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## **SOLICITATION WEBINAR**

### **NIJ FY23 Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Research, Evaluation, and Associated Training & Technical Assistance Support**

**Speaker: NIJ Director Nancy La Vigne**  
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# Today's Webinar

- Introduction (NIJ Director)
- The Solicitation
- Categories
- Application Submission
- NIJ Review Process
- Support & Resources
- Q&A



# Program History

- [OJP Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative \(CVIPI\)](#)
- Participating OJP Components:
  - Programmatic Support: BJA, OVC, OJJDP
  - Research and Evaluation and Related Support: NIJ
- FY23: Year 2 of the Initiative
- FY22 **OJP** CVIPI solicitation: 47 site-based programmatic awards
- FY22 **NIJ** CVIPI solicitation: 2 evaluation awards of two site-based programs

# Solicitation Purpose and Goals

- Purpose
  - Support the conduct and carry out CVIP program evaluations & research
- Goals
  - Enhance CVI evaluation capacity and produce practical knowledge

# Solicitation Categories

1. Training and Technical Assistance to Support CVIPI Evaluation Capacity Building and Researcher and Practitioner Partnerships
2. Training and Technical Assistance to Support Violent Crime Problem Analyses of Jurisdictions not Funded under the OJP FY22 and FY23 CVIPI Solicitations
3. Site-Based Evaluations of Programs Funded under the OJP FY22 and FY23 CVIPI Solicitations
4. Other Community-Violence Research and Evaluations

# Category 1: TTA to Support CVIPI Evaluation Capacity Building and Researcher and Practitioner Partnerships

- One award (up to \$5 MLN, Cooperative Agreement)
- TTA provider **to host** the NIJ Community Violence Intervention Research and Evaluation Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) **Center**
- Assist OJP-funded CVIPI sites
  - To position themselves to implement programs with fidelity
  - To prepare for rigorous impact evaluations
- OJP-**funded** CVIPI sites include projects funded under [FY 2022 OJP CVIPI solicitation](#) and projects receiving funding under [FY23 OJP CVIPI solicitation](#)

## Category 2: TTA to Support Violent Crime Problem Analyses of Jurisdictions *not Funded* under the OJP FY22 and FY23 CVIPI Solicitations

- One award (up to \$2 MLN, Cooperative Agreement)
- TTA provider to support community-based organizations (CBOs) or units of local government (ULGs)
  - To enhance **violent crime problem analysis** capacity
  - To enhance the **strategic plan development** capacity
  - CBOs and ULGs not funded under OJP CVIPI FY22 & FY23 solicitations

## Category 3: Site-Based Evaluations of Programs Funded under the OJP FY22 and FY23 CVIPI Solicitations

- Up to 6 awards (funding available up to \$5 MLN; expected as grant)
- **Formative or process evaluations**
- **Outcome and impact evaluations** (with program implementation, if necessary)
- Applications are to be developed in collaboration with projects:

funded under OJP CVIPI  
FY22  
Categories 1-4

**OR**

applying in tandem  
under the OJP CVIPI  
FY23 solicitation  
Categories 1-2





# Partnering with/Selecting Program Sites (Categories 1 & 3)

- CVIPI program sites funded in FY22
  - Map of FY 2022 CVIPI Grantees: <https://bja.ojp.gov/media/image/46401>
- Project Descriptions For FY22 Funded OJP CVIPI Sites
  - <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2022-171282>
- Two FY22 NIJ funded projects no longer available for evaluation
  - <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-nij-2022-171279>
- All qualifying CVI programs applying under FY23 OJP CVIPI solicitation are eligible

# FY 2022 Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) grantees

## CVIPI Grantees in the U.S.



### Description

In FY 2022, the Department of Justice announced \$100 million in grant awards to help communities across the U.S. reduce gun crime and other serious violence.



## Category 4: Other Community-Violence Research and Evaluations

- Up to 5 awards (funding available up to \$3 MLN, expected as grant)
- Community violence **research and evaluation** of programs **not funded under OJP CVIPI FY22 & FY23** solicitation
- To advance knowledge and inform the development of effective, violent crime reduction programs

# Additional Information

- New Investigator/Early Career Opportunity: Applies only to Category 4 applicants
- Priority Areas: 1 A applies only to Category 4
- Standard Solicitation Deliverable
  - Category 1 & 2 additional deliverables

# Application Submission

- Basic Minimum Requirements (BMR)
  - Critical Application Elements:
    - Program Narrative
    - Budget Web-Based Form (budget details and narrative)
    - CVs or Resumes for key personnel
  - Required Forms:
    - SF-424
    - SF-LLL

# New (Two-Step) Application Submission Protocol

- Grants.gov
  - Submit SF-424 and SF-LLL forms ONLY
  - Deadline: **May 22, 2023**
  - Register at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>
- JustGrants
  - Submit the FULL application, including all attachments
  - Deadline: **June 5, 2023**
  - Register at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/getting-started>



# Application Review Process

- Basic Minimum Requirement Determination
- External Panels of Experts
  - Technical and practitioner reviewers
  - Independent scores and comments
- Internal Review
  - NIJ scientific staff, NIJ leadership, and other federal subject matter experts
- All funding decisions are made at the discretion of the NIJ Director

# Common Critiques Raised During Peer Review Process

- **Statement of the Problem**

- Statement fails to identify gaps in the current literature or understanding of current research
- The literature review is insufficient or dated
- The scope of the proposed research is extremely limited or too ambitious

- **Research Design**

- The overall strategy is not well articulated
- Design/methods approach does not logically flow/unclear
- The proposed sample size is not supported by a power analysis
- Project not feasible



# Common Critiques Raised During Peer Review Process

- **Capabilities and Competencies**
  - Proposed staff does not demonstrate familiarity or proficiency with the proposed methods
- **Potential Impact**
  - Dissemination plan lacks specificity and/or is not innovative
  - No plan for reaching non-academic audiences

# Tips

- Proposals should be
  - Well-written
  - Innovative
  - Timely
  - Rigorous and well-designed
  - Feasible
  - Impactful
- Research/Evaluation Independence
- Letters of Support



# FAQs

- Award amount & period of performance
- Applying to more than one funding category
- Degree Requirements
- Filling and submitting forms / IRB / HSP
- Selecting Sites
- Benchmark for number of sites & selection criteria



# Support

## OJP Response Center

- Phone: 1-800-851-3420
- Email: [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)

## Grants.gov

- Phone: 1-800-518-4726
- Email: [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)

## JustGrants

- Toll-free: 1-833-872-5175
- Email: [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov)

# Recommended Resources

- OJP Funding Resource Center: <https://www.ojp.gov/funding>
- DOJ Grants Financial Guide:  
<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguideojp/overview>
- NIJ Funding FAQs: <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/faqs>
- OJP Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI): <https://www.ojp.gov/program/cvipi>

# Questions?

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