

NIJ's Research and Evaluation on Domestic Radicalization and Violent Extremism

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NIJ's FY23 *Research and Evaluation on Domestic Radicalization and Violent Extremism Solicitation*

Solicitation: O-NIJ-2023-171569

Solicitation Post Date: February 7, 2023 | Solicitation Close Date: May 8, 2023

Grants.gov Deadline: April 24, 2023

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Today's Webinar

- The Solicitation:
 - Purpose and goals of the solicitation
 - Explanation of Topic Areas
 - FY23 Updates
- The Application Process:
 - General overview
 - Grants.gov → JustGrants
 - Eligibility requirements | Expected deliverables
 - Lessons learned: Tips for applicants
- NIJ Review Process
- Questions
- Resources



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THE SOLICITATION



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Program History

- Mandated by Congress in 2012 to carry out:
 - “research targeted toward developing a better understanding of the domestic radicalization phenomenon, and advancing evidence-based strategies for effective intervention and prevention.”
- Eleven consecutive years
- Over 50 awards made



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Purpose & Goals

- Increase knowledge of radicalization in the U.S.
- Bolster evidence-based prevention and intervention strategies



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Areas of Focus

- Topic Area 1: Research to Inform Terrorism Prevention Efforts
- Topic Area 2: Research on the Role of Communications in Promoting and Countering Extremist Content and Information
- Topic Area 3: Research on Disengagement, Deradicalization, and the Reintegration Into Society of Individuals Incarcerated for Terrorism Related Offenses
- Topic Area 4: Evaluations of Programs and Practices to Prevent Terrorism



FY23: What's New?

1. The amount of resources available
2. New topics of interest related to radicalization and extremism as identified by Congress
3. Emerging areas of emphasis denoted in the solicitation
4. Diversity of Perspectives



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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



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SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION



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Application Basic Minimum Requirements (BMR)

Starting on page 19 of the solicitation

- Critical Application Elements:

- Program Narrative
- Budget Web-Based Form (budget details and narrative)
- Curriculum vitae or resume

- Required Forms:

- SF-424
- SF-LLL



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Additional Requirements

(see pages 33-35 for full checklist)

- Project Abstract
- Goals, Objectives, Deliverables and Timeline
- Letters of Support
- Bibliography/References
- Any tools/instruments, questionnaires, tables/chart/graphs, or maps

And many others, as applicable:

- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- Financial Management Questionnaire
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement
- Complete list of all individuals in the application
- Human Subjects Protection
- Privacy Certificates
- Request to use incentives or stipends
- Documentation of rural challenges
- Documentation of High Poverty Areas or Persistent Poverty Counties
- Documentation of Enhanced Public Safety in Qualified Opportunity Zones (if applicable)
- Documentation of new investigator status, if applicable
- Project Management Plan
- Consortium/Contractual Arrangements
- Data Archiving Plan
- Disclosures and Assurances
- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF LLL)
- Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug Free Workplace Requirements
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable)



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New (Two-Step) Application Submission Protocol

- 1. Grants.gov
 - Submit SF-424 and SF-LLL forms ONLY
 - Deadline: **April 24, 2023**
 - Register at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>
- 2. JustGrants
 - Submit the FULL application, including all attachments
 - Deadline: **May 8, 2023**
 - Register at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/getting-started>



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Application Issues

- Utilizing third party software to submit applications
- Submitting letters of support after the application deadline
- Extensions and exceptions



Support

- **National Criminal Justice Reference Service Response Center (NCJRS)**
 - Phone: (800) 851-3420
 - Email: grants@ncjrs.gov | responsecenter@ncjrs.gov
 - Web chat: <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- **Grants.gov**
 - 1-800-518-4726
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- **JustGrants:**
 - Toll-free: +1 (833) 872-5175
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THE NIJ REVIEW PROCESS



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Basic Minimum Requirements (BMR)

- Responsiveness
- Eligible applicant
- Four Critical Application Elements:
 - Program Narrative
 - Budget Detail Worksheet
 - Budget Narrative
 - Curriculum vitae or resume
- Required Forms:
 - SF-424
 - SF-LLL



External Peer Review

- Panels of experts
- Technical and practitioner reviewers
- Independent scores and comments
- Returned to NIJ for review



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External Peer Review Selection Criteria

- **Statement of the Problem** 15%
 - Understanding of the problem, research questions, and awareness of the state of current research
- **Project Design and Implementation** 45%
 - Quality and technical merit
 - Feasibility of project and soundness of methods
 - Awareness of potential pitfalls and how to mitigate them
- **Potential Impact** – 20%
 - Ability of the project to contribute a significant scientific or technical advancement to the field
- **Capabilities/Competencies** – 15%
 - Demonstrated productivity and experience of the applicant organization and proposed project staff
 - Relationship between the capabilities/competencies of the proposed project staff and the scope/strategies of the project
- **Budget** 5%



Internal Review

- Consists of NIJ scientific staff, NIJ leadership, and other subject matter experts
- Review external peer review scores and comments
- Formulate funding recommendations

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



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SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES & CRITIQUES



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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.
- The scope of the proposed research is extremely limited or too ambitious.



Critiques Raised During Peer Review Process

- **Research Design**

- The overall research design is not well articulated.
- The proposed research design/methods approach does not logically flow from the problem statement, research questions and literature review.
- The proposed research questions are not derived from the literature review.
- The proposed sample size is not supported by a power analysis.



Critiques Raised During Peer Review Process

- **Research Design (continued)**

- The research design is too ambitious and too complex.
- Proposed research design is not clearly laid out.
- The proposed sampling strategy is flawed or too ambitious.
- The proposed quantitative analyses is vague and unclear.
- The data collection and analysis plan is confusing.



Critiques Raised During Peer Review Process

- **Capabilities and Competencies**

- The Principal Investigator (PI) does not demonstrate familiarity or proficiency with the proposed quantitative analysis.
- The dissemination plan lacks specificity and/or is not innovative.



Tips

Proposals should be:

- Well-written
- Innovative
- Timely
- Rigorous and well-designed
- Feasible
- Impactful



What Will **NOT** be Funded

- **Unresponsive** applications
- **Duplicative**/similar research
- Applications to **purchase** equipment/materials/supplies, etc.
- Training/direct services **unrelated** to project
- Applications that don't respect **data and privacy** concerns
- Applications solely studying **political views**
- Projects designed to **expose** research participants to **extremist content**



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Specific Issues Related to Domestic Radicalization & Terrorism Applications

- Letters of support: Failure to achieve sample
- Politics vs. extremism
- Exposing research subjects to extremist recruitment materials



FAQs

- Award amount + period of performance
- Topic areas: Pick one
- Timing of award and non-award notifications
- Foreign entities / subrecipients / co-investigators
- Ph.D. Students
- Overhead Costs
- Filling and submitting forms / IRB / HSP / New Investigator



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Recommended Resources

- OJP Funding Resource Center: <https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>
- DOJ Grants Financial Guide: <https://ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/index.htm>
- NIJ Funding FAQs: <https://www.nij.gov/funding/Pages/faqs.aspx>
- NIJ Domestic Radicalization & Violent Extremism Portfolio: <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/articles/domestic-radicalization-and-violent-extremism>

Questions?

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