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## Law Enforcement & First Responders Grant Resource Guide

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## About This Guide

This **Law Enforcement & First Responders Grant Resource Guide** is intended to be used in conjunction with our more general **Grant Resource Guide**, which contains information about identifying and applying for federal grants. Each year, 26 federal agencies award federal grants to support community initiatives, research, infrastructure programs, and public interest projects, all relevant to the work and/or goals of that agency. Grants are awarded on a competitive basis or distributed under a formula. The majority of federal grant recipients are state and local government agencies who then distribute funds to smaller entities. The **Grant Resource Guide** includes the following topic areas:

- What is a Federal Grant?
- Finding Grant Opportunities
- Determining Eligibility
- Applying for Grants
- Awarding Grants: The Process
- Additional Resources
- Letters of Support

This **Law Enforcement & First Responders Grant Resource** provides information about federal agencies which offer grants in this field, as well as examples of grants currently offered.

For more information about the grant process, to discuss a letter of support, or for any other questions, please contact Shawn Meredith at [Shawn.Meredith@mail.house.gov](mailto:Shawn.Meredith@mail.house.gov).

Please note: Funding information and application deadlines are subject to change. Potential applicants should regularly check [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) and the funding agency's grants webpage for the most up-to-date information.

## Federal Agencies and Available Grants

### U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS)

HHS is the largest grant-making agency in the United States. Most HHS grants are provided directly to states, territories, tribes, and educational and community organizations, then given to people and organizations who are eligible to receive funding.

*For more information about HH grants, please visit the HHS page at [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or [hhs.gov/grants/grants/index.html](https://hhs.gov/grants/grants/index.html)*

### First Responders-Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act Grants

**Current Grants.gov close date: May 17, 2021**

The purpose of this program is to allow first responders and members of other key community sectors to administer a drug or device approved or cleared under the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act) for emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid overdose. Recipients will train and provide resources to first responders and members of other key community sectors at the state, tribal, and local governmental levels on carrying and administering a drug or devices approved or cleared under the FD&C Act for emergency reversal of known or suspected opioid overdose. Recipients will also establish processes, protocols, mechanisms for referral to appropriate treatment and recovery support services, and safety around fentanyl, carfentanil, and other dangerous licit and illicit drugs.

*For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **TI-21-009** or [samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-21-009](https://www.samhsa.gov/grants/grant-announcements/ti-21-009)*

### U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS)

DHS distributes grant funds to enhance the ability of regional authorities to prepare, prevent and respond to terrorist attacks and other disasters. Localities use grants for planning, equipment, training and exercise needs.

*For more information about DHS grants, please visit the DHS page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or [dhs.gov/how-do-i/find-and-apply-grants](https://www.dhs.gov/how-do-i/find-and-apply-grants), [fema.gov/grants](https://www.fema.gov/grants)*

### Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP)

**Current Grants.gov close date: May 14, 2021**

This program provides funding to support for physical security enhancements and other security related activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of a terrorist attack. NSGP seeks to integrate the preparedness activities of nonprofit organizations with broader state and local preparedness efforts.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **DHS-21-GPD-008-00-01** and also see the “**Related Documents**” tab

## Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)

Current Grants.gov close date: May 14, 2021

This provides funds to eligible entities to support state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to prevent terrorism and other catastrophic events and to prepare the Nation for the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk to the security of the United States.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **DHS-21-GPD-067-00-02** and also see the “**Related Documents**” tab

## U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ)

DOJ offers funding opportunities to support law enforcement and public safety activities in state, local, and tribal jurisdictions; to assist victims of crime; to provide training and technical assistance; to conduct research; and to implement programs that improve the criminal, civil, and juvenile justice systems.

For more information about DOJ grants, please visit the DOJ page on [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) or [justice.gov/grants](https://www.justice.gov/grants)

## Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program

Current Grants.gov close date: March 29, 2021

The goal of the BCJI solicitation is to invest in jurisdictions with significant crime challenges that want long-term solutions, incorporating all four elements of the BCJI model. This includes programs aimed at developing or improving relationships between law enforcement and the communities they serve, including through community outreach and listening sessions, and supporting nonprofit organizations that focus on improving stressed relationships between law enforcement officers and communities.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2021-60003** or [bj.a.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-60003](https://www.bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-60003)

## Improving Criminal Justice Responses to Domestic Violence, Dating Violence, Sexual Assault, and Stalking Grant Program (ICJR Program)

Current Grants.gov close date: March 29, 2021

The ICJR Program encourages state, local, and tribal governments and courts to treat domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking as serious violations of criminal law requiring the coordinated involvement of the entire criminal justice system.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **O-OVW-2021-37003** or [justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1354021/download](https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1354021/download)

## Mentoring for Youth Affected by the Opioid Crisis and Drug Addiction

Current Grants.gov close date: March 30, 2021

This program supports the implementation and delivery of mentoring services to youth who are currently abusing or addicted to drugs (including opioids and methamphetamine), youth at risk for abusing drugs, and youth with family members who are currently abusing or addicted to drugs. Mentoring services can be one-to-one, group, peer, or a combination. Funding can be used to support new mentoring matches or continue existing mentoring matches at the time of application.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **O-OJDP-2021-48009** or [ojdp.ojp.gov/funding/fy2021/O-OJDP-2021-48009](https://ojdp.ojp.gov/funding/fy2021/O-OJDP-2021-48009)

## Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program

Current Grants.gov close date: March 31, 2021

The Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and TTA Program supports funding to state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies for costs associated with the investigation and prosecution of unsolved homicide cold case murders suspected of having been racially motivated, including support for victims' families and stakeholders impacted by these cases. The program also supports an award for national training and technical assistance.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2021-45002** or [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-45002](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-45002)

## Research and Evaluation on Policing

Current Grants.gov close date: March 31, 2021

The Department seeks proposals for rigorous research and evaluation projects that address (1) re-allocation of resources and police operations and functions; (2) police use of force and de-escalations tactics and strategies; and (3) tactics and strategies that strengthen police-community relationships.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **O-NIJ-2021-40004** or [nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-nij-2021-40004](https://nij.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-nij-2021-40004)

## Justice Information Sharing Training and Technical Assistance (JIS TTA) Program

Current Grants.gov close date: April 5, 2021

The JIS TTA Program is intended to strengthen counterterrorism efforts, reduce violent crime, support law enforcement and prosecutors, and protect officers and other public safety personnel. It supports state, local, territorial, and tribal criminal justice agencies' efforts to adopt effective justice information-sharing solutions by providing them with TTA services.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2021-51001** or [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-51001](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-51001)

## National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)

Current Grants.gov close date: April 9, 2021

The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) is prioritizing the use of funds for two purposes: (1) to improve reporting of dispositions and (2) to improve reporting to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) of persons who are prohibited from possessing firearms for reasons related to mental health.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **O-BJS-2021-38009** or [bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/nchip21\\_sol.pdf](https://bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/nchip21_sol.pdf)

## Smart Prosecution – Innovative Prosecution Solutions

Current Grants.gov close date: April 12, 2021

The purpose of the Smart Prosecution – Innovative Prosecution Solutions Program is to provide state, local, and tribal prosecutors with funding to secure resources that will help reduce crime and increase public safety. The program encourages prosecutors and agencies to use data in the development of their strategies and projects and to develop effective, economical, and innovative responses to crime within their jurisdictions.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2021-55002** or [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-55002](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-55002)

## Smart Probation: Innovations in Supervision Initiative

Current Grants.gov close date: April 13, 2021

The purpose of this program is to provide state, tribal, and local community corrections agencies with information, resources, and training and technical assistance on ways to improve supervision capacity and partnerships with other justice agencies to prevent recidivism and reduce crime in their jurisdictions.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **O-BJA-2021-58004** or [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-58004](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-58004)

## NICS Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP)

Current Grants.gov close date: April 23, 2021

BJS is prioritizing the use of funds for two purposes: (1) to enhance the completeness, automation, and transmittal of records to state and federal systems used by the NICS, and (2) to improve the overall reporting of persons prohibited from possessing firearms for reasons related to domestic violence and mental health to the NICS.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **O-BJS-2021-38002-PROD** or [bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/narip21\\_sol.pdf](https://bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/narip21_sol.pdf)

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## Jail Inspection Initiative

Current Grants.gov close date: May 10, 2021

Through this cooperative agreement, NIC seeks to 1) provide chief jail inspectors of state and state jail-related organizations a forum to share ideas and information, and 2) research and develop content update and revision recommendations for NIC's Jail Inspector Training Program curriculum.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **21JD04** or [nicic.gov/news-media/media-releases/cooperative-agreement-jail-inspection-initiative](https://nicic.gov/news-media/media-releases/cooperative-agreement-jail-inspection-initiative)

## Emerging Leaders in Middle Management

Current Grants.gov close date: May 10, 2021

Through this cooperative agreement, NIC seeks to provide the corrections community with a leadership enhancement course focused on mid-level managers using a series of four to six, 90 to 120-minute virtual instructor-led training sessions in conjunction with individual pre-course leadership assessments, inter-session assignments, and personalized leadership enhancement plans.

For more information, please visit [grants.gov](https://grants.gov) using Opportunity Number **21PR04** or [nicic.gov/news-media/media-releases/cooperative-agreement-emerging-leaders-middle-management](https://nicic.gov/news-media/media-releases/cooperative-agreement-emerging-leaders-middle-management)

## Additional Resources

### Grants.gov Questions?

Contact the Grants.gov Support Center at 1-800-518-4726 (TTY: 301-240-6310), via [email](mailto:grants.gov), or visit the [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) website.

### Beta.SAM

beta.SAM has replaced the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA). It lists all federal grant opportunities and breaks them down by agency and identifier numbers. Like Grants.gov, you can view both ongoing and past grants. You cannot apply for federal grants via beta.SAM; the only place to apply for federal grants is Grants.gov

For more information, please visit: [beta.sam.gov/](https://beta.sam.gov/)

### Congressional Research Service (CRS)

CRS contains guides to help grant applicants understand and complete their applications. These guides include:

- How to Develop and Write a Grant Proposal
- Resources for Grantseekers
- Federal Grants-in-Aid Administration: A Primer
- Community Development Block Grants and Related Programs: A Primer

For more information, please visit: [crs.gov/](https://www.crs.gov/)

### **A-Z Index of U.S. Departments and Agencies**

To better develop a grant proposal, search a department or agency's Home Page to learn more about its programs and objectives.

For more information, please visit: [usa.gov/federal-agencies/a](https://www.usa.gov/federal-agencies/a)

### **Government Benefits, Grants, and Loans**

Includes contracting with the U.S. government, international trade and exporting, and small business. See also financial assistance links at the Small Business Administration website:

[sba.gov/funding-programs/grants](https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/grants)

For more information, please visit: [usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans](https://www.usa.gov/benefits-grants-loans)

### **Student Aid (via Dept. of Education)**

Information on funding education beyond high school, including grants, loans, and work-study assistance to qualified students.

For more information, please visit: [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/](https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/)

### **Benefits.gov (via Dept. of Labor)**

Includes information on over 1,000 government assistance programs, and how to apply. Covers direct payment, loan, insurance, training, or other services.

For more information, please visit: [benefits.gov/](https://www.benefits.gov/)

### **FTC Consumer Alert (via Federal Trade Commission)**

The FTC Consumer Alert warns consumers to beware of paying "processing fees" for information that is available free to the public. Ads claiming federal grants are available for home repairs, home business, unpaid bills, or other personal expenses are often a scam.

For more information, please visit: [ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt134.shtm](https://www.ftc.gov/bcp/edu/pubs/consumer/alerts/alt134.shtm)

### **OMB Grants Management Web Site (via Office of Management and Budget)**

OMB establishes government-wide grants management policies and guidelines through circulars and common rules. OMB Circulars are cited in *Catalog* program descriptions and may be printed out full text.

For more information, please visit: [whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars/](https://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/information-for-agencies/circulars/)

### **Representative Spanberger's Office**

If your organization needs our office's assistance or would like to request a letter of support for your grant proposal, please contact our Grants Coordinator, Shawn Meredith, at [shawn.meredith@mail.house.gov](mailto:shawn.meredith@mail.house.gov).