

NIJ's Research and Evaluation on Jails

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The webinar will begin shortly



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Solicitation Post Date: February 17, 2023 | Solicitation Close Date: May 18, 2023

Grants.gov Deadline: May 4, 2023

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Today's Webinar

- Introduction (NIJ Director La Vigne)
- The Solicitation and Focus Areas
- The Application Process
- NIJ Review Process
- Support and Resources
- Q & A



Solicitation Purpose & Goals

- Increase knowledge of jails in the U.S.
- Bolster development of policy and practices to improve outcomes for incarcerated persons, their communities, and jail personnel



Solicitation Focus Areas

- 1: Improving Reentry Outcomes and Minimizing the Impact of Jail Incarceration on Justice-involved Individuals and Their Communities
- 2: Optimizing Workforce Development
- 3: Enhancing Corrections Practices



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

Application Submission

- Critical Application Elements:
 - Program Narrative
 - Budget Web-Based Form (budget details and narrative)
 - Curriculum vitae or resume for Key Personnel
- Required Forms:
 - SF-424
 - SF-LLL

Two-Step Application Submission Protocol

1. Grants.gov

- Submit SF-424 and SF-LLL forms ONLY
- Deadline: **May 4, 2023**
- Register at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>

2. JustGrants

- Submit the FULL application, including all attachments
- Deadline: **May 18, 2023**
- Register at <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/getting-started>

Application Review Process

- Basic Minimum Requirement Determination
- External Expert Review
 - Technical and practitioner reviewers
 - Independent scores and comments
- 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**

- 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

- **Research Design**

- 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**

- 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**

- Dissemination plan lacks specificity and/or is not innovative
- No plan for reaching non-academic audiences

Tips

- Proposals should be
 - Well-written
 - Innovative
 - Timely
 - Rigorous and well-designed
 - Feasible
 - Impactful
- Research/Evaluation Independence
- Letters of Support



What Will **NOT** be Funded

- **Unresponsive** applications
- **Duplicative**/similar research
- Applications to **purchase** equipment/materials/supplies, etc.
- Training/direct services **unrelated** to project



FAQs

- Award amount + period of performance
- Specify focus area
- Timing of award and non-award notifications
- Foreign entities / subrecipients / co-investigators
- Filling and submitting forms / IRB / HSP / New Investigator



Support

- **OJP Response Center**
 - Phone: (800) 851-3420
 - Email: grants@ncjrs.gov
- **Grants.gov**
 - Phone: (800) 518-4726
 - Email: support@grants.gov
- **JustGrants:**
 - Toll-free: +1 (833) 872-5175
 - Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Recommended 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>
- NIJ Corrections Portfolio: <https://nij.ojp.gov/topics/corrections>



Questions?

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