# NIJ Innovations in Measuring Community Perceptions Challenge

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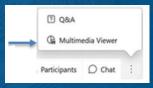


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## **Today's Webinar**

- Introductory remarks by NIJ Director Nancy La Vigne
- Motivation
- Core characteristics of methods
- Structure of the challenge
- Prizes
- Judging criteria
- Submission requirements
- Eligibility
- Question and answer period



#### **Motivation**

- Consistent, rigorous measurement of community perceptions provides critical feedback to police, city managers, and community members
- Probability surveys difficult and expensive
- Nonprobability surveys difficult to establish representativeness

#### Goal:

Identify innovative survey and big data methods for measuring community perceptions that are representative, cost effective, accurate across microgeographies, and capable of being administered frequently.



## Core characteristics of proposed methods

- Representative
- Cost effective
- Accurate across microgeographies
- Allow frequent assessment
- Scalable for use in jurisdictions of various sizes



## Structure of the challenge

Category 1: Survey

Category 2: Data

Procedural justice-Respect Procedural justice-Respect Fear of crime Fear of crime Overall **Probability** Police accountability Police accountability competition Bias Bias Community policing Community policing Procedural justice-Respect Procedural justice-Respect Individual Fear of crime Fear of crime Nonprobability construct Police accountability Police accountability competition Bias Bias Community policing Community policing



### **Prizes**

A total of \$175,000 is available; \$87.5k for each category

 Prize structure: Category 1 – Probability Survey; Category 1 – Nonprobability Survey; Category 2 – Data (overall competition)

• First prize: \$25k

Second prize: \$10k

• Third prize: \$5k

• Fourth and fifth prizes: \$2.5k

Prize structure: Category 2: Data (individual constructs)

• First prize: \$5k

• Second prize: \$2.5k

Third prize: \$1k

• Fourth and fifth prizes: \$0.5k



## **Judging entries**

- Demonstrate appropriate knowledge of applicable datasets and methods.
- Provide a detailed overview of the proposed method and how it satisfies each of the required criteria.
- Evidence that the proposed method has been used successfully in analogous scenarios will strengthen proposals.



## **Judging Category 1 entries: Surveys**

- Representativeness: Include specific process and outcome measures
- Cost: Describe deployment costs. Provide a cost per capita.
- Accuracy across microgeographies: Identify accuracy at smallest geography.
- Capable of frequent administration: Identify the length of time and number of resources necessary to deploy the survey.
- Scalability: Describe deployment in jurisdictions of varying populations and sizes.
- Human subjects protection/privacy: Address privacy concerns



## **Judging Category 2 entries: Data**

- Representativeness: How well do the proxy measure(s) represent the constructs across the entire community?
- Cost: Clear and specific description of all costs related to deploying the method.
- Accuracy across microgeographies: Clearly identify smallest geography and how accuracy will be established.
- Sustainability: Identify the method's ability to support continuous or frequent data collection.
- Scalability: Describe how the method can be deployed in jurisdictions of varying populations and demographic structures.
- Human subjects protection/privacy: Address privacy and surveillance concerns



## **Submission requirements**

- Entries submitted here: <a href="https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/innovations-measuring-community-perceptions-challenge-submission-form">https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/innovations-measuring-community-perceptions-challenge-submission-form</a>
- Entries due by 11:59pm Eastern Time on July 31, 2023
- Each entry should include the following components:
  - Team roster (even if an individual entrant)
  - Narrative
  - Appendix
    - Bibliography
    - Budget



## **Eligibility**

- Disciplines outside of criminal justice or involving interdisciplinary teams
- Practitioners, researchers, public and private entities, research laboratories, startup companies, students, and others.
- Competition is open to:
- 1. Individual residents at least 13 year of age
- 2. Teams of eligible individuals
- 3. Corporations or other legal entities domiciled in the 50 United States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the US Virgin Islands, American Samoa, and Guam



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