



# 2021 Grant Opportunities and Resources for Violent Crime Reduction Initiatives

## FACT SHEET

*The U.S. Department of Justice provides grants and other resources to support local, state, and tribal law enforcement agencies and community organizations in their effort to achieve safer communities. This document inventories in alphabetical order open and closed U.S. Department of Justice grant opportunities for Fiscal Year 2021 and highlights other resources such as training and technical assistance and publications.*

In addition, on April 8, 2021, the President announced a commitment throughout the executive branch to support community violence intervention (CVI) strategies to reduce gun violence and other violent crime. For a listing of government-wide grants that can be used to support CVI, see <https://www.whitehouse.gov/briefing-room/statements-releases/2021/04/07/fact-sheet-more-details-on-the-biden-harris-administrations-investments-in-community-violence-interventions/>.

The information provided in this fact sheet is not an exhaustive list of all available grants and other resources but highlights the funding and other support available through the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ).

# Open Solicitations

The following are grant programs that are currently accepting applications. Please note that each has two different due dates. If you do not submit an application using Grants.gov, you will be precluded from submitting an application in JustGrants. Applicants must register in Grants.gov in order to submit an application in JustGrants.

## Competitive Grants

- **Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) Program.** BCJI, formerly the Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction program, is an \$18.9 million program in FY 2021 to support data-driven, comprehensive, and community-oriented strategies to reduce crime in neighborhoods with hot spots of serious and violent crime. Through a broad cross-sector partnership team, including neighborhood residents, BCJI grantees employ a wide range of crime prevention and intervention strategies to address conditions that contribute to crime in these areas. This solicitation closes June 22, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on Grants.gov and July 6, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on JustGrants. For more information, visit Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation (BCJI) at <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-94001>.
- **COPS Hiring Program (CHP).** The Office of Community Oriented Services' (COPS Office) COPS Hiring Program is a \$156 million program in FY 2021 to support the hiring of career law enforcement officers to increase an agency's community policing capacity and crime prevention efforts. This year, two of the CHP grant focus areas include gun violence reduction and community violence intervention. CHP grants provide 75 percent of the approved entry-level salaries and fringe benefits of each newly hired and/or rehired full-time officer, up to \$125,000 per officer position, over the 3-year (36-month) grant period. This solicitation closes June 15, 2021, at 7:59 p.m. ET in Grants.gov and June 22, 2021, at 7:59 p.m. ET in JustGrants. For more information, visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>.
- **Community Policing Development Microgrants.** The COPS Office's Community Policing Development (CPD) Microgrants program is a \$3 million program in FY 2021 that supports innovative community policing strategies. Funds can be used to develop and enhance programs that engage the community in violence reduction efforts including street outreach, violence interrupters, hospital-based intervention, and other programs that provide wraparound services to communities. This solicitation closes July 7, 2021, at 7:59 p.m. ET in Grants.gov and July 8, 2021, at 7:59 p.m. ET in JustGrants. For more information, visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>.
- **Comprehensive Youth Violence Prevention and Reduction Program.** This Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) program is an \$11 million program in FY 2021 to prevent and reduce youth violence, including youth gang and gun violence. Applicants using CVI strategies will receive priority consideration. Communities are encouraged to include efforts



to build trust between youth, the community, and law enforcement as a part of their overall program approach. This solicitation closes June 22, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET in Grants.gov and July 6, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET in JustGrants. For more information, visit <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ojjdp-2021-105001>.

- **Hospital-Based Victim Services Program.** The Office for Victims of Crime's (OVC) Hospital-Based Victim Services Program is a \$2 million program in FY 2021 to improve linkages between the victim services field and hospitals and other medical facilities that increase support for victims of crime, improve outcomes, and reduce chances of future victimization. OVC will fund up to three demonstration sites up to \$500,000 each that operate hospital-based/affiliated programs to support crime victims and one entity up to \$500,000 to provide comprehensive technical assistance to the demonstration sites. The solicitation closes July 12, 2021. For more information, visit <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/current-funding-opportunities#OpenSols>.
- **Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center Integration Initiative (Integration Initiative).** The Integration Initiative encourages local jurisdictions to work with their local Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) crime gun intelligence centers to collectively leverage their intelligence, technology, and community engagement. This initiative provides funding to swiftly identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources and effective-

ly prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime. This solicitation closes June 30, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on Grants.gov and July 14, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on JustGrants. For more information, visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/local-law-enforcement-cgic-integration-initiative/funding>.

- **National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative.** The Sexual Assault Kit Initiative is a \$43.4 million program in FY 2021 supporting the Department's priorities of reducing violent crime and supporting law enforcement officers and prosecutors by (1) providing jurisdictions (including rural and tribal) with resources to address sexual assault kits in their custody that have not been submitted to a forensic laboratory for testing by Combined DNA Index System (CODIS)-eligible DNA methodologies, (2) improving investigation and prosecution in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process, and (3) providing sites with resources to collect DNA samples from qualifying individuals who should have a sample in CODIS (based on the type and time of the offense in relation to applicable state law) but from whom a sample has never been collected or submitted to a laboratory for testing. This solicitation closes June 22, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on Grants.gov and July 6, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on JustGrants. For more information, visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-94003>.

- **Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative for Law Enforcement Agencies.** The Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative is a \$6 million program in FY 2021 for law enforcement agencies and prosecutors' offices committed to engaging in strategies to address the underlying crimes and criminogenic conditions contributing to clearly identified violent crime problems occurring in rural jurisdictions. Grantees must collaborate with a training and technical assistance provider. This solicitation closes July 6, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on Grants.gov and July 20, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on JustGrants. For more information, visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-120001>.
- **School Violence Prevention Program.** The COPS Office's School Violence Prevention Program (SVPP) is a \$53 million program in FY 2021 to provide funding directly to states, units of local government, Indian tribes, and public agencies to be used to improve security at schools and on school grounds. Applicants with high rates of gun violence will receive priority, with an emphasis on wraparound services for students most likely to engage in or be victimized by gun violence. This solicitation closes June 15, 2021, at 7:59 p.m. ET in Grants.gov and June 22, 2021, at 7:59 p.m. ET in JustGrants. For more information, visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>.
- **Smart Policing Program.** The Bureau of Justice Assistance's (BJA) Smart Policing Program is an \$8 million program in FY 2021 to help law enforcement agencies identify their most pressing crime problems and support their use of promising practices, data, and technology to effectively respond to those problems. This solicitation closes July 6, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on Grants.gov and July 20, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on JustGrants. For more information, visit <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/current-funding-opportunities#OpenSols>.
- **Smart Probation: Innovations in Supervision Initiative.** The purpose of this \$5.4 million program in FY 2021 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. This solicitation closes June 3, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on Grants.gov and June 17, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on JustGrants. For more information, visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-93003>.
- **Strategies to Support Children Exposed to Violence.** This is a \$7 million program in FY 2021 to provide funding for communities to implement strategies to address children's exposure to violence in their homes, schools, and communities. Applicants using CVI strategies will receive priority consideration. Communities are encouraged to include efforts to build trust



between youth, the community, and law enforcement. This program will also fund a training and technical assistance provider to support the funded project sites and provide general training activities. This solicitation closes June 22, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET in Grants.gov and July 6, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. in JustGrants. For more information, visit <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-ojjdp-2021-100002>.

## Formula Grants

- **Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN).** PSN is designed to create and foster safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime. The program's effectiveness depends upon the ongoing cooperation of local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies working together with the communities they serve—engaged in a unified approach facilitated by the U.S. Attorney in all judicial districts. This program is funded at \$20 million in FY 2021. The solicitation is open only for local PSN program fiscal agents and closes June 22, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on Grants.gov and July 6, 2021, at 11:59 p.m. ET on JustGrants. For more information, visit <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/current-funding-opportunities#OpenSols>.
- **STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program.** The Office on Violence Against Women's (OVW) STOP Formula Grant Program will award \$151 million in FY 2021 to states and territories to enhance the capacity of local communities to develop and strengthen effective law enforcement and prosecution strategies to combat violent crimes against women and to develop and strengthen victim services in cases involving violent crimes against women. Interested applicants will need to know who their state administrating agency is and connect with it to determine how to access these funds as subrecipients. For more information, visit <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/grant-programs>.
- **Title II Formula Grants Program.** OJJDP's Title II Formula Grants program is an estimated \$48 million program in FY 2021 that supports state and local juvenile justice system improvements and delinquency prevention and intervention efforts, including violence reduction efforts. Violent crime reduction efforts can be supported with the gangs or hate crimes purpose areas. For more information, visit <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/programs/formula-grants-program>.
- **Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Grant Program.** Each year, the OVC administers more than a billion dollars in formula grants to states under the Victims of Crime Act Victim Assistance Program. States provide subgrants to local community-based organizations and public agencies that provide services directly to victims, including crisis counseling, telephone and on-site information and referrals, criminal justice support and advocacy, shelter, and therapy. Interested applicants will need to know who their state administrating agency is and connect with it to determine how to access these funds. For more information, visit <https://ovc.ojp.gov/funding/types-of-funding/formula-grants>.

## Anticipated Solicitations

These grant programs have not yet opened for applications but should open soon. We recommend that you check the funders' websites periodically to see when they are accepting applications.

- **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG Program).** The JAG Program, a \$484 million program in FY 2021, will place a special emphasis on community violence intervention this year. The program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections, and community corrections, among others. Interested applicants will need to know who their state administrating agency is and connect with it to determine how to access these funds. This solicitation will post by June 1, 2021. For more information, visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview>.
- **STOP School Violence Program.** BJA's Student, Teachers, and Officers Preventing (STOP) School Violence Program is a \$75 million program in FY 2021 to fund state, local, and tribal governments that seek to provide students, teachers, and school staff with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and prevent acts of violence. For more information, visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/stop-school-violence-program/overview>.

## Closed Solicitations

These grant programs are currently not accepting applications. We include this information so you are aware of these grant opportunities in the future.

- **Indian Tribal Governments Program.** The OVW's Grants to Indian Tribal Governments Program will award \$41 million in FY 2021 to Indian Tribal Governments or their designees to enhance the ability of tribes to respond to violent crimes against Indian women. Eligible applicants are Indian Tribal Governments or their authorized designees. This solicitation closed in April 2021. For more information, see the FY 21 Tribal Governments Solicitation at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1368891/download>.
- **Second Chance Act Community Reentry Program.** Approximately \$12.75 million is available in FY 2021 for the Second Chance program. Second Chance provides funding to implement or expand on reentry programs that demonstrate strong partnerships with corrections, parole, probation, and other reentry service providers. This solicitation closed in April 2021. Visit the Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program at <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-58002> for more information on this program.
- **Special Domestic Violence Jurisdiction Program.** The OVW's \$3.4 million in FY 2021 grants to Tribal Governments to Exercise Special Domestic Violence Criminal Jurisdiction (Special Domestic Violence Jurisdiction Program) assists

Indian tribes in planning, implementing, and exercising “special domestic violence criminal jurisdiction” to hold accountable non-Indians who commit crimes of domestic violence or dating violence or violate certain protection orders in Indian Country. Eligible applicants are Indian Tribal Governments that have jurisdiction over Indian country. This solicitation closed in April 2021. For more information, see the FY 21 Special Domestic Violence Jurisdiction Program Solicitation at <https://www.justice.gov/ovw/page/file/1354661/download>.

## Promising Practices & Training and Technical Assistance

The following are resources to help you with your violent crime reduction efforts. Some of these resources require that you submit an application.

- **Bureau of Justice Assistance Violence Reduction Response Center.** The Violence Reduction Response Center (VRRRC) offers free customized training. By providing direct referrals to DOJ crime reduction publications, grant opportunities, and TTA, VRRRC serves as a one-stop shop to connect individuals to the most appropriate resources available. Law enforcement agencies, victims’ groups, and other practitioners seeking guidance to address violent crime can contact the Violence Reduction Response Center via phone at 1-833-872-5174 or email at [ViolenceReduction@usdoj.gov](mailto:ViolenceReduction@usdoj.gov). VRRRC staff will answer the phone live or respond to email
- **Center for Culturally Responsive Victim Services (Center).** The Center will launch in the fall of 2021 to serve as a national resource to improve trauma-informed, victim-centered services in areas that have historically been underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality, including in communities of color. The Center’s work will directly support community-based gun violence prevention efforts that ensure victims’ voices are represented and victim services provided.
- **COPS Office Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center.** The Collaborative Reform Initiative Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC) provides critical and tailored technical assistance resources to state, local, territorial, tribal, and campus law enforcement agencies on a wide variety of topics. The program has served as the COPS Office’s premier technical assistance program and brings together 10 leading law enforcement organizations to deliver tailored technical assistance using a “by the field, for the field” approach. Technical assistance includes services such as training, peer-to-peer exchanges, on-site consultations, resource referrals, and policy reviews. For more information, visit <https://www.collaborativereform.org/>.

from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET, Monday through Friday. For more information, visit <https://bjatta.bja.ojp.gov/content/violence-reduction-response-center>.

- **CrimeSolutions.** The National Institute of Justice's CrimeSolutions website provides information about promising and effective violence reduction programs and practices. The site assesses the strength of the evidence about whether these programs achieve criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services outcomes in order to inform practitioners and policy makers about what works, what doesn't, and what's promising. For more information, visit <https://crimesolutions.ojp.gov/>.
- **Model Programs Guide.** The OJJDP's Model Programs Guide (MPG) contains information about evidence-based juvenile justice and youth prevention, intervention, and reentry programs. It is a resource for practitioners and communities about what works, what is promising, and what does not work in juvenile justice, delinquency prevention, and child protection and safety. For more information, visit <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/model-programs-guide/about-mpg>.
- **National Gang Center.** The OJJDP's National Gang Center disseminates information, knowledge, and outcome-driven practices that engage and empower those in local communities with chronic and emerging gang problems to create comprehensive solutions to prevent youth gang violence, reduce gang involvement, and suppress gang-related crime. Law enforcement, prosecutors, city/county/state executives, community-based programs, community corrections officials, and policy makers who need a one-stop shop for educational and support resources regarding gang interventions and programming may find this site helpful. For more information, visit <https://www.nationalgangcenter.gov/>.
- **National Public Safety Partnership (PSP).** PSP is a DOJ-wide initiative that enables cities experiencing high rates of violent crime to partner with DOJ and to receive intensive, coordinated training and technical assistance from DOJ to support and enhance public safety and community violence intervention strategies. The PSP program is expanding to 10 additional sites this year. This request for assistance application deadline is July 2, 2021. For more information, visit <https://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/#home>.
- **National Resource Center on Domestic Violence and Firearms.** This resource center, managed by the Battered Women's Justice Project, promotes the effective implementation and enforcement of federal, state, and tribal firearms prohibitions in domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking cases. It maintains a website dedicated to providing resources to communities and criminal justice professionals on this issue and connects communities that have successfully implemented firearm enforcement procedures with communities that seek to do so. For more information, visit <https://www.preventdvgunviolence.org>.
- **National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC).** NTTAC provides leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local,



state, and tribal law enforcement in achieving safer communities. This year, NTTAC is highlighting community violence intervention strategies. For more information, visit <https://bjatta.bja.ojp.gov/>.

- **National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium.** OVW awarded a grant to the Institute for Intergovernmental Research (IIR) to develop a National Violence Against Women Law Enforcement Training and Technical Assistance Consortium. This project will be a one-stop location for OVW law enforcement training and technical assistance, including best practices and tools for enhancing investigations. This new resource hub will connect grantees, subgrantees, and potential grantees with individualized technical assistance support, resources, and training to help law enforcement agencies and their community partners ensure justice for victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. This assistance may be best suited for law enforcement agencies wishing to improve their response to domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking.
- **OVC's Training and Technical Center.** The OVC's Training and Technical Center (OVC TTAC) is the gateway to current training and technical assistance (TA) for victim service providers and allied professionals who serve crime victims. TTAC's aim is to build the capacity of victim assistance organizations across the country. For more information, visit <https://www.ovcttac.gov/>.
- **OVW's National Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center.** OVW awarded a grant to the Fund for the City of New York to develop a National Domestic Violence Homicide Prevention Training and Technical Assistance Resource Center (NDVHP TARC) to provide customized and intensive training and technical assistance to jurisdictions interested in implementing a domestic violence homicide prevention (DVHP) intervention tool. The NDVHP TARC project will maintain a resource center about existing and new DVHP interventions and provide training, technical assistance, and resources for those involved in implementing a DVHP intervention, including law enforcement personnel, domestic violence victim service providers, prosecutors, judges, and other court staff.
- **OVW's Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Initiative.** OVW's TTA Initiative provides OVW grantees and subgrantees with training, expertise, and problem-solving strategies needed to meet the challenges of addressing domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, and stalking. OVW's TTA projects offer in-person and online educational opportunities, peer-to-peer consultations, site visits, resources, and individualized technical assistance that allow OVW grantees, subgrantees, and potential grantees (those entities that are eligible for OVW grant program funding) to learn from experts and one another about how to respond to crimes of violence against women effectively. As the comprehensive TA provider to the



OVW TTA Initiative, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ) operates TA2TA: The TA Provider Resource Center (TA2TA). For more information, visit <https://ta2ta.org/>.

- **Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Training and Technical Assistance Program.** BJA supports PSN teams in each federal judicial district through a robust training and technical assistance (TTA) program. The national PSN TTA program provides assistance to PSN teams on a wide variety of topics related to the initiative's four design elements. For example, PSN TTA may address issues such as finding and engaging a research partner, developing a victim services strategy, or using innovations in police-prosecution collaboration. PSN TTA may involve facilitated peer-to-peer exchanges. Examples include exchanging information on topics such as developing a chronic violent offender program, implementing focused deterrence call-in meetings and custom notifications, applying innovative community engagement strategies, or developing and sustaining innovative PSN strategies in addressing intimate partner violence. Assistance can be requested by PSN team members at <https://psntta.org>.
- **Public Safety Clearinghouse.** DOJ's Public Safety Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) is a public, online tool that serves as a one-stop shop for violence reduction and public safety resources provided by DOJ program components and other federal entities. The Clearinghouse functions as an online catalog for users to browse, search,

and ultimately build a custom toolkit of resources that can be downloaded in one package and shared with others for future access. We recommend this Clearinghouse for law enforcement, prosecutors, city/county/state executives, community-based programs, community corrections officials, and policy makers who need a single source for educational and support resources. For more information, visit <https://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/Clearinghouse>.

## Recent Publications

The following resources are reference materials to aid you in your violent crime reduction efforts.

- **Project Safe Neighborhoods Blueprint for Success.** The Project Safe Neighborhoods Blueprint is a resource to help prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, and community partners develop an effective and sustainable initiative to address violent crime in their districts. PSN teams may use the blueprint as a guide to identify critical stakeholders, determine performance metrics, and learn more about the TTA opportunities in support of their PSN strategic plan. For more information, visit <https://psntta.org/psn-blueprint-for-success/>.
- **Project Safe Neighborhoods Training and Technical Assistance Resource Catalogue.** DOJ supports PSN with enhanced training and technical assistance (TTA) resources from leading national organizations—Michigan State University (MSU), the CNA Institute for Public Research (CNA), and the National Center for Victims of Crime



(NCVC). TTA assists PSN task forces, local and state law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and communities with planning, implementing, and assessing their PSN strategies for violence reduction. For more information, visit <https://psntta.org/>.

- **Prosecutors' Guide to Reducing Violent Crime and Building Safer Communities.** This guide provides a systematic way for each prosecutor's office to assess its strengths and weaknesses with respect to several critical elements—those capabilities that will enable the office to develop and enhance policies and practices that will be most effective in the real world of that jurisdiction. The guide also suggests ways to enhance those capabilities and provides examples of policies and practices that might be developed or improved. This is a companion piece to the Major City Chiefs Association's Violent Crime Reduction Operations Guide, which can be found at <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/Publications/violent-crime-reduction-operations-guide.pdf>. This new resource is available at <https://innovativeprosecutionsolutions.org>.

- **Violent Crime Operations Guide.** The purpose of BJA's Violent Crime Operations Guide is to identify the critical elements of violent crime reduction efforts and to put before the law enforcement community, in one place, a sample of the remarkable array of programs, services, and assistance available from the U.S. Department of Justice. In this guide, we recognize the complex challenges confronting today's law enforcement executive and offer ideas on how to approach the extraordinarily difficult problem of developing effective tactics and strategies to deal with those challenges. State, local, tribal, and territorial law enforcement agencies may find this most helpful. For more information, visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/Publications/violent-crime-reduction-operations-guide.pdf>.