NIJ's Research and Development Process: Grants and Cooperative Agreements

1 IDENTIFY NEEDS THROUGH STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

2 DEVELOP RESEARCH AGENDA

- Congressional and Administration priorities
- NIJ priorities
- Available funding
- State of knowledge assessment

3 IMPLEMENT RESEARCH

NIJ issues solicitation
Applications received in response

NIJ Scientists review for...
- Fulfillment of Basic Minimum Requirements
- Responsiveness to solicitation

Denied
- Applicant notified
- Denial filed in OJP's Grants Management System (GMS)

Approved

Peer reviewers assess application for...
- Statement of the problem
- Project design and implementation
- Potential impact
- Capabilities/competencies
- Budget
- Dissemination plan

Peer reviewers confer to reach consensus

NIJ Scientists prepare a funding recommendation to the Director based on...
- Peer review input
- Applicant past performance
- Portfolio balance
- Other considerations

Award Decision

Denied

NIJ Director makes award decisions based on...
- Input from NIJ Scientists
- Planned scholarly products
- Peer review input
- Proposed budgets
- Applicant past performance
- Research independence and integrity
- Strategic priorities
- Available funding

Awarded

4 POST-AWARD ACTIVITIES

Throughout the life of the award, NIJ provides...
- Performance and progress monitoring
- Site visits and desk audits
- Scientific collaboration and input
- Review and processing of award changes
- NEPA review and guidance
- Human Subjects and Privacy review and guidance

5 EVALUATE RESEARCH RESULTS

External Evaluation
- Peer review of final report
- Field testing

Results from awards inform future funding opportunities and become part of the process of developing the program of research and agenda.

Internal Evaluation
- Test technology/product
- Internal evaluation of results

6 DISSEMINATE TO THE FIELD