

PROGRAMS SUPPORTING LAW ENFORCEMENT

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides funding to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system through flexible, multipurpose formula grants to states, local governments, and Indian tribes. Awards support a wide range of criminal justice and public safety initiatives, including law enforcement, prosecution and courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, victims services, technology for law enforcement, and mental health programs.

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/JAGState19.pdf>

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Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program

BJA's Body-Worn Camera (BWC) Policy and Implementation Program is for law enforcement agencies seeking to implement BWC programs. The grant supports the purchase of BWCs for pilot programs, full implementations, or expansion of existing programs. While the program supports the purchase of cameras and related technology, grantees must commit to broader program goals, including the development of sound and comprehensive BWC policies, effective management of digital media evidence, tracking the impact of BWC deployment on indices such as use of force and complaint against officers, and training of officers on BWC policy and related legal and regulatory concerns. Grant funds may be used to support the costs of BWCs and related equipment as well as the costs of training, policy development, and BWC program management.

WEB LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/bwc/>

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/BWC19.pdf>

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Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program

Through the Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program, any government unit (states, counties, federally recognized Indian tribes, cities, and local jurisdictions) recognized by the U.S. Census Bureau that employs law enforcement officers is eligible to apply for funding for the sole purpose of purchasing bullet-resistant body armor for its sworn law enforcement officers. A jurisdiction's chief executive is required to complete the online registration and to provide general oversight and approval of key transactions between the BVP Program and the jurisdiction's participating law enforcement agencies. BVP recipients are reimbursed up to 50 percent of the cost of each unit of eligible body armor purchased.

WEB LINKS: <https://ojp.gov/bvpbasi/> or https://ojp.gov/bvpbasi/docs/BVP_GuidanceOverview.pdf

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VALOR Initiative: Officer Robert Wilson III Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability

The VALOR Initiative is an effort to improve the immediate and long-term safety, wellness, and resilience of our nation's law enforcement officers. Through a multifaceted approach, it delivers innovative, no-cost training (professional education), conducts research, develops and provides resources, and establishes partnerships that benefit law enforcement officers. The VALOR Initiative is continuously evolving to address the various issues, concerns, and trends that law enforcement officers face and integrates the latest research and practices to address all aspects of their safety, wellness, and performance.

WEB LINK: <https://www.valorforblue.org/>

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/VALOR19.pdf>

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National Officer Safety Initiatives

BJA's National Officer Safety Initiatives (NOSI) Program develops innovative programs to address and increase officer safety based on needs, emerging trends, and concerns brought on by the challenges, threats, and situations that law enforcement officers face every day. These threats and challenges can take a toll on officers and, if left unaddressed, can lead to emotional and physical stress, injuries, and even fatalities. NOSI helps prepare law enforcement officers to not only better address the emotional and mental aspects of police work but also the tactical aspects of the profession in order to be safer, healthier, and serve their communities and agencies to the best of their abilities.

WEB LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/national-officer-safety-initiatives/index.html>

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/NOSI19.pdf>

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Public Safety Officers' Benefits Program

The Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program provides death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders. The PSOB Program also provides disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty.

WEB LINK: www.psob.gov

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Strategies for Policing Innovation Program

The Strategies for Policing Innovation Program provides resources and opportunities to enable law enforcement agencies to identify and define their most pressing crime problems and institute lasting operational and organizational changes. The program funds the testing of promising crime prevention, response, and reduction practices and the implementation of evidence-based strategies. It supports improving the effectiveness and efficiency of police agencies' processes and procedures, the implementation and testing of justice information-sharing technology, and establishing a system for evaluating effectiveness.

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/SPI19.pdf>

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Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative

Administered by BJA in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), the Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) Integration Initiative encourages local jurisdictions to work with their local ATF CGICs to collectively leverage their intelligence, technology, and community engagement. This initiative provides funding to swiftly identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources, and effectively prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime.

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/CGIC19.pdf>

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State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training Program

The State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT) Program focuses on the prevention of terrorism by providing no-cost training and resources to state, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement officers and members of the intelligence community who serve as the front line of defense against acts of terror in the United State. Through strategic partnerships, SLATT training and resources take a role-based approach to identify terrorism, understand how to report it, and, should the need arise, prepare to respond to an incident.

WEB LINK: www.slatt.org

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National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative

The National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative assists law enforcement and prosecutors in addressing the challenges associated with unsubmitted sexual assault kits (SAKs) and reducing the number of unsubmitted SAKs in their jurisdictions. The initiative

provides evidence and tools to help solve and reduce the number of violent crimes associated with sexual assault while achieving the long-term goal of improving the criminal justice response to sexual assault cases. Using a victim-centered approach, jurisdictions build their capacities to inventory, test, and track SAKs and improve their practices related to investigation, prosecution, and victim engagement and support in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process. The program also helps grantees prevent future development of conditions that lead to high numbers of unsubmitted SAKs.

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/SAKI19.pdf>

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

The Intellectual Property Enforcement Program helps improve the capacities of criminal justice systems to address intellectual property (IP) enforcement, including prosecution and prevention. It provides training and technical assistance to support law enforcement agencies with IP enforcement task forces that collaborate with their relevant state, local, tribal, and federal agencies, including local U.S. Attorneys' Offices.

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/IPEP19.pdf>

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Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force To Combat Human Trafficking: Supporting Law Enforcement's Role

The Enhanced Collaborative Model (ECM) Task Force To Combat Human Trafficking Program supports law enforcement to build capacity and operational effectiveness as a core member of a collaborative, multidisciplinary human trafficking task force that partners with victim service providers to identify victims of all types of human trafficking and offer them comprehensive services. The ECM task force also investigates, refers, and prosecutes both sex and labor trafficking cases at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels.

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/ecmht19.pdf>

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Stop School Violence Act Program

The Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Act of 2018 authorized BJA to manage this grant program to support efforts by state and local units of government and federally recognized Indian tribes to prevent and reduce school violence. Specifically, it supports efforts to train school personnel and educate students to prevent student violence; develop and operate anonymous reporting systems concerning threats of school violence, including mobile telephone applications, hotlines, and websites; and develop and operate school threat assessment and mental health intervention teams that may include coordination with law enforcement agencies and school personnel. In addition, the program may fund specialized training for school officials in intervening with and responding to individuals with mental health issues who may threaten school safety.

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/STOPMHT19.pdf>

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/Stoptech19.pdf>

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BJA National Training and Technical Assistance Center

The BJA National Training and Technical Assistance Center (BJA NTTAC) is a training and technical assistance (TTA) resource to help state, local, and tribal justice agencies achieve safer communities. BJA NTTAC works to improve the criminal justice system by providing rapid, expert, and coordinated TTA to assist practitioners in reducing violent and drug-related crime, supporting law enforcement, managing offenders, and combating victimization.

SOLICITATION LINK: <https://bjatta.bja.ojp.gov/>

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Public Safety Partnership

The National Public Safety Partnership (PSP) supports local jurisdictions that are experiencing sustained precipitous increases in violent crime and need assistance to develop their capacities to fight it. PSP is a Department of Justice (DOJ)-wide program that enables cities to consult with and receive coordinated training and technical assistance and an array of resources from DOJ to enhance their local violence-reduction strategies. DOJ provides data-driven strategies tailored to the unique local needs of participating cities to address their serious violent crime challenges. To date, over 30 cities have participated in PSP.

WEB LINK: <https://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/>

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Project Safe Neighborhoods Program

Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) fosters safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime by primarily addressing violent crime, criminal gangs, and the felonious possession and use of firearms. Through ongoing coordination, cooperation, and partnerships of local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies—and the communities they serve—that is led by the U.S. Attorney in all 94 districts, this comprehensive approach to public safety marries focused law enforcement efforts with community engagement, prevention, and reentry efforts.

WEB LINK: <https://www.justice.gov/psn>

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Rural and Tribal Law Enforcement Violent Crime Initiative

Introduced in fiscal year 2019, the Rural and Tribal Law Enforcement Violent Crime Initiative augments the National Public Safety Partnership by providing training, technical assistance, grant education, strategic support, and equipment to rural and tribal law enforcement experiencing precipitous increases in violent crime. The initiative leverages Department of Justice law enforcement assets to increase intelligence sharing and support task forces in these rural and tribal jurisdictions to strengthen their capacity for driving down violent crime.

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National Motor Vehicle Title Information System Law Enforcement Access Tool

The National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS) Law Enforcement Access Tool provides law enforcement with vehicle information from state motor vehicle titling agencies, automobile recyclers, junk and salvage yards, insurance carriers, National Crime Information Center vehicle theft information, and possible storm damage and clone information in one system. This information can assist law enforcement and department of motor vehicle investigators with numerous vehicle-related crimes. Access to this federal search tool is free to law enforcement and can be accessed with a Regional Information Sharing System (RISS) or an FBI Law Enforcement Enterprise Portal (LEEP) account.

WEB LINK: https://www.vehiclehistory.gov/nmvtis_law_enforcement.html

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Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program

The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Program (COAP)'s strategic focus on combatting the opioid epidemic reflects the Attorney General's commitment to reduce the number of fatal overdoses and to protect the American people. In structuring COAP, BJA included effective policy strategies that support our nation's first responders and strengthens their partnerships with behavioral health, public health, and other agencies that serve crime victims; encourage and support comprehensive cross-system planning and collaboration among officials who work in law enforcement, pretrial services, the courts, probation and parole, child welfare, reentry, prescription drug monitoring programs, and emergency medical services, as well as health care providers, public health partners, and agencies that provide substance abuse treatment and recovery support services; and enhance public safety, behavioral health, and public health information-sharing partnerships.

SOLICITATION: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/COAP19.pdf>

WEB LINK: <https://bjatta.bja.ojp.gov/media/blog/comprehensive-opioid-abuse-program-resource-center-assist-communities-response-opioid>

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Law Enforcement Cyber Center

Coordinated by BJA, the Law Enforcement Cyber Center (LECC) is a web-based information system that provides local, state, and tribal law enforcement with resources to help them learn about, investigate, and solve cybercrimes; share cyber threat information; and collaborate with regional and federal authorities. LECC serves as a central online resource to meet the needs of chiefs, investigators, line officers, digital forensic examiners, technical support staff, and other practitioners.

WEB LINK: <http://www.iacpcybercenter.org/>

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Regional Information Sharing Systems® Program

The Regional Information Sharing Systems® (RISS) Program provides services and resources that directly impact law enforcement's ability to successfully resolve criminal investigations and prosecute offenders while providing critical officer safety event deconfliction, which is necessary to keep law enforcement safe. RISS serves thousands of local, state, federal, and tribal criminal justice agencies in their efforts to identify, detect, deter, prevent, and solve criminal and terrorist-related investigations. The RISS Secure Cloud (RISSNET™) provides information and intelligence-sharing resources, investigative support and analytical services, and deconfliction information.

WEB LINK: www.riss.net

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Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor

The Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor is the nation's highest award for valor by a public safety officer who exhibited exceptional courage, regardless of personal safety, in an attempt to save or protect human life. It is annually awarded in the name of Congress by the President to a person (living or deceased) who at the time of the valorous incident served in a public agency, with or without compensation, as a firefighter; law enforcement officer, including a correction, court, or civil defense officer; or emergency services officer, as determined by the U.S. Attorney General.

WEB LINK: <https://www.bja.gov/programs/medalofvalor/index.html>

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Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery

To honor exceptional acts of bravery in the line of duty by federal, state, and local law enforcement officers, Congress created the Federal Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery and the State and Local Law Enforcement Congressional Badge of Bravery. The medals are awarded annually by the U.S. Attorney General and are presented by the recipients' Congressional representatives.

WEB LINK: <https://badgeofbravery.ncjrs.gov>

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About BJA

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system: BJA's grants, training and technical assistance, and policy development services provide government jurisdictions (state, local, tribal, and territorial) and public and private organizations with the cutting edge tools and best practices they need to support law enforcement, reduce violent and drug-related crime, and combat victimization.

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