FFY 2024 Justice Grant Programs Grant Solicitation Workshop January 26, 2023









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Justice Grant Programs

As the designated State Administrative Agency (SAA), the OHSJP administers \$6-\$8 million in Justice grant funds each year from the US Department of Justice's (USDOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).

These funds, as well as other pools of federal funds for which the state may qualify or apply and receive, are used to assist, via subgrants, eligible entities in carrying out specific programs that further the administration of justice through improvements to the criminal and juvenile justice systems.







Visit <u>https://scdps.sc.gov/ohsjp/cjgp</u> for additional justice program information and resources.





Justice Grant Programs

Federal Grant Program	App Releases	App Closes
Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program	January 27, 2023	March 10, 2023
NEW – Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)	TBD	TBD
NEW – Body Armor Assistance Grant (BAAG) Program	January 27, 2023	March 1, 2023
Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant Program	February 10, 2023	March 24, 2023
Title II Juvenile Justice Formula Grant Program (Formula)	February 10, 2023	March 24, 2023





Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program







- The purpose of the JAG Program is to assist state agencies and units of local government in carrying out specific programs, which offer a high probability of improving the functioning of the criminal justice system. JAG funds may be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, supplies, contractual support, training, technical assistance, and information systems for criminal justice purposes.
- Subgrantees must provide 10 percent program cost in the form of a cash match, with the other 90 percent of the amount covered by federal funds.
- The OHSJP typically receives applications totaling \$12 million in requests each year.





SC's JAG Priorities

Law Enforcement and/or Prosecution and Court Programs that focus on at least one of the following:

- Gangs and Violent Crime Investigation/Enforcement
- Narcotics
- Domestic Violence
- Equipment/Technology Enhancement(s) that focus on one of the following:
 - Officer Safety
 - Local/State Forensics

Mental Health Programs and related Law Enforcement Programs to Include:

- Officer Wellness Programs
- Crisis Intervention Teams (CITs)
- Behavioral Programs

Corrections/Community Corrections Programs

- Diversion/Alternatives to Incarceration Programs
- Re-entry/Recidivism Reduction Programs



Eligible Applicants



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Allowable Expenses

- Personnel, training, supplies, and equipment are allowed components of an overall program, if they are related to the authorized program areas.
- ➢All expenditures must be related to the implementation of an actual program that has been defined in the program narrative sections of the application.
- All grant-funded personnel must have one hundred percent of their time dedicated to grant activities.



JAG: Unallowable Items



** Drones are an unallowable aircraft; however, police cruisers used in the ordinary course for performing routine patrolling duties are allowable vehicles under JAG.



Federal Program Areas of Funding

- ► Law Enforcement
- Prosecution and Court
- Prevention and Education
- Corrections and Community Corrections, including reentry
- Crime Victim and Witness Initiatives



Federal Program Areas of Funding

Drug Treatment and Enforcement

Planning, Evaluation, and Technology Improvement

Mental Health and related Law Enforcement and Corrections Programs

Implementation of State Crisis Intervention Court Proceeding and Related Programs or Initiatives





Some examples of FFY 2023 JAG projects for law enforcement include:

- Specialized investigators (domestic violence, gang, firearms)
- Specialized prosecutors (violent crime, domestic violence)
- Multijurisdictional Task Forces
- Officer wellness programs

Visit <u>https://scdps.sc.gov/ohsjp/cjgp/jag</u> for JAG resources



Task Forces

- All grant applications for Task Forces <u>MUST</u> include letters of support from ALL agencies related to or involved in the composition, implementation, and operation of the task force, including the solicitor's office. These supporting documents are essential for consideration of funding.
- Applications for Task Forces <u>MUST</u> also be accompanied by a draft of the written interagency task force agreement (no signatures required on draft). The task force agreement that has been submitted must be approved by the OHSJP to ensure all issues regarding personnel, seizures and forfeitures, and program income have been addressed.





Drug Analysis Laboratories

All grant applications for Drug Analysis Laboratories must include a statement indicating intent to provide drug analysis services to all law enforcement agencies within the respective jurisdictions. These services should be provided at no cost to the agencies.





Important Dates



- Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Release date: Friday, January 27, 2023
- SCDPS Grants New User Registration Deadline: Friday, February 24, 2023
- Applications Due: Friday, March 10, 2023
- Grant Award Notifications: October 2023
- Grant Period: October 1, 2023 September 30, 2024











Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)









Justice Grant Programs – NEW – Byrne SCIP

Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP):

The purpose of Byrne SCIP is to provide funding for the creation and/or implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings (mental health courts, drugs courts, veterans treatment courts), extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs, and related gun violence reduction programs/initiatives, as authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339); 28 U.S.C. 530C.







Justice Grant Programs – NEW – Byrne SCIP

OHSJP to establish an Advisory Board Board develops and approves state plan/priorities and budget

BJA approves state plan and budget, releases funds *OHSJP initiates grant solicitation process; multiple layers of approval required Award announcements; grant period begins; 100% federal funding

*More info to come











Body Armor Assistance Grant (BAAG) Program







Body Armor Assistance Grant (BAAG) - NEW



In SFY 2022-2023, the state legislature set aside millions in non-recurring funds to assist *local units of government with the purchase of body armor for law enforcement officers. ***State agencies are not eligible for this funding

- Funds pay for up to 100% of vests, taxes, and shipping purchases for vests used in the ordinary course of police duty.
- Applications cover eligible vests purchases between July 1, 2022-December 31, 2023
- Applicants may request funds to purchase vests known to expire during the above timeframe, as well as other anticipated vest needs during this time (e.g. new hires).

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Important Dates



- Body Armor Assistance Grant (BAAG) Release date: Friday, January 27, 2023
- SCDPS Grants New User Registration Deadline: Wednesday, February 15, 2023
- Applications Due: Wednesday, March 1, 2023
- Grant Award Notifications: Summer 2023
- Grant Period: July 1, 2022 December 31, 2023





Body Armor Assistance Grant (BAAG) - NEW

Program Requirements:

- Applicants must upload the agency's Mandatory Wear Policy as an attachment to the application.
- Applicants must include a list of all officers and vest expiration dates.
- Vests must be NIJ-compliant, American-made, and uniquelyfitted.

➢ If the local agency participates in the Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program, BAAG funds may be used to cover the 50% cash match program requirement, with sufficient documentation.





GRANT APPLICATION

Overview				
Project Details		CATEGORIES		TOTAL
Agency Details	 Reimbursement for Previously Purchased Vests: (Include separate line items for vests, taxes, and shipping) 			
Funding Request	Description	Cost	Quantity	
Additional Information				\$0
Certification by Project Director			TOTAL:	\$0
Certification by Financial Officer	New/Replacement Vests: (Include separate line items for vests, taxes, and shipping) Description	Cost	Quantity	
Certification by Official Authorized to Sign				\$0
Documents	-		TOTAL:	\$0
			TOTAL COST:	\$0





Overview

Project Details

Agency Details

Funding Request

Additional Information

Certification by Project Director

Certification by Financial Officer

Certification by Official Authorized to Sign

Documents

Total number of certified officers in the agency:

Total number of officers whose vests are due for replacement during the eligibility period:

Anticipated number of new vest purchases during the eligibility period (e.g. new hires):

Has your agency been awarded Patrick Leahy Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) funds or other grants for vest purchases during the eligibility period? If so, please explain and upload supporting documentation to the Documents Tab:





GRANT APPLICATION

Overview		Attached Documents			
Project Details	Document	Upload Date	Uploaded By		
Agency Details		There are no documents curr	ently associated with this grant application		
Funding Request					
Additional Information	ATTACH DOCUM				
Certification by Project Director	File Description: Document:	Choose File No file chosen			
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Certification by Official Authorized to Sign					
Documents					
ACTIONS					
Save	Save your application progress across all tabs				
Submit	Submit your application to the State for review. This will lock your application and you will no longer be able to make changes.				
Print	Export the application as a PDF for saving/printing				
Cancel	Cancel and return to the Grant Application Manager				











Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)







Justice Grant Programs – PSN



PSN is designed to create and foster safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime. A primary focus of PSN is addressing criminal gangs and the felonious possession and use of firearms. The OHSJP has been designated by the US Attorney's Office-District of SC to serve as the Fiscal Agent for PSN.

Priorities include:

- Gun and Gang Crime Investigation/Suppression
- Firearms Analysis
- Data Analysis/Research Partner
- Prevention and Reentry Programs





Justice Grant Programs – PSN

- 1. Leadership by the United States Attorney to convene all partners;
- 2. Partnerships at all levels of law enforcement and with the community;
- 3. Targeted enforcement efforts that:
 - 1. Utilize the full range of available data, methods, and technologies to
 - 2. Identify the offenders that are driving violent crime rates in our state's most violent locations, and ultimately
 - 3. Ensure prosecution of those offenders in the federal or state system whichever provides the most certain and appropriate sanction;
- 4. Prevention of additional violence by prioritizing efforts such as:
 - 1. Ensuring public awareness of the violent crime reduction strategy and enforcement results;
 - 2. Communicating directly to offenders about the consequences of continuing violent behaviors; and
 - 3. Supporting local, state, and federal prevention and reentry efforts;
- 5. Accountability for results based on outcome (reduction in violent crime), not merely output (numbers of investigations or prosecutions).



Justice Grant Programs – PSN

Eligible Applicants



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Resources:

Training and Technical Assistance: https://psntta.org

Includes a wide-ranging catalog of training and technical assistance topics of interest





Justice Grant Programs - PSN

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Important Dates



- Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Grant Release date: Monday, February 10, 2023
- SCDPS Grants New User Registration Deadline: Friday, March 10, 2023
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Juvenile Justice (Title II) Formula Grant Program





CHANGING YOUNG LIVES!



"The question is not whether we can afford to invest in every child, it is whether we can afford not to." -Marian Wright Edelman

Title II Formula Grant Program

Programs and practices that promote juvenile justice delinquency prevention and systematic improvements

➤100% Federal funding; programs may be funded up to three years

Applications must relate to the four core requirements of the JJDP Act: <u>https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/about/core-requirements</u>





To be eligible for JJDPA funds, participants must comply with four core requirements/protections:

Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)
 Adult Jail and Lock- Up Removal (Jail Removal)
 Sight and Sound Separation
 Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED)





Program Priorities

Community-based alternatives to detention
 The deinstitutionalization of status offenders (DSO)
 Reducing racial and ethnic disparities (R/ED)





Federal Program Areas

- Aftercare/Reentry
- After-school Programs
- Community-based alternatives to detention
- Child Abuse and Neglect Programs
- Community-Based Programs and Service
- Delinquency Prevention
- Gangs
- Graduated and Appropriate Sanctions
- Hate Crimes
- Job Training

- Learning and Other Disabilities
- Mental Health Services
- Mentoring, Counseling, and Training Programs

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- Positive Youth Development
- Probation
- Juvenile Rights
- School Programs
- Substance Abuse and Alcohol Programs
- Compliance Monitoring
- Deinstitutionalization of Status Offenders (DSO)
- Separation of Juveniles from adult inmates

- Racial and Ethnic Disparities (R/ED)
- Diversion
- Gender-Specific Programs
- Indian Tribe Programs
- Indigent Defense
- Jail Removal
- Juvenile Justice System Improvement
- Planning & Administration
- Reducing Probation Officer caseloads
- Rural area Programs
- State Advisory Group Allocation





Eligible Applicants





Allowable Expenses

- Personnel, training as a component of an overall program, operating expenses, equipment, and supplies
- Program-related conferences and travel
- The cost of space used for the benefit of the program







Unallowable Expenses

- ► Land purchases
- ➤Vehicle purchases
- ► New construction
- Any unapproved expenditures







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BREAK 10-15 minutes





Grant Application Instructions





- 1. Define the problem
- 2. Describe the problem using data
- 3. Establish the target population
- 4. Validate the problem exists
- 5. Identify existing efforts to solve the problem





Tips to Remember

- Be descriptive and specific
- ≻Use up-to-date data
- Cite your sources
- ➢ Be thorough and concise
- Include realistic objectives and solutions
- Keep it simple and understandable





Example:

[1] The number of domestic violence cases prosecuted by the Fourth Circuit Solicitor's Office increased greatly when its office was called upon to prosecute all domestic violence arrests. All domestic violence arrests are now sent to General Sessions Court. Until 2019, prosecution of these cases was not uniform across the circuit, with multiple Assistant Solicitors who are assigned to individual counties working them; almost any victim who requested a case dismissal was granted her/his request with the case being nolle prossed.

[2] Chesterfield County had 162 pending domestic violence cases in January 2021, Darlington County 131, Dillon County 69, and Marlboro County 86. By the end of 2021, Chesterfield County had 178 new domestic violence cases assigned, Darlington County 104, Dillon County 112, and Marlboro County 79. These numbers alone should prove the importance and necessity of continued grant funding for the domestic violence prosecution team that consists of one senior prosecutor and one case manager/investigator. Additional funding is requested for a domestic violence intervention prosecutor and a domestic violence intervention coordinator. By expanding the original 2-person domestic violence prosecution team will allow the opportunity for the senior prosecutor to focus solely on trial cases and the preparation that is required to get a domestic violence case ready for trial. The domestic violence intervention prosecutor would then focus solely on the new cases as they are assigned, allowing for much earlier intervention services to be an option for defendants and not allowing additional cases to be added to the backlog due to only having one prosecutor who cannot possibly be in 4 counties at the same time.





Example:

In February 2019, Solicitor William Rogers transferred an Assistant Solicitor assigned to Chesterfield County to prosecute domestic violence cases throughout the Fourth Circuit. [5] The groundwork to establish a team has been laid, but currently consists only of the assigned Assistant Solicitor and a part-time intern. This Assistant Solicitor is assigned to prosecute 99% of domestic violence and domestic violence-related cases in all counties of the Fourth Circuit. [3] These include Domestic Violence of a High and Aggravated Nature, Domestic Violence 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Degree, Kidnapping, Attempted Murder, Murder, and others. This one lone, Assistant Solicitor will be assisting in a domestic-related death penalty trial later this year, as well.

The prosecution team meets with every victim who appears as requested; makes offers on cases after reviewing complete case files; attends appearances to meet with defendants and/or their attorneys to make offers and to negotiate; appears in General Sessions Court for pleas, status hearings, bond hearings, and other hearings; prepares for trials; meets with law enforcement; enters notes of all in each defendants electronic file, as well as maintains a paper docket with notes to document all that has occurred. [4] During the past two years this has been manageable for the 2-person prosecution team but is becoming increasingly harder now that court has opened back up to juggle the demands from trials being placed on the trial docket and attending to the day to day of new cases being assigned.





Grant Application – Project Purpose

➢Broad Goal

Set a S.M.A.R.T Goal

EXAMPLE: "The primary purpose of this program is to decrease the backlog and/or reduce the number of domestic violence cases through the active and successful prosecution of such cases. A dedicated team consisting of Assistant Solicitors would be involved in the full-time investigation, preparation, and prosecution of domestic violence cases."





Grant Application – Project Purpose

➤Specific Plan

Outline of Duties and Responsibilities

EXAMPLE: "The following tasks and activities will be employed to provide for the active and successful prosecution of cases: The Assistant Solicitor (s) will attend to the day-to-day direction of case preparation and will prosecute domestic violence cases within the ABG Circuit. In addition, they will interview potential witnesses, correspond with counsel for the defendant and the Court, research legal issues, and coordinate the logistics of the actual trial."





Grant Application – Project Objectives

- Objectives are specific, quantified statements of expected results of the project.
- The objectives must be described in terms of measurable events that can be realistically expected under time constraints and resources.
- Objectives must be related to the Problem Statement and Project Purpose.





Grant Application – Project Objectives

➢Well-defined goals clarify priorities and establish criteria for success.

Define with the SMART acronym: Specific

Measurable

Achievable

Realistic

Timely





Grant Application – Project Objectives

SMART Objective Examples	Great Objectives but Needing Improvement
"Hire three experienced domestic violence prosecutors by November 1, 2023."	"Hire new prosecutors."
"Provide all prosecutors with advanced DNA training by March 31, 2024."	"Train prosecutors."
"Prosecute a minimum of 10 domestic violence cases using DNA evidence during 2024."	"Prosecute felonies."
"Achieve an 80% conviction rate on domestic violence cases using DNA evidence during 2024."	"Have a successful conviction rate."





Grant Application – Performance Indicators

- Performance indicators state exactly how each objective will be measured.
- ➢ Performance indicators must be matched to each program objective.
- Performance indicators are based on quantitative and qualitative data gathering procedures which evaluate and document your project.





Grant Application – Objectives with Performance Indicators

Project Objective	Performance Indicator
Hire three experienced domestic violence prosecutors by November 1, 2023	 Number of experienced domestic violence prosecutors hired with hire date
Provide all prosecutors with advanced training in DNA March 31, 2024.	Date prosecutor completed advanced DNA training
Prosecute 10 cases using DNA evidence during 2024.	 Number of domestic violence cases using DNA prosecuted during 2024
Achieve an 80% conviction rate on domestic violence cases during 2024.	 Program conviction rate on domestic violence cases during 2024





Grant Application – Budget



- Read all Terms & Conditions
- ➢No supplanting
- Be mindful of any cash match requirements
- Provide quotes where applicable





Grant Application – Budget Personnel

➤Salary and Fringe Benefits

Include any potential salary or fringe benefit increases in the coming year

Supply any supporting documentation for increase





Grant Application – Budget

Contractual Services

2 CFR §200.22 Contract

"Contract means a legal instrument by which a non-Federal entity purchases property or services needed to carry out the project or program under a Federal award."

>EXAMPLE:

Gotham County creating a Memorandum of Understanding with ABC Counseling Services to provide services to individuals in the County Detention Center.





Grant Application – Budget

Travel

- Travel costs must be consistent with your agency's policies and procedures.
- Verify lodging rates on the GSA website at <u>http://www.gsa.gov</u> at the time of grant budget preparation.
- Travel related to training or conferences.
- Exception: Registration goes in "Other" category.

Per Diem

Follow your policy, up to State limits.

In State		Out of State	
Breakfast	\$8	\$10	
Lunch	\$10	\$15	
Dinner	\$17	\$25	
Per Day	\$35	\$50	





Grant Application – Budget Equipment

- Includes any individual item \$1,000 or over
- Vehicle "packages" include accessories
- Computer "packages" include printer/acc.
- Exception: Software
- Obtain quotes to get realistic & updated costs for various items.







Grant Application – Budget Other

- ➢Office Supplies and Materials
- ➤Utilities
- ➢ Maintenance
- Printing Cost
- ► Registration Fees
- ≻Advertising

Lease Agreements
Indirect Cost
Telephone
Software
Office Rent
No "miscellaneous" items allowed





Grant Application – Budget Narrative

- The Budget Narrative should be used to explain why the items listed in the budget are needed.
- >Show each budget category, and provide detailed explanations for each line item.
- > Do not provide dollar amounts in the narrative.
- Pay special attention to unusual items, or salary increases from year to year. Provide additional details.





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Please submit all inquires to the Grants Accounting email at: grantsaccounting@scdps.gov





Wrap-Up & Important Things To Remember

- All of the grant program applications reviewed today are submitted via SCDPSGrants.com.
- New SCDPSGrants.com users are required to request login credentials in advance of the application due date to allow for a vetting process. Review specific program solicitations for New User Registration deadlines, where applicable.
- Applicants are encouraged to contact us for technical assistance! We will also conduct a one time application review prior to submittal and provide specific feedback.







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Thank you for your time!





Resources

Bureau of Justice Assistance Current Funding Opportunities: <u>https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/current</u>

National Institute of Justice Current Funding Opportunities: <u>https://nij.ojp.gov/funding</u>

National Criminal Justice Association: <u>https://www.ncja.org/</u>

Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Current Funding Opportunities: <u>https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/current</u>

Community Oriented Policing Services Current Funding Opportunities: <u>https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants</u>

