

# NIJ's Research and Evaluation on Correctional Culture and Climate

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The webinar will begin shortly



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# NIJ's FY23 Research and Evaluation on Correctional Culture and Climate

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Solicitation Post Date: May 23, 2023 | Solicitation Close Date: August 21, 2023

*Grants.gov Deadline: August 7, 2023*

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# Today's Webinar

- Introduction (NIJ Director La Vigne)
- The Solicitation and Focus Areas
- The Application Process
- NIJ Review Process
- Support and Resources
- Q & A



## Solicitation Purpose & Goals

- Increase understanding of the impact of culture and climate on the ability of correctional agencies to achieve their missions
- Increase the accountability and transparency of correctional agencies and institutions

## Solicitation Focus Areas

- 1: The safety, health, and wellness of both correctional staff and incarcerated persons
- 2: Issues of correctional agency staffing, retention, and training as they pertain to correctional culture and the well-being of staff and incarcerated persons
- 3: Strategies that promote and sustain needed change in the organizational cultural of corrections agencies



## Expected Deliverables

1. Standard grant reporting requirements
  - Semi-annual research performance progress reports
  - Quarterly financial reports
2. Final Research Report
3. Associated data sets or files
4. Scholarly products

# Application Submission

- Critical Application Elements:
  - Program Narrative
  - Budget Web-Based Form (budget details and narrative)
  - Curriculum vitae or resume for Key Personnel
- Required Forms:
  - SF-424
  - SF-LLL

# Two-Step Application Submission Protocol

## 1. Grants.gov

- Submit SF-424 and SF-LLL forms ONLY
- Deadline: **August 7, 2023**
- Register at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>

## 2. JustGrants

- Submit the FULL application, including all attachments
- Deadline: **August 21, 2023**
- Register at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/getting-started>



# Application Review Process

- Basic Minimum Requirement Determination
- External Expert Review
  - Technical and practitioner reviewers
  - Independent scores and comments
- Internal Review
  - NIJ science 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**

- Fails to identify gaps in the current literature or understanding of current research
- Literature review is insufficient
- Scope of the proposed research is extremely limited or too ambitious

- **Research Design**

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

# Common Critiques Raised During Peer Review Process

- **Capabilities and Competencies**

- Proposed staff does not demonstrate familiarity or proficiency with the proposed methods
- Project team does not include necessary and appropriate subject matter experts.

- **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



## What Will **NOT** be Funded

- **Unresponsive** applications
- **Duplicative**/similar research
- Applications to **purchase** equipment/materials/supplies, etc.
- Training/direct services **unrelated** to project

## FAQs

- Award amount + period of performance
- Specify focus area
- Timing of award and non-award notifications
- Foreign entities / subrecipients / co-investigators
- Filling and submitting forms / IRB / HSP / New Investigator



# Support

- **OJP Response Center**
  - Phone: (800) 851-3420
  - Email: [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)
- **Grants.gov**
  - Phone: (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>
- NIJ Corrections Portfolio: <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/corrections>





# Questions?

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