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## Funding Resources: Office of Justice Programs, Office on Violence Against Women, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and Office for Domestic Preparedness

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

Most OJP formula grant programs provide funding to State agencies, which may, in turn, use the 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 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/fundopps.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm).

OJP includes the—

- National Institute of Justice (NIJ).
- Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA).
- Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS).
- Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP).
- Office for Victims of Crime (OVC).
- Office of the Police Corps and Law Enforcement Education.
- Community Capacity Development Office, which incorporated the Office of Weed and Seed and the American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN) Affairs Desk.

Also highlighted are grants from the Department of Justice's Office on Violence Against Women and Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, and the Office for Domestic Preparedness, which is part of the Department of Homeland Security.

### OJP Discretionary Grants

Discretionary grants are awarded on a competitive basis to public and private agencies and private not-for-profit organizations. All funds are subject to appropriations availability. Grant programs offered by OJP include the following:

- **Bulletproof Vest Partnership Grant Program.** Administered by BJA, this program provides funding assistance to State, local, and tribal governments for the purchase of body armor. The program will match up to 50 percent of the cost of the armor, including the cost of shipping and taxes. Eligible law enforcement officers include police officers, sheriff's deputies, correctional officers, parole and probation agents, prosecutors, and judicial officials. Applicants may select and purchase any ballistic- or stab-resistant vest that meets applicable NIJ standards. For more information, call 877-758-3787 or see <https://vests.ojp.gov>.
- **Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program.** Administered through BJA, 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. For more information, call 202-616-6500 or visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/drugcourts.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/drugcourts.html).
- **Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Discretionary Grants Program.** 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/grant/byrne.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/byrne.html).

- **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. For information call 202-307-2942 or visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij).
- **Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program.** Administered by BJA, the purpose of this program is to enhance the capacity of regulatory and law enforcement agencies to collect and analyze controlled substance prescription data. Program objectives include building a data collection and analysis system at the State level, enhancing existing programs' ability to analyze and use collected data, and facilitating the exchange of collected prescription data among States. Prescription monitoring programs help prevent and detect the diversion and abuse of pharmaceutical controlled substances, particularly at the retail level where no other automated information collection system exists. States that have implemented prescription monitoring programs have the capability to collect and analyze prescription data much more efficiently than States without such programs, where the collection of prescription information requires the manual review of pharmacy files. For information call 202-616-6500 or visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/prescripdrugs.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/prescripdrugs.html).
- **Mapping and Analysis Public Safety Program (MAPS) Visiting Fellowships.** NIJ supports demonstrations in crime mapping for law enforcement personnel and provides crime mapping software that is compatible with most mapping programs. MAPS serves as a clearinghouse for crime mapping research and development in the United States. It coordinates its training efforts with the Crime Mapping Analysis Center at the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center-Rocky Mountain. The Visiting Fellowship Program offers research opportunities to individuals interested in criminal justice applications of mapping. Funding is available for both research and training. For more information, contact 202-514-3431 or [maps@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:maps@ojp.usdoj.gov), or visit NIJ's crime mapping website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/maps).

- **National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP).** Administered by BJS, this program provides direct funding to States to improve the quality, timeliness, and immediate accessibility of criminal history and related records. NCHIP helps States upgrade the quality and completeness of criminal records and provides increased compatibility with, and access to, national crime information systems, including the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, National Protection Order File, National Sex Offender Registry, and the Integrated Automated Fingerprint Identification System. For more information, contact BJS at 202-307-0765 or visit the BJS website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/nchip.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/nchip.htm).
- **National Incident-Based Reporting System Implementation Program (NIBRS).** 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 1929. BJS and the FBI are developing the new system to encourage the presentation of higher quality data on a wider variety of crime. The program provides funding to States that want to participate in NIBRS. For more information, contact BJS at 202-307-0765 or visit the BJS website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/nibrs.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/nibrs.htm).
- **National Institute of Justice Science and Technology Solicitations.** NIJ assists the Nation's State and local criminal justice agencies and other public safety agencies by sponsoring technology projects that meet a broad range of these organizations' needs. NIJ typically funds projects that involve applied research, development, analysis, and evaluation of technologies or their implementation; and the demonstration of technologies intended to be applied commercially in the agencies. One of the principal means NIJ uses to identify and initiate promising technology projects is to periodically solicit proposals for such projects. For more information, visit the NIJ website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/sciencetech/techfunding\\_research.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/sciencetech/techfunding_research.htm).
- **Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program, Competitive Funds.** Administered through NIJ, this program provides funding to States and units of local government for the improvement of the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science and medical examiner/coroner services for criminal justice purposes. The Coverdell program permits funding for expenses related to facilities, personnel, computerization, equipment, supplies, accreditation, certification, and education and training. Funding is available to both the State Administering Agency, on behalf of the State, and directly to units of local government. For more information, please contact Dale Heideman at 202-514-9240 or at [dale.heideman@usdoj.gov](mailto:dale.heideman@usdoj.gov).

- **State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers.** Administered by BJS, this program awards grants to State statistical analysis centers to collect data and analyze criminal justice themes/topics of significant interest to criminal justice policy. The themes are identified each year by BJS and the Justice Research and Statistics Association. For example, recent themes included increasing Web access to data, analysis of criminal history records, and research using incident-based crime data. For more information, contact BJS at 202-307-0765 or visit the BJS website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs).

## OJP 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:

- **Convicted Offender DNA Backlog Reduction Program.** Prior to fiscal year 2004, NIJ provided funding under this program to States to enhance their public laboratories to speed analysis of convicted offender DNA backlogs. NIJ has moved to using contracts to award funding, which is now available only for outsourcing samples. NIJ provides funding, a contracting vehicle, and contract administration for States to outsource their convicted offender DNA backlog. For more information, contact Natalie Lu at 202-616-5209 or [natalie.lu@usdoj.gov](mailto:natalie.lu@usdoj.gov) or visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/sciencetech/dna\\_co\\_backlog\\_reduction.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/sciencetech/dna_co_backlog_reduction.htm).
- **DNA Capacity Enhancement Program.** This NIJ program seeks to improve the infrastructure and analysis capacity of State and local crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis. These improvements are critical to prevent future DNA backlogs and to help the criminal justice system realize the full potential of DNA technology. NIJ provides funding based on crime statistics (Part I Violent Crimes). Estimated funding amounts are made available in each year's Formula Grant Announcement. All existing State and local government forensic DNA laboratories are eligible to apply directly to NIJ. For information, contact Natalie Lu at 202-616-5209 or [natalie.lu@usdoj.gov](mailto:natalie.lu@usdoj.gov) or visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/sciencetech/dna\\_labcapacity.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/sciencetech/dna_labcapacity.htm).
- **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, technical assistance, and training. For more information, contact BJA at 202-514-6638 or visit the BJA website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/byrne.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/byrne.html).
- **Forensic Casework DNA Backlog Reduction Program.** This NIJ program provides formula funding to State and local governments with existing crime laboratories that conduct DNA analysis. Funds are to be used by the crime laboratories to identify and test backlogged forensic DNA casework samples, whether in accredited or certified government-owned laboratories or through accredited or certified fee-for-service vendors. Funding is allocated based on crime statistics (number of sexual assaults and homicides reported to the FBI). For information, contact Natalie Lu at 202-616-5209 or [natalie.lu@usdoj.gov](mailto:natalie.lu@usdoj.gov) or visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/sciencetech/dna\\_fc\\_backlog\\_reduction.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/sciencetech/dna_fc_backlog_reduction.htm).
- **Juvenile Accountability Block Grants (JABG) Program.** Administered by OJJDP, the JABG program encourages accountability-based reforms to State and local juvenile justice systems. The OJJDP National Training and Technical Assistance Center serves as the national training and technical assistance provider for the JABG program to ensure that comprehensive support is available to States and units of local government. The goal of this support is to provide States and units of local government with the means to implement state-of-the-art accountability-based programs in any of 16 program areas, including technology, equipment, and training, to assist prosecutors of violent offender youth. For more information, call 202-307-5911 or visit the JABG website at [www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jabg](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org/jabg).
- **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 multi-jurisdictional task forces, and implementing crime prevention programs. For more information, call 202-514-6638 or visit the BJA website at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/llebg\\_app.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/llebg_app.html).
- **OJJDP Formula Grants Program.** States may use formula grant funds to support programs related to delinquency prevention and reduction, juvenile justice system improvement, research, evaluation,

statistical analysis, and training and technical assistance. For more information, call 202-307-5911 or visit OJJDP's website at [www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org](http://www.ojjdp.ncjrs.org).

- **Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grant Program, Base Funds.** Administered through NIJ, this program provides funding to States and units of local government for the improvement of the quality, timeliness, and credibility of forensic science and medical examiner/coroner services for criminal justice purposes. The Coverdell program permits funding for expenses related to facilities, personnel, computerization, equipment, supplies, accreditation, certification, and education and training. Funding is available only to the State Administering Agency (SAA). The SAA can then grant Coverdell subawards to local agencies within the State. For more information, please contact Dale Heideman at 202-514-9240 or at [dale.heideman@usdoj.gov](mailto:dale.heideman@usdoj.gov).

## Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) Grants

OVW grant programs help State, tribal, and local governments and community-based agencies to train personnel, establish specialized domestic violence and sexual assault units, and assist victims of violence. Grant programs offered by OVW include the following:

- **Grants to Encourage Arrest Policies and Enforcement of Protection Orders.** These discretionary grants are designed to encourage State, local, and tribal governments and State, local, and tribal courts to treat domestic violence as a serious violation of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system. Grant funds may be used for implementing mandatory or proarrest programs and policies; developing policies and training in criminal justice agencies to improve tracking of domestic violence and dating violence cases; and creating centralized domestic violence units consisting of police, prosecution, or other criminal justice agencies. For more information, contact OVW at 202-307-6026 or visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/arrest\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/arrest_grant_desc.htm).
- **STOP Violence Against Indian Women Discretionary Grants Program.** The STOP Violence Against Indian Women Grants are intended to develop and strengthen tribal law enforcement and prosecution efforts to combat violence against Native women and to develop and enhance services for victims of such crimes. For more information, contact OVW at 202-307-6026 or visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/stop\\_vaiw\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/stop_vaiw_grant_desc.htm).

- **STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grants Program.** The STOP (Services, Training, Officers, and Prosecutors) Violence Against Women Formula Grants are awarded to States to develop and strengthen the criminal justice system's response to violence against women and to support and enhance services for victims. Each State and territory must allocate 25 percent of the grant funds to law enforcement, 25 percent to prosecution, 5 percent to courts, and 30 percent to victim services. The remaining 15 percent is discretionary within the parameters of the Violence Against Women Act. For information, contact OVW at 202-307-6026 or visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/stop\\_grant\\_desc.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/vawo/stop_grant_desc.htm).

## Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Grants

COPS provides grants to tribal, State, and local law enforcement agencies to hire and train community policing professionals, acquire and deploy cutting-edge crime-fighting technologies, and develop and test innovative policing strategies. Grant programs offered by COPS include the following:

- **COPS Interoperable Communications Technology Program.** This program provides funding to help communities develop effective interoperable communications systems for public safety and emergency services providers. Interoperable Communications Technology grants fund projects that explore uses of equipment and technologies to increase interoperability among the law enforcement, fire service, and emergency medical service communities. These projects are the result of thorough planning and demonstrate how new technologies and operating methods can help communities achieve interoperability. For more information, contact COPS at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS website at [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).
- **COPS Technology Grants.** These grants provide funding for the continued development of technologies and automated systems that help tribal, State, and local law enforcement agencies prevent, respond to, and investigate crime. This funding allows State agencies to purchase technologies to advance communications interoperability, information sharing, crime analysis, intelligence gathering, and crime prevention in their communities. For more information, contact COPS at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS website at [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).
- **COPS Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP).** This program is a comprehensive program designed to meet law enforcement needs in Native American communities. TRGP offers a wide variety of funding in areas such as hiring additional officers, law enforce-

ment training, uniforms, basic issue equipment, emerging technologies, and police vehicles. TRGP funds cover a maximum Federal share of 75 percent of total project costs. This includes approved salaries and benefits of new, additional, entry-level police officer positions (up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer over the 3-year grant period), basic law enforcement training and equipment, vehicles, and technology. For more information, contact COPS at 800-421-6770 or visit the COPS website at [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).

## Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) Grants

ODP is the principal component of the Department of Homeland Security responsible for preparing the United States for acts of terrorism. ODP is the primary office responsible for providing training, funds for the purchase of equipment, support for the planning and execution of exercises, and technical assistance to help States and local jurisdictions prevent, plan for, and respond to acts of terrorism. Programs under the Homeland Security Grants Program include the following:

- **Law Enforcement Terrorism Prevention Program (LETPP).** LETPP seeks to provide law enforcement communities with enhanced capabilities for detecting, deterring, disrupting, and preventing acts of terrorism. Funds are provided for the purchase of equipment to support efficient sharing of information and

intelligence and allow interoperable communications among agencies; “target hardening” to make vulnerable targets more resistant to attack; and improvement of threat recognition and intervention capabilities.

- **State Homeland Security Grants Program (SHSP).** Help provided under this program includes funds to enhance the capability of State and local units of government to prevent, deter, respond to, and recover from incidents of terrorism involving the use of chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and explosive (CBRNE) weapons and cyber attacks. These funds support costs related to homeland security and emergency operations planning activities and purchase of specialized equipment.

*For information on these and other ODP programs, call 800-368-6498 or visit [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/grants\\_programs.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/odp/grants_programs.htm).*



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