

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES IN 2020: AN OVERVIEW OF WHAT'S AHEAD IN PROSECUTION

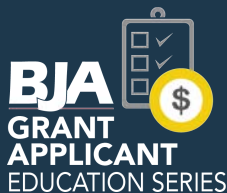
BJA Stakeholder Outreach Series

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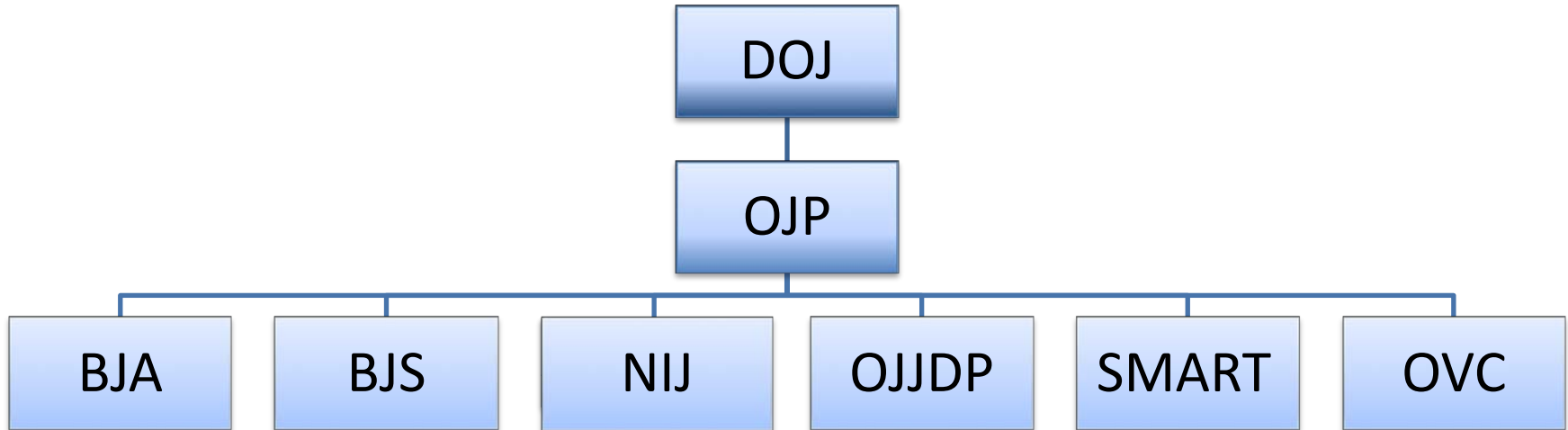
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What Is the Office of Justice Programs (OJP)?

- 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. The other two follow:
 - Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)
 - Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)

OJP Bureaus and Offices



FY 2020 Resources for Funding Opportunities

The [Department of Justice Program Plan](https://grantsnet.justice.gov/programplan/html/Solicitations.htm)

(<https://grantsnet.justice.gov/programplan/html/Solicitations.htm>) is a tool to help applicants and grantees find funding opportunities (solicitations) that address their criminal, juvenile, and civil justice needs. The plan provides summary details on the funding opportunities that DOJ agencies are expecting to release in the current fiscal year.



Administration Priorities

Funding through BJA is aligned with the Administration's priorities to reduce violent crime, prosecute more drug and felonious gun cases while also supporting the safety of law enforcement officers.



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.

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 among eligible recipients is either statutorily defined, or defined by distribution process specified by BJA.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Formula

- JAG is OJP’s flagship grant program and the leading source of federal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions.
- JAG funds may be used across eight broad purpose areas:
 - (A) Law enforcement programs.
 - (B) Prosecution and court programs.
 - (C) Prevention and education programs.
 - (D) Corrections and community corrections programs.
 - (E) Drug treatment and enforcement programs.
 - (F) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement programs.
 - (G) Crime victim and witness programs (other than compensation).
 - (H) Mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams.
- BJA State Administering Agencies - Contact List <http://ojp.gov/saa/index.htm>

State Administering Agencies



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OJP TOPICS

American Indian & Alaska
Native Affairs

Civil Rights

Corrections

Courts

Faith Based & Neighborhood
Partnerships

Juvenile Justice

Law Enforcement

Research, Statistics &
Evaluation

Substance Abuse & Crime

Technology to Fight Crime

Victims of Crime

State Administering Agencies

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 administering state agency. For each state, a list of formula grant points of contact is available by clicking on that state in the map below, or choosing from the drop menu at the bottom of the page. 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



Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime

- The purpose of the Innovative Prosecution Solutions (IPS) Program is to provide state, local, and tribal prosecutors with direct funding and training and technical assistance (TTA) to develop effective strategies and programs to address and prosecute individuals who commit violent crime.
- Recognizing that many prosecutors' offices carry attorney caseloads well above recommended levels, lack critical support staff, and have had to rely on outdated technology, IPS also supports the use of technology, intelligence, and data analytics in innovative ways that enable prosecutors to focus resources on the people and places associated with high concentrations of criminal activity.
- For examples of previous IPS funded projects: <https://aequitasresource.org/singleinitiative/?initiativeId= 13>



Innovative Prosecution Solutions



Prosecutors across the country are seeking and implementing new solutions to identify and appropriately respond to violence in their communities. Some agencies have an interest in reducing the criminal use of firearms, identifying high risk offenders, and preventing domestic violence homicides. Others are working to identify and adapt comprehensive responses to human trafficking to make the identification, investigation, and prosecution of these crimes in their jurisdictions more effective. Still other jurisdictions, are focused on public safety efforts that combat witness intimidation and improve community confidence in the criminal justice system.

INITIATIVE PARTNERS

RTI International

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

FEATURED RESOURCES



Witness Intimidation



The Prosecutors' Resource on Forfeiture by Wrongdoing



Field Guide to Witness Intimidation

Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program

- The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program is designed to:
 - Support alternatives to incarceration for nonviolent individuals who come in contact with the justice system as a result of abusing illicit and prescription opioids.
 - Implement and enhance prescription drug monitoring programs.
 - Promote cross-system coordination of service delivery.
 - Reduce fatal overdoses associated with opioid use.



Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking

- The BJA Human Trafficking solicitation will support law enforcement, prosecution, and other key partners to build agency infrastructure, increase operational capacity and expand investigative and prosecutorial skills to better prevent and combat all forms of human trafficking.



Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)

- Support inventorying, testing, and tracking sexual assault kits.
- Access necessary training.
- Engage in multidisciplinary policy development, implementation, and coordination.
- Improve practices related to investigation, prosecution, and victim engagement and provide support in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process.





News and Events

Displaying News and Event Items: 1 - 10 of 417.

[Raleigh man charged in decade-old Fayetteville sex assault case](#)

— *WRAL, Jan 7, 2020*

Man charged in connection with 2009 sexual assault based on DNA evidence that had not been tested previously.

[Two men are charged in separate sexual assaults after the testing of rape kits](#)

— *Sophie Cockie, Star Advertiser, Jan 1, 2020*

Two men have been charged with sexual assault on Hawaii island following a statewide effort to test hundreds of rape kits that for years sat unprocessed in county storage facilities.

[Possible serial rapists ID'd in testing of backlogged rape kits in Jefferson Co.](#)

— *Cynthia Gould, ABC 33/49, Dec 23, 2019*

Jefferson County SAKI has inventoried 4000 previously unsubmitted sexual assault kits. So far, 500 kits have been tested and 52 produced CODIS hits. <https://www.sakitta.org/newsandevents/index.cfm?startRow=1>

Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program

- This solicitation presents competitive awards for creating multidisciplinary teams to assess and address areas of risk for wrongful conviction and to review and assess post-conviction claims of innocence.



Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC)

- JMHCPC supports innovative cross-system collaboration to improve responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system.
- JMHCPC can Support prosecutors with training, technical assistance and tools for early identification of people with mental illness in the prosecutorial process

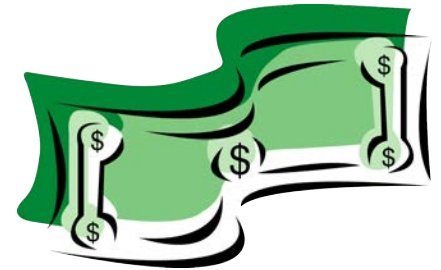


Intellectual Property Enforcement Program (IPEP)

- IPEP is designed to provide national support and improve the capacity of state, local, and tribal criminal justice systems to address IP enforcement, including prosecution, prevention, training, and technical assistance.

John R. Justice Grant Program

- The John R. Justice (JRJ) Program assists states and territories in providing loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to extended employment in those roles. By assisting in the recruitment and retention of qualified attorneys, the program helps to fulfill the Department's mission to enhance the criminal justice system.



Justice Reinvestment: Reducing Violent Crime by Improving Justice System Performance

- This program provides funding for tribal, state, and local justice agencies to implement data-driven strategies to improve public safety by reducing corrections spending and reinvesting those savings in efforts to decrease crime and strengthen neighborhoods



Prosecutor Partnership

• Opportunities

In addition to the funding BJA also has the following grant opportunities where prosecutor offices could be subrecipients or stakeholders:

- Crime Gun Intelligence
- Project Safe Neighborhoods
- Body-Worn Cameras
- Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Formula)
- Community Based Crime Reduction
- Adult Drug Court



Training and Technical Assistance

- What is Training and Technical Assistance?
- How can this be helpful to you?
- How can you help others?

BJA National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC)

- The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) offers training and technical assistance (TTA) to prosecutors' offices to:
 - Help assess their capacity to prosecute violent crime cases;
 - Identify programming gaps, and make recommendations to enhance processes;
 - Provide actionable recommendations across the prosecution landscape to ensure violent crime cases are prioritized; and
 - Identify strategies to strengthen cases and increase convictions.

BJA National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC)

The following approach is a guide to the types of assistance BJA NTTAC supports under the Prosecution Assessment TTA Program for state, local, or tribal criminal justice agencies:

- Identify and gather relevant crime data.
- Engage appropriate staff and partners in the assessment process.
- Observe internal case briefings and meetings with federal, state, and local partners.
- Review policies, laws, and procedures.
- Review past prosecutions of violent crime and gun cases, from arrest through trial.
- Identify gaps and needs in the current prosecution process.
- Provide a set of actionable recommendations to enhance an agency's ability to prosecute violent crime cases.
- Evaluate and incorporate promising models and evidence-based practices in each phase of the training or technical assistance solution.

BJA National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC)

NTTAC can also assist in peer to peer exchanges.

“Having the opportunity to meet with peers who are struggling with the same issues, and have frank discussions was very helpful.”

—JoAnne Musick, Chief of Cyber Crimes for Harris County DA

For more information on how BJA NTTAC can support your community’s need, visit <https://bjatta.bja.ojp.gov>.

Victim Service Resources

- Office of Victims of Crimes
 - Transitional Housing Assistance for Victims of Human Trafficking
 - Crime Victims' Rights Legal Clinics
 - Enhancing Community Responses to American's Drug Crisis for Young Victims
 - Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program
- Office on Violence Against Women
 - Transitional Housing Assistance Grants
 - Sexual Assault Services
 - Domestic Violence
 - Dating Violence
 - Stalking





National Institute of Justice

- Research and Evaluation of Promising Reentry Initiatives
- Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence- Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting

Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence (NIJ)

- This program offers assistance to State, units of local government, public institutions of higher education, to help defray the costs associated with postconviction review, evidence location, and DNA testing in violent felony cases where actual innocence might be demonstrated by DNA testing results.
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$540,000



Office of Juvenile Justice **OJJDP**

- Addressing the needs of Juvenile Prosecutors: training, education, and professional development
- FY 2020 Opportunities
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 6
 - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$330,000

What's Next



- Signup for notifications of solicitations as soon as they are released at: <https://www.bja.gov>
- Expected Solicitation Release Dates: February 2020–
March 2020
- Application Submission Deadlines: Typically solicitations are open from 45-60 days

FY 2020 Resources for Funding Opportunities

For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit **BJA's website** at <https://www.bja.gov>

OJP Grant Applicant Resource Guide

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

Office of Justice Programs – Award Data <https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/OJPAwardData.htm>

NIJ's CrimeSolutions.gov

- Web-based clearinghouse of programs and practices that have been rated in terms of effectiveness in addressing different criminal justice issues.
- <https://www.CrimeSolutions.gov>
- Information about the webinars are posted on the [BJA Funding Webinars](#) page.

Stay Connected!!

Funding announcements will also be posted on Social Media (please like, post, re-tweet)



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