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SUBJECT: Open Grant Program Solicitations from the Office of Justice Programs

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides federal leadership in developing the Nation’s capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims. In this capacity, OJP administers the majority of the Department of Justice (DOJ) grant funding as appropriated by Congress. In an effort to keep United States Attorneys informed of open FY 2015 grant solicitations, we are providing the following information.

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## **FY 2015 Grant Program Solicitations**

### **Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)**

#### **Solicitation Title: BJA, Swift, Certain, and Fair Sanctions Program (SCF): Replicating the Concepts Behind Project HOPE**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states, units of local government, territories, and Federally recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior).

**What's It For?** BJA will award funding to enhance public safety and foster collaboration to improve the supervision within community corrections programs. BJA will select multiple jurisdictions to implement or enhance projects using the Swift, Certain, and Fair (SCF) model, Hawaii's Opportunity Probation with Enforcement (HOPE) program. Applicants selected will work with BJA and its SCF training and technical assistance (TTA) partner to implement the model.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 9, 2015.

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#### **Solicitation Title: BJA, Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Maximizing State Reforms**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to units of state government and Federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) that can demonstrate substantial completion of the Justice Reinvestment Initiative model. States that underwent a formal justice reinvestment process prior to BJA's launch of the formal Justice Reinvestment Initiative are eligible to apply. BJA will consider only one application per state or per tribal government; however, if more than one application is submitted for a state or tribal government, BJA will consider only the application that has received support from the Justice Reinvestment Initiative oversight council, committee, or task force charged with monitoring implementation and outcomes.

**What's It For?** BJA will award funding to strengthen and enhance the goals of states' justice reinvestment reform efforts, thus deepening their investment in and commitment to the use of data-driven decisionmaking and evidence-based practices and programs.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 10, 2015.

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#### **Solicitation Title: BJA, Second Chance Act Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning Program**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to state correctional agencies (state departments of corrections or community corrections) or State Administering Agencies (SAAs). Agencies from

states that were awarded Second Chance Act Statewide Recidivism Reduction grants in fiscal year 2013 are NOT eligible to apply. Applicants should note that the next potential opportunity to apply for a Second Chance Act Statewide Adult Recidivism Reduction Strategic Planning grant will be in FY 2017.

**What's It For?** BJA will award funding to assist state teams in developing statewide recidivism reduction strategic plans. This solicitation will provide funding for 12-month strategic planning grants to 1) identify the drivers of recidivism, 2) identify a target population and recidivism reduction goals, 3) review the alignment of existing corrections programs and practices with evidenced-based practices, and 4) develop a plan to meet recidivism reduction goals using evidenced-based practices. Upon the completion of the Statewide Recidivism Reduction Strategic Plan, states will be invited to submit applications for implementation grants of up to \$1 million with the potential for two supplemental awards of \$1 million each.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 10, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: BJA, Smart Policing Initiative**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies or a governmental non-law enforcement agency acting as fiscal agent for the applicant.

**What's It For?** BJA will award funding to build upon analysis-driven, evidence-based policing by encouraging state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies to develop and implement effective, economical, and innovative approaches to chronic crime problems, emerging crime problems, or barriers to police agencies' ability to address such problems.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 9, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: BJA, Smart Supervision: Reducing Prison Populations, Saving Money, and Creating Safer Communities**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states, units of local government, and Federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). BJA welcomes applications that involve two or more entities; however, one eligible entity must be the applicant and the others must be proposed as subrecipients. The applicant must be the entity with primary responsibility for administering the funding and managing the entire project. Only one application per lead applicant will be considered; however, subrecipients may be part of multiple proposals.

**What's It For?** BJA will award funding to develop and test innovative strategies and to implement evidence-based probation and parole approaches that improve supervision success rates, thereby increasing community safety and reducing violent and other crime by effectively addressing individuals' risk and needs and reducing recidivism.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 24, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: BJA, Smart Prosecution Initiative**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to state, local, and tribal prosecutor agencies or a government agency or non-profit organization as fiscal agent for the applicant.

**What's It For?** BJA will award funding to develop a body of knowledge about data-driven strategies—innovative, best practice, or evidenced-based. BJA is seeking applicant agencies interested in testing data-driven approaches that address program goals. Program applicants will identify a problem to be addressed and enlist an independent research partner/organization to help evaluate the effectiveness of their Smart Prosecution Effort.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 26, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: BJA, Second Chance Act Reentry Program for Adults with Co-Occurring Substance Abuse and Mental Disorders**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states, units of local government, and Federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). BJA welcomes applications that involve two or more entities; however, one eligible entity must be the applicant and the others must be proposed as subrecipients. The applicant must be the entity with primary responsibility for administering the funding and managing the entire project. Only one application per lead applicant will be considered; however, subrecipients may be part of multiple proposals.

**What's It For?** BJA will award funding to implement or expand treatment in post-release programs for adults (18 years and over) with co-occurring substance abuse and mental disorders during the reentry and community reintegration process. This funding will also expand and improve the screening and assessment for co-occurring disorders in jail and prison.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 31, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: BJA, Visiting Fellows Program**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to individuals, as well as state, tribal, or local government organizations, or academic institutions seeking to provide federal-level experience for one of its staff members. Organizations seeking to place their employee as a Fellow under this program will not have programmatic oversight of the staff person for those activities conducted as part of the fellowship. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award.

**What's It For?** BJA will award funding to advance priority national policy issues and cross developmental opportunities for DOJ staff, practitioners, and researchers in the criminal justice field. Fellows will collaborate with BJA and DOJ staff to provide outreach, data, research, and subject-matter expertise in the development of new BJA field strategies and programs.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 2, 2015.

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**Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS)**

**Solicitation Title:** BJS, State Justice Statistics Program for Statistical Analysis Centers, 2015

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to Statistical Analysis Centers (SACs) established by state legislation or executive order.

**What's It For?** BJS will award funding to build core capacities of State Statistical Analysis Centers (SACs) with this year's emphasis upon enhancing the SAC's capabilities to collect, analyze, and publish statistical data that supports state strategic criminal justice planning needs. SACs are strongly encouraged to collaborate with their State Administering Agency (SAA) on developing FY 2015 SJS program projects.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 31, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** BJS, FY 2015 National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to the agency designated by the governor in each state to administer the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP), and Federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior) that support initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. States and tribes may choose to submit applications as part of a multi-state consortium, multi-tribe consortium, or other entity. In such cases, contact your BJS program manager for further information.

**What's It For?** BJS will award funding to improve the nation's safety and security by enhancing the quality, completeness, and accessibility of criminal history record information. Safety and security are also improved by ensuring the nationwide implementation of criminal justice and noncriminal justice background check systems.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 20, 2015.

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## **National Institute of Justice (NIJ)**

### **Solicitation Title: NIJ, Research and Evaluation on the Investigation and Adjudication of Campus Sexual Assault**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support high-quality research projects related to college and university investigative and adjudicative practices for incidents of sexual assault. Funded projects should result in guides and tools for implementing practices and protocols at institutes of higher education with replicable methods for continued testing and evaluation.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 6, 2015.

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### **Solicitation Title: NIJ, Postdoctoral Fellowship on Violence Against Women: Intimate Partner Violence, Sexual Violence, Teen Dating Violence, and Stalking**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support the scholarship of up to three promising postdoctoral researchers to conduct original data collection and/or secondary data analyses on violence against women (intimate partner violence, sexual violence, teen dating violence, stalking) under the supervision of a mentor. Under this solicitation, any specific topics that offer important insights into research on violence against women will receive consideration.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 7, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: NIJ, Research and Evaluation on the Abuse, Neglect, and Exploitation of Elderly Individuals**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support research and evaluation related to the abuse, neglect, and exploitation of elderly individuals. NIJ is particularly interested in funding research to: (1) determine an estimate of the financial costs associated with elder abuse; (2) develop a taxonomy of case outcomes that can be used to define success from multiple perspectives; and (3) examine theoretical perspectives on elder abuse that move the field toward a better understanding of why perpetrators abuse, neglect, and/or exploit elderly individuals.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 7, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: NIJ, Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women: Intimate Partner Violence and Sexual Violence**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support high-quality research projects in the areas of specialized law enforcement and prosecutorial response to sexual assault and intimate partner violence, and child custody in which intimate partner violence is present.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 7, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: NIJ, Research and Evaluation on Children Exposed to Violence**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or

for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support multidisciplinary research and evaluation related to childhood exposure to violence. In particular, NIJ seeks applications that address justice system responses to children identified as being exposed to violence, polyvictimization and multisystem involvement, and resilience and help-seeking. NIJ strives to provide objective and independent knowledge and validated tools, programs, and policies to prevent and reduce exposure to violence among children and youth, and to ameliorate the impact among those who are already impacted.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 8, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: NIJ, Research and Development in Forensic Science for Criminal Justice Purposes**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. NIJ may also enter into interagency agreements with federal entities in appropriate cases. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support basic or applied research and development projects to increase the body of knowledge to guide and inform forensic science policy and practice, or will result in the production of useful materials, devices, systems, or methods that have the potential for forensic application. The program intent is to direct the findings of basic scientific research, research and development in broader scientific fields applicable to forensic science, and ongoing forensic science research. The research must be toward the development of highly discriminating, accurate, reliable, cost-effective, and rapid methods for the identification, analysis, and interpretation of physical evidence for criminal justice purposes.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 8, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, FY 15 Secondary Analysis of the 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Survey (NISVS) Data: General Population and American Indian and Alaska Native Samples

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support original research through secondary analysis of existing data funded and archived by NIJ and available from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data (NACJD). This research is expected to enhance our understanding of crime, violence, and victimization that will help inform national policies, prevention strategies, and practices in the United States at both the national and state levels. The research will also help guide and evaluate progress toward reducing the substantial public health and safety burden associated with intimate partner violence, sexual violence, and stalking.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 9, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, FY 15 Social Science Research on Implementation, Dissemination, and Translation

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support projects that study how criminal justice practitioners use research in their decision-making processes and how they implement evidence-based programs or practices. One of NIJ's goals is to advance criminal justice through science; consequently, researchers must be able to translate scientific findings into policy and practice. These studies will be compiled into a compendium with other NIJ funded research on dissemination and research translation.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 9, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: NIJ, FY 15 Research on Bias Crime Victimization**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support research to examine bias (hate) crime victimization. NIJ is particularly interested in funding research to develop and test screening and/or assessment tools to identify bias crime victims, conduct localized victimization surveys using new and innovative sampling strategies to understand hate crime among immigrant and other understudied communities, and explore the use of non-traditional data sources to track bias crime victimization.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 13, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: NIJ, FY 15 Research on Sentinel Events and Criminal Justice System Errors**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support high-quality projects in a new area of research in the field of criminal justice. NIJ invites research applications that add to our understanding of how the concept of sentinel events can be used to improve the functioning of justice systems. Funding under this solicitation will support multiple awards for either basic research or for applied studies (including evaluations).

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 17, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: NIJ, FY 15 Research and Evaluation on Domestic Radicalization to Violent Extremism**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the

Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support research that will provide a more comprehensive and extensive understanding of domestic radicalization, and to provide federal, state, local and tribal criminal justice agencies evidence-based tools to address radicalization. The primary objective is to produce research studies that fill gaps in or expand on existing work and provide insights for criminal justice agencies. The secondary objective is to provide the empirical basis upon which to formulate and implement policies and programs designed to address domestic radicalization in the United States.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 21, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, FY 15 Building and Enhancing Criminal Justice Researcher-Practitioner Partnerships

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support high-quality criminal justice research projects that use new or existing partnerships between research and practitioner agencies. NIJ is also interested in documenting and capturing detailed descriptions of these collaborations. Results from these projects should lead to better criminal justice policy, practice, and research, including for the participating practitioner partner.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 20, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, FY 15 Research and Evaluation on Justice Systems

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit

organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support social and behavioral science research on, and evaluation related to topics including policing, courts, institutional and community corrections that bear directly and substantially upon federal, state, local, or tribal criminal and juvenile justice policy and practice. The objectives of this solicitation are to fund high-quality research projects, and to facilitate advances in basic scientific knowledge and methods.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 15, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, FY 15 Research and Evaluation Examining Violence Against American Indian and Alaska Native Women: Domestic Violence, Homicide, Intimate Partner Violence, Sex Trafficking, Sexual Violence, Stalking, and Teen Dating Violence

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to encourage and support research, development, and evaluation that will examine violence and victimization experienced by American Indian (AI) and Alaska Native (AN) women living in Indian Country and Alaska Native villages. NIJ expects the results of the research and evaluation will produce a deeper understanding of the issues faced by Native American women and help formulate public policies and prevention strategies to decrease the incidence of violent crimes committed against AI and AN women.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 15, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, FY 15 Research and Evaluation on White-Collar Crime and Public Corruption

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management

fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support research and evaluation projects that employ high-quality, rigorous social science methods to inform efforts to detect, investigate, prosecute, and otherwise combat and prevent white-collar crime and public corruption. The goals of this solicitation are to enhance scientific knowledge and to inform practice and policy related to preventing or combating white-collar crime and public corruption. The objectives are to fund research and evaluation projects that substantially advance knowledge in this topic area with practical implications for preventing or combating white-collar crime and public corruption.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 22, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: NIJ, FY 15 Research and Evaluation on Firearms Violence Reduction**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), non-profit and for-profit organizations (including tribal non-profit or for-profit organizations), institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education), and certain qualified individuals. Consistent with OJP fiscal requirements, for-profit organizations are not permitted to make a profit as a result of this award or charge a management fee for the performance of this award. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support research and evaluation of programs, practices, and policies designed to reduce firearms violence. This solicitation aims to strengthen our knowledge base and improve public safety by supporting projects with a high potential for accurately measuring the effects of efforts to reduce firearms violence. Such firearms violence reduction efforts may take any of a variety of forms, including but not limited to, those that emphasize law enforcement, prosecution, prevention, public health, or public policy.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 27, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title: NIJ, Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program**

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories) and units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior). State Administering Agencies (SAAs) apply on behalf of states, including any state government entity.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to support state and local government efforts to improve the quality and timeliness of forensic science and medical examiner services. Funds may be used to eliminate a backlog in the analysis of forensic evidence and to train and employ forensic laboratory personnel, as needed, to eliminate such a backlog. SAAs may apply for both "base" (formula) and competitive funds. Units of local government may apply for competitive funds.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 6, 2015.

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**Solicitation Title:** NIJ, Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence to Exonerate the Innocent

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states (including territories), units of local government (including Federally recognized Indian tribal governments as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), and public institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education). For the purposes of this solicitation, the term "State" includes the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands. Foreign governments, foreign organizations, and foreign institutions of higher education are not eligible to apply.

**What's It For?** NIJ will award funding to assist in defraying the costs associated with postconviction DNA testing in cases of violent felony offenses (as defined by state law) in which actual innocence might be demonstrated. Funds may be used to identify and review such postconviction cases and to locate and analyze associated biological evidence.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due May 4, 2015.

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**Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)**

**Solicitation Title:** OJJDP, Nonparticipating State Program: Wyoming

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to local public and private non-profit agencies (including tribal organizations) operating in Wyoming. Eligible applicants who propose to provide direct services to youth must not include youth who are age 18 or older in the population they will serve.

**What's It For?** OJJDP will award funding to support local public or private non-profit organization(s) within the state to carry out activities that support Wyoming's compliance with Sections 223(a)(11), (12), (13), and (22) of the JJDP Act.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due March 17, 2015.

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**Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART Office)**

**Solicitation Title:** SMART, FY 2015 Support for Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program

**Who Can Apply?** Applicants are limited to states, the District of Columbia, the principal U.S. territories, and Federally recognized Indian tribes that are eligible under Section 127 of the Sex Offender Registration and Notification Act (SORNA) to carry out the functions of SORNA and

have elected to do so. Jurisdictions that have not previously received funding under this program are strongly encouraged to apply.

**What's It For?** The SMART Office will award funding to assist jurisdictions with developing, enhancing, and maintaining implementation of SORNA. For jurisdictions needing substantial work to implement SORNA, applicants must explain how the proposed project will bring the jurisdiction closer to implementation. For those jurisdictions that have made substantial implementation progress, applicants must explain how the proposed project will either support continued compliance or enhance registration/notification programs.

**When's It Due?** Applications are due April 16, 2015.

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Please review the requirements set forth in the solicitations above and encourage eligible entities to submit applications for funding. For more information, please visit OJP's website, [www.ojp.gov](http://www.ojp.gov). Open solicitations are posted at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) and [ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm](http://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/CurrentFundingOpportunities.htm).

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