

NIJ Evaluation of the Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation Program

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Webinar Overview

- BJA's Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program
- Research Goals
- NIJ Evaluation of the BCJI Program
- Project Timeline and Dissemination Plans
- Questions and Answers
- For more information

BJA's Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program

Since 2012, BCJI has awarded nearly \$43 million to 65 sites:

- Support local communities to develop comprehensive solutions that approach persistent crime issues in new ways
- Tackle complex crime drivers
- Engage neighborhood residents as core cross sector team members to identify drivers and problem solve solutions
- Partner with researchers to use data and analyze crime drivers to select data and evidenced information strategies
- Connect to revitalization for long term impact

Research Goals/BJA

- Why does BJA support program evaluation?
- Why is BJA interested in research on the BCJI program?
 - Understand, define, and demonstrate program impact
 - Refine the program model
 - Support program and policy development



Research Goals/NIJ

- Document overall BCJI program goals, objectives, design, and history
- Observe BCJI grant activities to assess site operations and model fidelity
- Assess sites' capacity for information collection, data management, and analysis
- Identify types of concerns targeted, and approaches developed
- Identify key indicators of outcomes not limited to crime reduction and community safety
- Document and assess TTA activities for correspondence to BCJI site needs and grantee satisfaction
- Assess evaluability to inform future plans including impact and cost studies

NIJ Evaluation of the BCJI Program

- Task 1 - General Review of BCJI Program Planning, Implementation, and Enhancement Grants

Activities: implementation plan, progress report, and PMT review; and online Violence Reduction Assessment Tool (VRAT)

- Task 2 - Process Evaluation of BCJI Grant Activities

Activities: site visits, interviews, and grant work product review

- Task 3 - Evaluability Assessment of BCJI Program Sites

Activities: program logic model and information resource review

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- Task 4 - Process and Outcome Evaluation of BCJI TTA

Activities:

- Progress report, TTARS,* request/response records, and needs assessment review
- Field observation of grantee meetings
- Interviews with TTA providers
- Online grantee survey

*TTA Reporting System or TTA Reporting Portal (TTARP)

Project Timeline and Dissemination

- Project Period
 - January 2017 to December 2018
- Work Products
 - Executive Summary and Research Report
- Dissemination Opportunities
 - National and Regional Grantee Meetings
 - Other suggestions?

Q&A



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