

NIJ FY 2024 Evaluation of BJA Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Solicitation Webinar

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NIJ's FY24 Evaluation of BJA Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP): Scan of practice and Evaluability Assessment

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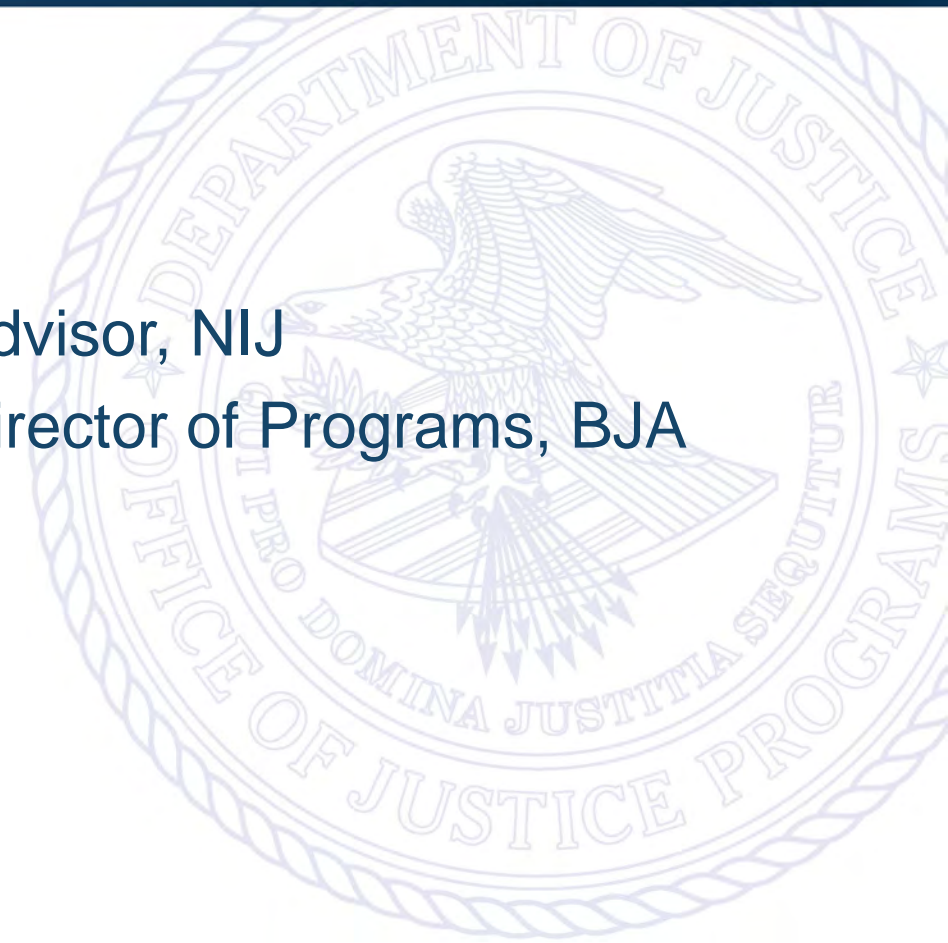
Michelle Garcia, Deputy Director of Programs, BJA



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Today's Webinar

- Welcome – Dr. Janine Zweig, Executive Science Advisor, NIJ
- Byrne SCIP Overview – Michelle Garcia, Deputy Director of Programs, BJA
- Solicitation Overview, Goals, and Objective
- Specific Information
- Application Submission Process
- Application Review Process
- Support and Resources
- Q & A



Byrne SCIP

The Bipartisan Safer Communities Act amended the [Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant \(JAG\) Statute](#) and created the State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)

Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to: (i) mental health courts, (ii) drug courts, (iii) veterans courts, and (iv) extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs.

Appropriated \$150 million per year for 5 years (FY22–FY26) specifically for the new state crisis intervention court proceedings and related program initiatives.

FY22-23 awards:

- 51 to states totaling \$248,143,943
- 3 training and technical assistance providers

For more information visit: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/byrne-scip>



Overview

With this solicitation, NIJ seeks proposals to examine programs funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) in Fiscal Years (FY) 2022-2024.

The BJA Byrne SCIP program provides funding for the implementation and/or creation of specific program areas:

- (1) extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs,
- (2) courts response to people in crisis,
- (3) community-based services for people in crisis, and
- (4) funding for law enforcement crisis intervention programs or initiatives.



Overview Continued

This NIJ solicitation seeks research addressing two categories:

- (1) Scan of practices of state crisis intervention activities including those funded by BJA under the FY 2022-2023 and FY 2024 BJA Byrne SCIP (anticipate one award of up to \$600,000); and
- (2) Evaluability Assessments for each of the four program areas funded by BJA under the FY2022-2023 and FY2024 BJA Byrne SCIP solicitations (anticipate 4 awards of up to \$1,500,000 per award).



Goals & Objectives

The **goal** of this solicitation is to independently and objectively examine programs funded under the FY22-23 and FY24 Byrne SCIP. Findings from this research will assist State, local, and Tribal jurisdictions in preventing or reducing crime and violence, with a particular focus on gun violence.

The **objectives** of this solicitation are to promote and fund a comprehensive overview of the BJA Byrne SCIP and assess the feasibility of conducting rigorous evaluations of BJA Byrne SCIP sites.



Category 1: Scan of Practices

NIJ is soliciting proposals to conduct a scan of practices of state crisis intervention activities funded by BJA under the FY2022-2023 and FY2024 Byrne SCIP.

The goal of Category 1 is to improve and better understand violence prevention activities generally and SCIP funded programs specifically, and how they complement and/or supplement one another, at both the state and local levels.



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Category 1: Scan of Practices

At a minimum, the scan of practice should include*:

- A systematic review of all BJA SCIP state/territory grantee plans
- A review of state and local level crisis intervention and violence prevention activities to understand how SCIP funding is being implemented in concert with and contributing to other relevant state- and local- efforts
- Relevant data collection from state-level coordinators, subgrantees relevant to the state plan, and other relevant state- and or local-level stakeholders implementing crisis intervention and violence prevention efforts.



Category 1: Scan of Practices

Expected Deliverables*:

- An outline of the final report shall be delivered to NIJ three (3) months before the end of the performance period.
- A draft final report and an executive summary shall be delivered two (2) months before the end of the performance period.
- Monthly conference calls with NIJ to discuss the status of the scan of practices, and additional meetings with BJA staff as necessary or required.



Category 1: Scan of Practices

Expected Deliverables Continued:

- A publication of the findings from the scan of practice orientated specifically towards policy makers and practitioners.
- Quarterly progress reports to keep NIJ and BJA apprised of the status of the scan of practices.
- A summary progress report of all award-related activities and interim findings for each fiscal year (October 1 – September 30) for the life of the grant.

The performance period for Category 1 should not exceed **16 months**



Category 2: Evaluability Assessments

NIJ is soliciting proposals to conduct evaluability assessments of the four program areas funded by BJA under the FY2022-2023 and FY2024 BJA Byrne SCIP solicitations.

NIJ anticipates funding four evaluability assessments, one focused on each of the topical areas funded under Byrne SCIP. Applicants may apply to assess multiple program areas where applicable



Category 2: Evaluability Assessments

Each study's evaluability assessment plan should include, but would not be limited to descriptions of the approach to complete the following tasks*

- Plans to Assess Implementation Fidelity
- Development of a Logic Model
- Assessment/Development of an Outcome Study Design and Identification of a Counterfactual
- Assessment of Data Availability and Quality
- Development of Primary Data Collection Tools
- Power Analysis



Category 2: Evaluability Assessments

Expected Deliverables*:

- An outline of the final report
- A draft final report and an executive summary
- One evaluability assessment report for each program assessed.
- A case study report describing the program strategies and how they were implemented, collaborations within the site, and details on how SCIP was implemented in concert with or complementary to other violence prevention efforts in the locality, including the site's logic model.



Category 2: Evaluability Assessments

Expected Deliverables*:

- Monthly conference calls with the NIJ science staff, bi-annual meetings with NIJ and BJA to discuss the status of the evaluability assessment(s), and additional meetings as necessary or required.
- Quarterly progress reports
- A summary progress report of all award-related activities and interim findings for each fiscal year (October 1 – September 30) for the life of the grant

The performance period for Category 2 should not exceed **30 months**



Types of Awards

Category #1: Scan of Practice

- NIJ expects to make one awards under this category as a grant.

Category #2: Evaluability Assessments

- NIJ expects to make awards under this category as cooperative agreements.



Specific Information – What Will Not Be Reviewed

The following are not within the scope of this solicitation, and will not be reviewed:

- Applications primarily to purchase equipment, materials, or supplies, or to provide direct services. (A budget may include these items if they are necessary to conduct research, development, demonstration, evaluation, or analysis.)
- Applications that are not responsive to the purposes of this specific solicitation.
- Applications that do not propose to conduct a scan of practices or an evaluability assessment of BJA's Byrne SCIP.



Application Submission

Critical Application Elements (Basic Minimum Requirements):

- Program Narrative
- Budget Web-Based Form (budget detail and narrative)
- Curriculum Vitae, Resumes for Senior/Key Personnel

Required Forms:

- SF-424 (Application for Federal Assistance)
- SF-LLL (Disclosure of Lobbying Activities)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire, including applicant disclosure of high-risk status



Two-Step Application Submission Protocol

Grants.gov

- Submit SF-424 and SF-LLL forms ONLY
- Deadline: 8:59 p.m. on November 19, 2024
- Register at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>

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- Submit the FULL application, including all attachments
- Deadline: 11:59 p.m. on December 3, 2024
- Register at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/getting-started>



General Guidance for NIJ Applicants



Guidance for Applicants and Awardees

Sample Applications [↗](#)

We have posted a selection of [sample applications](#) to aid you as you build our proposal.

What NIJ Funds +

Find a Funding Opportunity +

What to Do Before You Apply +

Build Your Proposal +

Submit Your Application +

Application Review and Award Notification +

If Your Proposal Is Funded +

Current Funding

Forthcoming Funding

Expired Funding

Awards: Listing of Funded Projects

Guidance for Applicants and Awardees

FAQs

Human Subjects and Privacy Protection

National Environmental Policy Act

Data Archiving



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Application Review Process

Internal Initial Review

- Basic Minimum Requirements
- Responsiveness to Solicitation

External Merit Review

- External SME peer reviewers
- Independent scores and comments
- Collaboration session of reviewers to discuss criteria

Internal Review

- NIJ science staff, NIJ leadership and other federal subject matter experts

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



Common Critiques Raised During Peer Review Process

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 Critiques Raised During Peer Review Process

Capabilities and Competencies (25%)

- 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 (15%)

- 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

- Responsive to the funding opportunity
 - Well-written
 - Innovative
 - Timely
 - Rigorous and well-designed
 - Feasible
 - Impactful
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- Research/Evaluation Independence
 - Letter of Support (when applicable)



Please read the solicitation carefully and in its entirety!



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Support

OJP Response Center

- Phone: (800) 851-3420
- Email: grants@ncjrs.gov

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- Phone: (800) 518-4726
- Email: support@grants.gov

JustGrants:

- Toll-free: +1 (833) 872-5175
- Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov



Recommend Resources

OJP Funding Resource Center:

- <https://www.ojp.gov/funding>

DOJ Grants Financial Guide:

- <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguideojp/overview>

NIJ Funding FAQs:

- <https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/faqs>

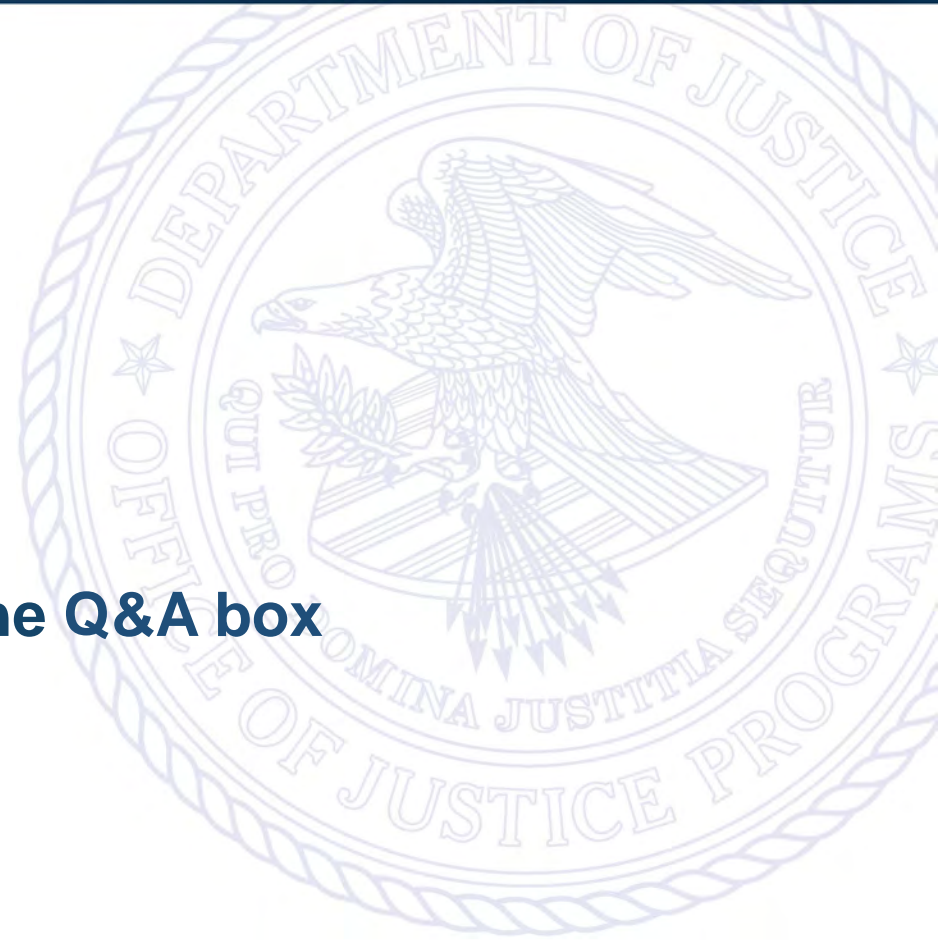


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Questions?

Please enter your questions into the Q&A box

Send to All Panelists



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