

# NIJ FY 2024 Measurement of Community Perceptions Solicitation Webinar

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# NIJ's FY24 Measurement of Community Perceptions

**Solicitation: O-NIJ-2024-171984**

**Post Date: February 16, 2024 | Close Date: May 16, 2024**

***Grants.gov Deadline: May 2, 2024***

## Participants

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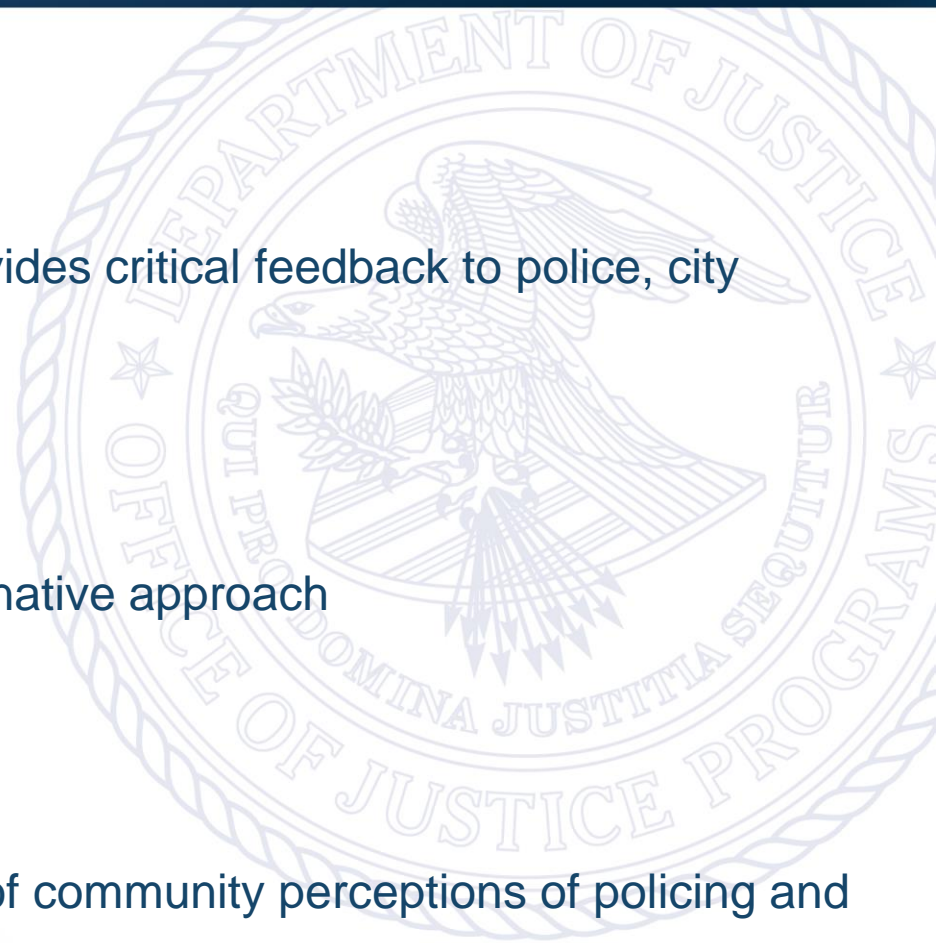


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# Today's Webinar

- Introductory remarks by NIJ Director Nancy La Vigne
- Motivation and overall goal
- Structure of solicitation
- Expected deliverables
- Submission and review process
- Support and resources
- Q&A





## Motivation and goal

- 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
- Using existing data to develop proxy measures is a potential alternative approach

### Goal:

- Develop knowledge leading to more accurate measurement of community perceptions of policing and public safety.



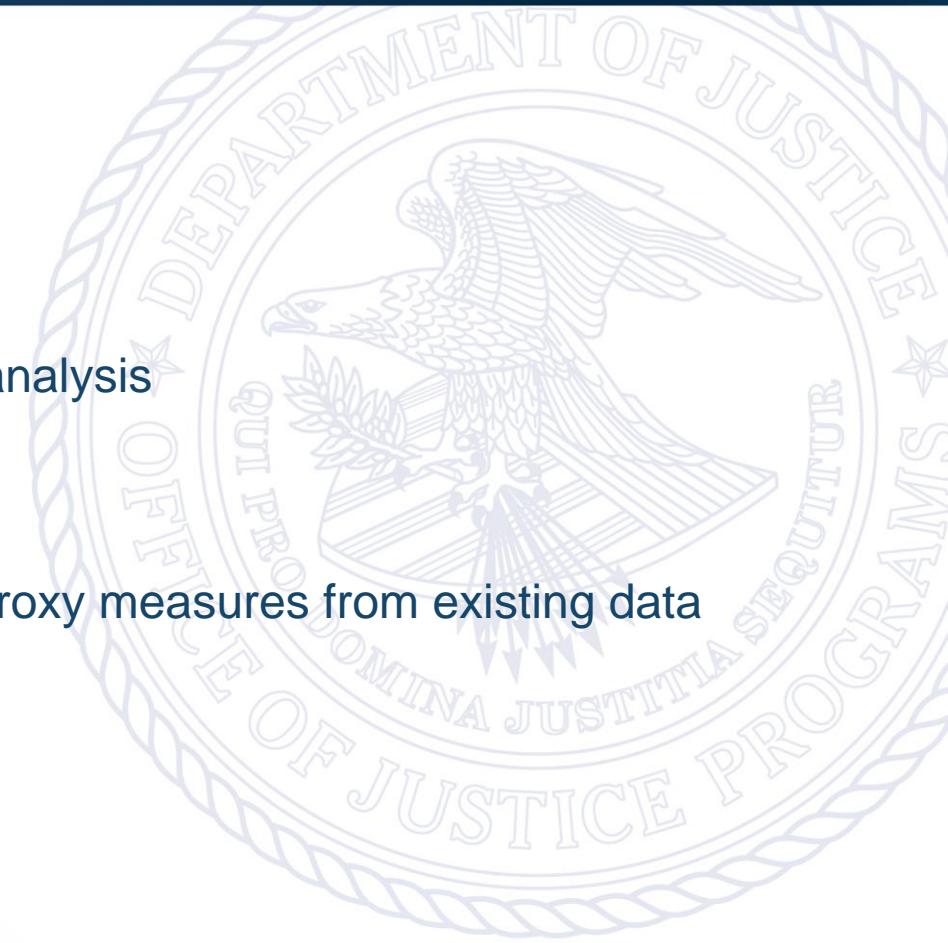
## Required characteristics of proposed methods

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



## Structure of the solicitation

- **Topic 1: Survey methods**
  - Develop, pilot, and evaluate proposed innovative method or analysis
- **Topic 2: Use of existing data**
  - Develop, pilot, and evaluate new method to create direct or proxy measures from existing data



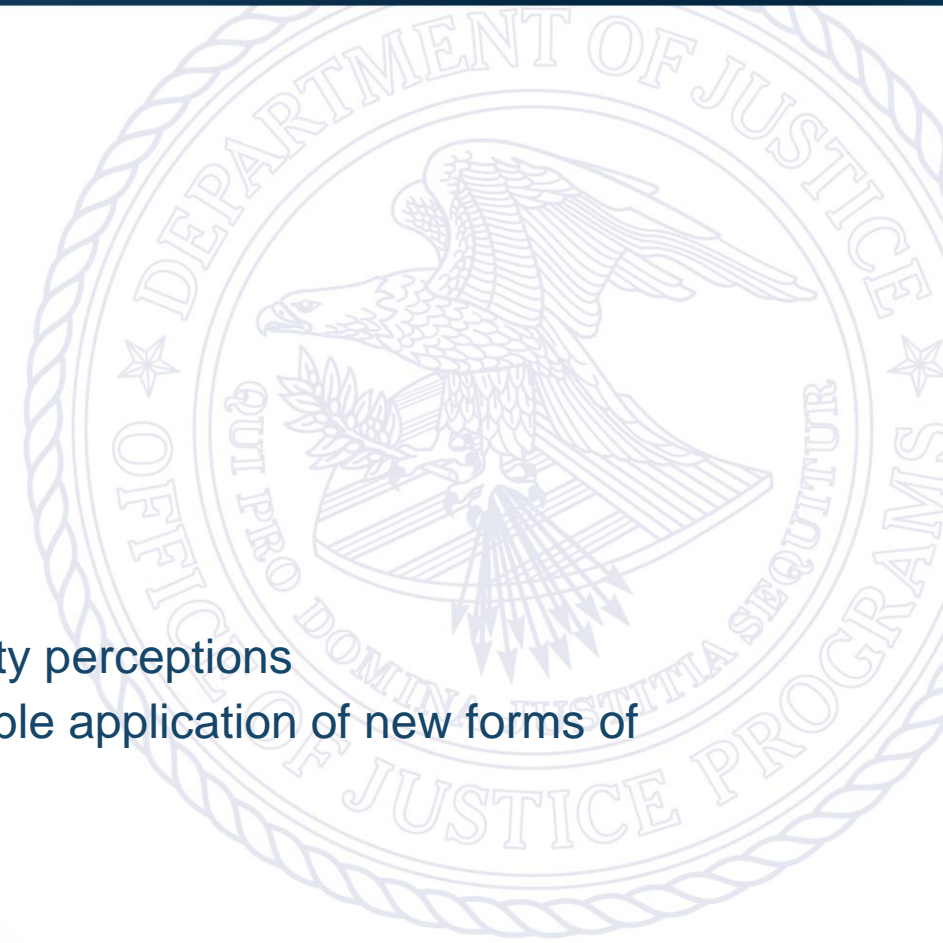
## Topic 1: Survey methods

- **All proposals must use established question sets/survey instruments**
  - For example: Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) Local-Area Crime Survey (LACS) or redesigned NCVS instrument
- **Examples of responsive proposals**
  - Develop new approaches or adapt approaches from other fields
  - Create new methods or analyses with the goal of generating representative estimates
  - Pair the BJS Local-Area Crime Survey instrument with new methods
  - Use technology solutions to 1) improve survey administration techniques, or 2) support new sampling strategies, more complete sampling frames, or increase survey response rates.
- **Successful proposals**
  - Include the deployment of the instrument and testing to quantify the representativeness achieved
  - Are not exclusively qualitative
  - Are encouraged to include community engagement



## Topic 2: Existing data

- **All proposals must develop and pilot new methods that**
  - Accurately measure key constructs across microgeographies
  - Are cost effective and scalable
  - Are capable of frequent implementation
- **NIJ is particularly interested in proposals that**
  - Identify novel data sources that accurately represent community perceptions
  - Develop methods and technologies for processing data to enable application of new forms of data mining.
- **Applicant should**
  - Discuss potential harms and risks to individuals from the use of existing data
  - Provide a plan to mitigate such risk





## Expected deliverables

- Standard grant reporting requirements
- Final Research Report
- Data sets, associated files, and documentation
- Scholarly products



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# Key application submission requirements

## Critical Application Elements (Basic Minimum Requirements)

- Forms: SF-424 and SF-LLL (in Grants.gov)
- Program Narrative
- Budget Web-Based Form (budget details and narrative)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Control Questionnaire (in JustGrants)
- Curriculum vitae or resume for key personnel

## Additional Requirements

- e.g., Project Abstract; Letters of Support; Any tools/instruments, questionnaires, tables/charts/graphs, maps; Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline



## Two-step application submission protocol

1. Grants.gov (<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>)

Submit SF-424 and SF-LLL forms ONLY

**May 2, 2024 at 11:59 p.m. ET**

2. JustGrants.gov (<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/getting-started>)

Submit FULL application, including ALL attachments

**May 16, 2024 at 8:59 p.m. ET**



## Support

- **OJP Response Center**
  - Phone: (800) 851-3420
  - Email: [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)
- **Grants.gov**
  - 1-800-518-4726
  - [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)
- **JustGrants**
  - Toll-free: +1 (833) 872-5175
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## Application review process

- **Basic Minimum Review (BMR) Determination**
- **External Peer Review (p. 30)**
  - Technical and Practitioner Reviewers
- **Internal Review**
  - NIJ science staff, NIJ leadership, other federal subject matter experts
- **All funding decisions are made at the discretion of the NIJ Director**
  - For insights see her Dear Colleague Letter

<https://nij.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh171/files/media/document/nij-dear-colleague-letter-to-potential-applicants-2024.pdf>



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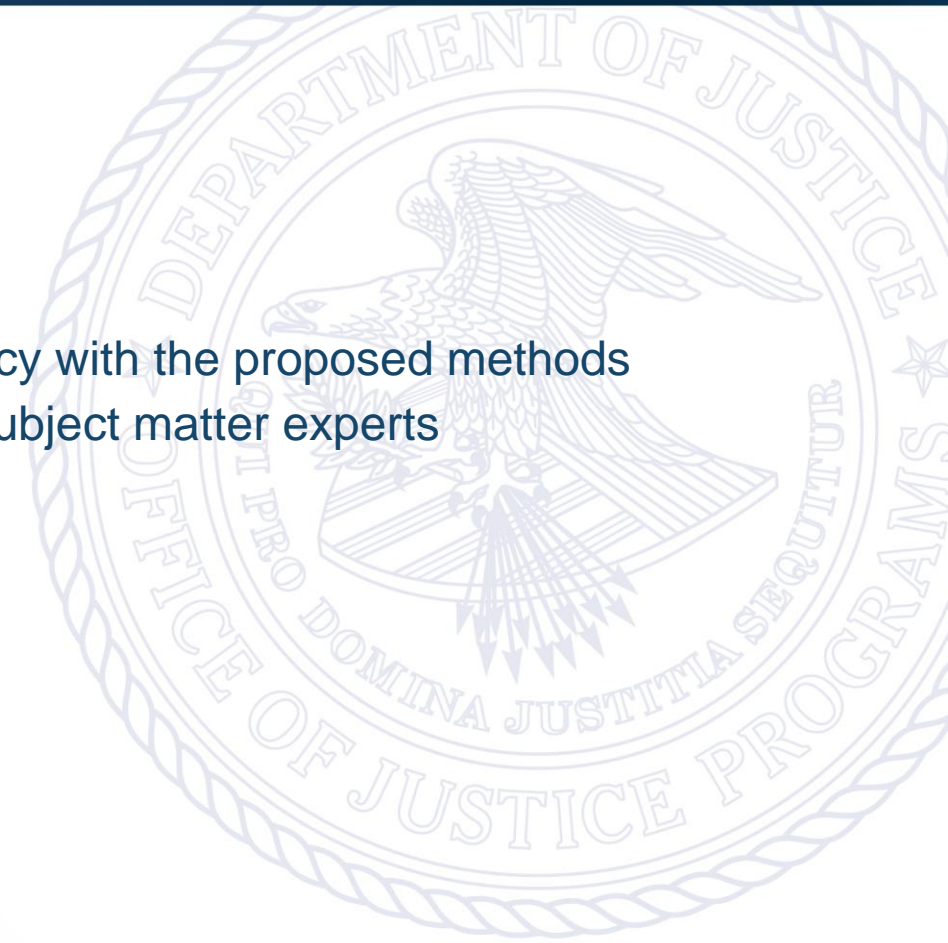
# Common peer review critiques

- **Statement of the Problem (10%)**
  - Fails to identify gaps in the current literature or understanding of current research
  - Literature review is insufficient
  - Scope of the proposed research is extremely limited or too ambitious
- **Project Design and Implementation (45%)**
  - Overall strategy is not well articulated
  - Design/methods approach does not logically flow/unclear
  - Proposed sample size is not supported by a power analysis
  - Project is not feasible



## Common peer review critiques

- **Capabilities and Competencies (20%)**
  - Proposed staff does not demonstrate familiarity or proficiency with the proposed methods
  - Project team does not include necessary and appropriate subject matter experts
- **Potential Impact (20%)**
  - Dissemination plan lacks specificity and/or is not innovative
  - No plan for reaching non-academic audiences
- **Budget (5%)**
  - Insufficient budget or staff time for proposed activities
  - Staff duties are not well articulated



# Tips

## Proposals should be:

- Well-written
- Innovative
- Timely
- Rigorous and well-designed
- Feasible
- Impactful
- Include Letters of Support
- Consider research/evaluation independence







## FAQs

- Award amount + period of performance
- Timing of award and non-award notifications
- Foreign entities / subrecipients / co-investigators
- 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>



# Questions?

Please enter your questions into the **Q&A box**

Send to **All Panelists**

