

BJA Solicitation Webinar

2018 Supporting Innovation: Field-Initiated Programs to Improve Officer and Public Safety



July 9, 2018



AGENDA

- History and Scope of Field Initiated Solicitation
- Priority Areas
- Background on the Tribes and Violent Crime Priority
- Questions and Answers

HISTORY OF BJA'S FIELD INITIATED PROGRAM

Started in FY2009

OVERVIEW OF THE SOLICITATION

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FIELD INITIATED SOLICITATION GOALS

- To provide a creative grant funding stream for the field to engage in problem solving strategies focused on urgent emerging issues.
- To support the development and testing of locally-driven and innovative public safety solutions.
- To support the documentation of lessons learned from promising solutions and strategies with their peers in the field.

2018 TOPICAL FOCUS AREAS

- Strategies to address violent crime solutions that will improve officer and public safety and save lives
 - Initiatives that address precipitous increases in crime at the state, local, or tribal levels, especially violent crime with strategies that enhance capacity to track, identify, and quickly respond to these crimes.
 - *Strategies that address the needs created by violent crime related to tribes and tribal members.*
 - Projects that support innovative cooperative efforts between federal, state, and local law enforcement to identify and prevent violent crime committed by illegal immigrants.

CATEGORY 1 – STATE, LOCAL, OR TRIBAL INNOVATIONS

- Site based projects supporting the creation and implementation of innovative strategies that address violent crime and improving officer and public safety.
- Includes the documentation of the concept and the project outcomes so that others can learn from the innovation.
- Eligible applicants include state and local government agencies (including territories), nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal), and federally recognized Indian tribal governments.
- Applicants are encouraged to work with a research partner to assist with documenting the implementation of the strategy and/or development of tools to support replication in other jurisdictions.

CATEGORY 2 – NATIONAL OR REGIONAL RESOURCES

- Projects that support the development of targeted national or regional strategies that advance innovative approaches with the potential to address a critical or emerging need or gap in the field.
- Includes the development of tools and other materials such as assessments and program manuals that can be used by criminal justice practitioners and policy makers.
- Eligible applicants include nonprofit and for-profit organizations (including tribal), institutions of higher education (including tribal), faith-based organizations, and consortiums with demonstrated experience in addressing public safety challenges.

WHAT IS AN INNOVATIVE STRATEGY?

- An innovative strategy can be one that
 - Has not been widely implemented
 - Involves a new modification to an existing strategy or use of an existing strategy with a different target population
 - Responds to a critical gap in the knowledge base or an emerging violent crime issue
- Program narrative should respond to the selection criteria (pp 20-29)

FUNDING LEVELS

- BJA has up to \$6,150,000 for awards under this solicitation
- Project periods generally 36 months
- Up to 13 awards of up to \$500,000 across both categories
- Solicitation closes at 5:00 p.m. eastern time, July 30, 2018

TIPS FOR APPLYING FOR SOLICITATIONS

- Applicants must register in and submit applications through Grants.gov. Registering is a one-time process but can take several weeks for first time registrants.
- Applicants must comply with all applicable System for Award Management (SAM) and unique entity identifier (DUNS) requirements.
- OJP encourages applicants to submit at least 72 hours prior to the application due date to allow time to correct any problems that might occur.

TRIBAL PRIORITY LEVEL

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VIOLENT CRIME AND TRIBES – PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY TRIBE

- The Department conducted listening sessions and a Consultation with tribal leaders in the Fall and Winter of 2017-2018 on priorities for tribes and feedback on a potential set aside of funds.
- Tribal leaders identified a number of priorities related to addressing violent crime experienced by tribal members and tribes.

VIOLENT CRIME AND TRIBES – PRIORITIES IDENTIFIED BY TRIBE

- Tribal leaders also expressed that addressing these issues were a challenge due to limited resources and the complexity of addressing violent crime.
- These areas were also identified under the Tribal Law and Order Act for areas of enhancement.

OTHER BACKGROUND

- Field Initiated is part of the **Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Suite** of programs, which is focused on reducing violent crime.
- Initiatives funded under the PSN suite will coordinate proactively with the PSN team in the respective district of the United States Attorney's Office (USAO) to enhance collaboration and strengthen the commitment to reducing violent crime.
- Funding source: precipitous increase carve out of Justice Assistance Grants for **initiatives that address precipitous increases in crime**. This includes combatting, addressing, or otherwise responding to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime or in a type of crime at the state, local, or tribal level, especially violent crime, with strategies that enhance capacity to track, identify, and quickly respond to these crime issues.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS?

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RESOURCES

- For more information about the Field Initiated program, see https://www.bja.gov/ProgramDetails.aspx?Program_ID=105
- Solicitation link: <https://www.bja.gov/funding/Field18.pdf>