NIJ FY 2026 Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Notice of Funding Opportunity (NOFO) Webinar

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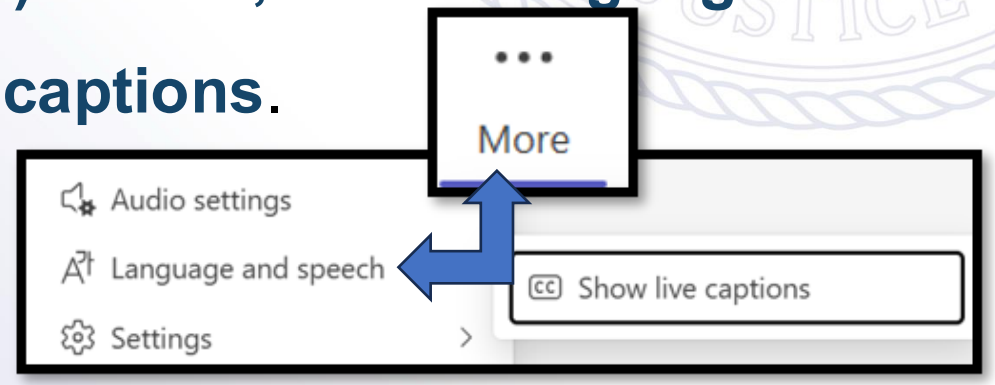

Todays Webinar

- Welcome
- BJA Byrne SCIP Overview
- NOFO Overview, Goals, and Objectives
- Specific Information
- Application Submission Process
- Application Review Process
- Support and Resources
- Q & A

Byrne SCIP

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act amended the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Statute and created the State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)

Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to: (i) mental health courts, (ii) drug courts, (iii) veterans' courts, and (iv) extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs.

Appropriated $750 million over 5 years (FY22–FY26).

FY22/23 awards: 51 states totaling $238,143,943
FY24 awards: 48 states totaling $135,114,953
FY25 awards: 50 states totaling $127,763,064

For more information visit: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/byrne-scip

NIJ FY 2026 Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the BJA Byrne SCIP - Overview

This opportunity will support research and evaluation to assess the effectiveness of programs funded under BJA's FY 2022-2026 BJA's Byrne SCIP NOFOs.

This NOFO invites applications that propose a two-phased evaluation strategy to assess Byrne SCIP. The approach includes:

- Phase I: Evaluability assessments
- Phase II: An evaluation of the Byrne SCIP

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BJA's Byrne SCIP provides funding for the creation or enhancement of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives. Such programs or initiatives can include, but are not limited to:

- Law enforcement crisis interventions;
- Court-based programming;
- Referrals to treatment for people in crisis; and
- Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) programs

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- Applicants may apply to assess multiple program areas where applicable.
- Applicants should clearly state the program area(s) on the title page.
- NIJ anticipates making at least one award per topic area for a total of 4 awards.

Goals & Objectives

The **goal** of this NOFO is to advance knowledge that assists state, tribal, and local law enforcement and other criminal justice stakeholders regarding the effectiveness of state crisis intervention programs by independently and objectively examine programs funded under the BJA Byrne SCIP.

- **Objective 1:** Assess the evaluability of BJA Byrne SCIP.
- **Objective 2:** Evaluate the effectiveness of BJA Byrne SCIP programs or initiatives in preventing violence and suicide.

Phase 1: Evaluability Assessments

For Phase I, applicants should propose a rigorous research plan to conduct an evaluability assessment of up to eight site-level programs of one or more of the four areas funded under Byrne SCIP.

- Applicants are ***not*** required to identify programs at the time of application; however, if programs are identified, supporting documents (e.g., letters of support) should be included.
- An application that includes an assessment of statewide SCIP programs, all BJA SCIP grantees, or an individual BJA SCIP grantee would ***not*** be responsive to this funding opportunity.
- Phase I activities should ***not*** exceed a 15-month performance period.

Phase 2: Evaluation of the Byrne SCIP

For Phase II, applicants should propose a rigorous evaluation plan to assess both program implementation and program outcomes.

- The plan should include up to eight (8) sites determined to be ready for evaluation based on findings from the Phase I evaluability assessments.
- Upon completion of Phase I, the recipient will work with NIJ to revise and finalize the evaluation design plan and budget.
- Phase II activities should ***not*** exceed a 33-month performance period.
- Proposals must include cost/benefit and cost effectiveness analyses.

For more information on Evaluation Research at NIJ, see: https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/evaluation-research.

Before You Apply For Funding

SAM.gov Registration – recommend beginning at least 30 days before the first application deadline

- Register/confirm "active" registration status
  - First-time registration – may take several weeks
  - Existing registration – annual renewal required
- Obtain/confirm **Unique Entity Identifier (UEI)**
- Identify current SAM.gov points of contact

Apply For OJP Funding: Overview

Step 1: Grants.gov – complete *at least* 48 hours before deadline in NOFO

- Register/confirm registration
- Submit Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

Step 2: JustGrants – complete *at least* 48 hours before deadline in NOFO

- Register/confirm access
- Submit full application, including required attachments

Apply For OJP Funding: Step 1

Step 1: Grants.gov

- Register/confirm registration
- Add/confirm users and their roles
- Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

You can complete the first two actions at any time.
Check the Grants.gov Quick Start Guide for more tips.

Apply For OJP Funding: Step 2

Step 2: JustGrants
Complete the full application in JustGrants

- Standard Applicant Information
- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget and Associated Documentation
- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and Other Supportive Documents
- Additional Application Components
- Disclosures and Assurances

What Happens Next?

After the JustGrants application deadline, OJP starts its review process:

- Basic Minimum Requirements
- Technical Review
- Programmatic and Financial Review
- Risk Review

All funding decisions are made at the discretion of the NIJ Director.

Award Notices

Visit the OJP Grant Awards public website: ojp.gov/funding/ojpgrantawards

Funded applications:

- Notifications sent via JustGrants
- Accept or decline award within 45 days
- Follow steps in DOJ Award Acceptance Checklist

Support

OJP Response Center

- Phone: 800-851-3420
- Email: OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov

Grants.gov

- Phone: 800-518-4726
- Email: support@grants.gov

JustGrants

- Toll-free: 833-872-5175
- Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Resources

OJP Funding Resource Center

- https://www.ojp.gov/funding

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

- https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide#application-review-for-competitive-funding

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

- https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/overview

NIJ Funding FAQs

- https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/frequently-asked-questions-about-applying-grants-and-cooperative-agreements

Questions?