS, this program awards grants to State statistical analysis centers to collect data and conduct research and analysis that can help the State and the Nation. Grants are awarded for technology-based research focusing on the analysis and use of machine-readable criminal history record data to track case-processing decisions, evaluation of record systems management, or studies related to the use of records to limit or control firearms acquisition by ineligible individuals. For more information, contact the BJS Clearinghouse at 800-732-3277 or visit the BJS website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs).
- **Violence Against Women Discretionary Grants for Indian Tribal Governments.** Provided through VAWO, these grants serve as a complement to the formula grants program. The grants are designed to help tribal governments develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and for victim services in cases involving crimes against women. For example, this funding could be used to create an automated communication system to connect tribal courts, police officers, and victim service providers. For more information, contact the Violence Against Women Office at 202-307-6026 or access the VAWO website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo).

## Formula Grants

Formula grants are awarded to State and local governments based on a predetermined formula that depends on a jurisdiction's crime rate, population, or other factors. States are generally required to pass a significant portion of formula grants through to local agencies and organizations as subgrants. Many of OJP's formula grants have technology-related components, including the following:

- **Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant Program.** This program provides funds to help States and local governments control and prevent drug abuse, crime, and violence and to help improve the criminal justice system. Byrne funds are awarded for projects that include law enforcement, adjudication, community crime prevention, and the development of criminal justice information systems. The grants can be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, facilities, and training. For more information, contact BJA at 202-514-6638 or visit the BJA website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA).

- **Juvenile Accountability Incentive Block Grants (JAIBG) Program.** Created in fiscal year 1998 and administered by OJJDP, the JAIBG program encourages accountability-based reforms to State and local juvenile justice systems. Funds are awarded to States based on their juvenile population. Local government units receive 75 percent of the amount awarded to States based on a combination of law enforcement expenditures and the FBI's Uniform Crime Report data on Part 1 violent crimes, unless the State can demonstrate that it bears the primary financial burden for juvenile justice in the State. Funds may be used for 12 purposes, including information sharing. For more information, call 202-307-5924 or visit the JAIBG website at [www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jaibg](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jaibg).
- **Juvenile Justice Formula Grants Program.** This program provides grants to States to assist State and local jurisdictions in preventing and treating delinquency and in improving their juvenile justice systems. Each State and territory must develop and implement a comprehensive juvenile justice plan that sets priorities for the expenditure of OJJDP formula grant funds. For more information, visit OJJDP's website at [www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/grants.html](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/grants.html).
- **Local Law Enforcement Block Grants (LLEBG) Program.** This program awards block grants to local government units to reduce crime and enhance public safety. Grants must be used for one or more specified purposes, including hiring law enforcement personnel, purchasing law enforcement equipment, enhancing school security, establishing or operating drug courts, adjudicating violent offenders, operating multijurisdictional task forces, and implementing crime prevention programs. LLEBG's technical assistance and training allocation supports investigative personnel in using surveillance equipment and information systems applications, and provides for technology training. For more information, call the DOJ Response Center at 800-421-6770 or visit the BJA website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA).
- **State Domestic Preparedness Equipment Support Program.** Administered by ODP, this program provides formula grants to the 50 States, the District of Columbia, and U.S. Territories. These grants help State and local agencies plan for and execute a comprehensive threat and needs assessment. This needs assessment will help agencies develop 3-year plans to enhance first-responder capabilities and acquire specialized equipment. For more information, contact OJP at 202-305-9887.
- **STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program.** This program was established to create a strategy that integrates all elements of the criminal justice system to respond to violent crimes against

women. The program's broad purposes include training for law enforcement and developing and implementing services to address violent crimes against women effectively. For more information, contact the Violence Against Women Office at 202-307-6026 or visit the VAWO website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo).

- **Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance.** This program awards formula grants for automated victim notification systems that connect with local, State, and national criminal justice information systems. These systems provide information to law enforcement and corrections agencies and victims about case-related events: arrests, hearings, dispositions, and releases. For more information, visit the OVC website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund).
- **Violent Offender Incarceration/Truth-in-Sentencing (VOI/TIS) Incentive Grants Program.** This program awards grants to help States build, renovate, expand, or "harden" correctional facilities for adult or juvenile

offenders. These funds also can be used for the addition or improvement of surveillance, locating and tracking, or contraband detection technologies. The VOI grant program is administered on a three-tiered formula basis. TIS awards are distributed as an incentive to States to enact sentencing reforms and ensure that violent offenders serve at least 85 percent of their sentences. For more information, contact CPO at 800-848-6325, visit the CPO website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/cpo](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/cpo), or e-mail [askcpo@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:askcpo@ojp.usdoj.gov).



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