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Overview

The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) seeks applications for funding to address firearm-related crime and forensics through the establishment of Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs). This initiative is a partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) to utilize intelligence, technology, and community engagement to swiftly identify crime guns and their sources, and effectively prosecute perpetrators. This initiative furthers the DOJ's mission by assisting state, local, and tribal law enforcement with enhancing their investigative and prosecutorial resources to address gun violence and reduce violent crime. To learn more, view the CGIC fact sheet at <https://crimegunintelcenters.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/5-THINGS-CGIC.pdf>. Samples of previous, successful applications can be found at <https://crimegunintelcenters.org/bja/>.

This solicitation incorporates guidance provided in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide which provides additional information for applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP for funding. **If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.**

Solicitation Categories

This solicitation does not include Solicitation Categories.

Eligible Applicants:

Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized), Other

Other

State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies

Governmental non-law enforcement agencies

BJA will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees). For additional information on subawards, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

BJA may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2023 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and the availability of appropriations.

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center at 800-851-3420, 301-240-6310 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only), or grants@ncirs.gov. The OJP Response Center operates from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time (ET) Monday–Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date.

Submission Information

Registration: Before submitting an application, all applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM). You must renew and validate your registration every 12 months. If you do not renew your SAM registration, it will expire. An expired registration can delay or prevent application submission in Grants.gov and JustGrants. Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days to complete.

Submission: Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process via Grants.gov and JustGrants.

Step 1: The applicant must submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required **Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF-424)** and a **Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)** form when they register in Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>. **Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL as early as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the Grants.gov deadline. If an applicant fails to submit in Grants.gov, they will be unable to apply in JustGrants.**

For technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and a SF-LLL in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, Grants.gov Customer Support, or support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

Step 2: The applicant must submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.justgrants.usdoj.gov) by the JustGrants application deadline.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in JustGrants, contact the

JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. ET Monday–Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays.

OJP encourages applicants to review the [“How To Apply”](#) section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [JustGrants website](#) for more information, resources, and training. Applicants should maintain all receipts and confirmations received from SAM.gov, Grants.gov, JustGrants systems.

Program Description

Overview

OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

With this solicitation, BJA seeks to support state, local, and tribal jurisdictions' capacity to work with their ATF partners to utilize intelligence, technology, and community engagement to swiftly identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources, and effectively prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime.

Statutory Authority

Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 506(b) (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10157(b)). Additional authority for this program may be provided by a full-year appropriations act for FY 2023. As of the writing of this solicitation, the Department of Justice is operating under a short-term "Continuing Resolution;" no full-year appropriation for the Department has been enacted for FY 2023. The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program authorization provides that up to 5 percent of the funds available to carry out subpart 1 of Title I, Part E of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 may be granted, among other reasons, for one or more of the purposes specified in 34 U.S.C. § 10152 upon a determination that it is necessary "to combat, address, or otherwise respond to precipitous or extraordinary increases in crime, or in a type or types of crime." 34 U.S.C. § 10157(b)(1).

Specific Information

The applicant must clearly identify how the funding will directly address a precipitous or extraordinary increase in violent firearm-related crime in their jurisdiction. This could be for the applicant's entire jurisdiction or for a specific area in the jurisdiction. The applicant must identify the following:

Categories or types of firearm-related violent crime that have precipitously increased within the jurisdiction

Period of time during which the categories/types of crime increased

Number of criminal nonfatal shootings and homicides committed with the use of a firearm

Volume of firearm violence in the target locality or region

The applicant must clearly state whether funding will be used to develop a new CGIC or to expand an existing CGIC.

Award recipients will work with ATF to collaborate on the immediate collection, management, and analysis of crime gun evidence such as shell casings and test fires of unlawfully used firearms recovered in real time to identify criminal shooters, disrupt criminal activity, and prevent future violence. If selected, the applicant will be required to develop a memorandum of

understanding (MOU) with ATF outlining the development of a new CGIC or expansion of existing work. The applicant must include a letter of support from the local ATF field office with their application. The list of ATF Field Divisions can be found at <https://www.atf.gov/contact/atf-field-divisions>.

This collaboration will use both ATF's eTrace (Electronic Tracing System), run by the National Tracing Center, and ATF's National Integrated Ballistics Information Network (NIBIN), and, if available, the NIBIN National Correlation and Training Center (NNCTC). NIBIN is the only national network that allows for the capture and comparison of ballistic evidence to aid in solving and preventing violent crimes involving firearms. NIBIN technology compares images of submitted ballistic evidence from shooting scenes and recovered firearms and produces a list of possible similar results. Trained NIBIN technicians then conduct a correlation review of these results, identifying NIBIN leads or potential links or associations from the same firearm. Additional information about NIBIN can be found at <https://www.atf.gov/firearms/nibin-training-outline-and-guidelines>.

eTrace is an internet-based system that allows participating law enforcement agencies to submit firearm traces to ATF for identification. The use of eTrace is critical for investigating and identifying gun trafficking as well as straw purchases. Applicants should include how they will develop strategies working with their partner agencies to identify the trafficking of crime guns, straw purchasers, and corrupt federal firearm licensees. As reported by ATF, virtually every crime gun in the United States starts off as a legal firearm, making the need to prevent gun trafficking a crucial part of a comprehensive approach to reducing gun-related crime. To learn about eTrace, contact ATF's National Tracing Center at 1-800-788-7133, extension 01540.

A key component of a CGIC is collaborative meetings with local, state, and federal partners to review intelligence and information on recent shootings and NIBIN leads. One of these routine meetings should be dedicated to GunStat, which measures core strategies and benchmarks that lead to an overall reduction in violent gun-related crime. In addition to the CGIC partners, the GunStat meeting should include parole and probation as well as the juvenile supervision agency. The focus of the meeting should be to prioritize warrant service, improve compliance by those under supervision for gun offenses, and enforce all relevant gun laws. The partners should also follow up on those who committed gun offenses who have been previously identified and discuss any new individuals identified through the most recent NIBIN leads. Note that awardees will receive training and technical assistance provided by BJA at no cost to them on the GunStat process and should indicate a willingness to implement it.

If the applicant's jurisdiction is utilizing a community violence intervention (CVI) program, they should outline how they will work with their partner agencies to coordinate on efforts to prevent gun crime through this approach. Information on CVI can be found at <https://bjaojp.gov/program/community-violence-intervention/overview>.

Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables

Goals

The primary goals of a CGIC are to develop leads to swiftly identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources and to effectively prosecute individuals engaged in violent crime.

Objectives

Projects must include intensive, timely, ongoing collaboration with ATF, local and tribal police, local crime laboratories, probation and parole, prosecuting attorneys, U.S. Attorneys' Offices (USAOs), crime analysts, community groups, and academic organizations.

Deliverables

Awardees are required to provide the following deliverables at the conclusion of their grants:

1. A collaborative working group, the CGIC integration team, including representatives from ATF, local/tribal police, probation and parole, prosecuting attorneys, USAO, local crime laboratory, crime analysts, community groups, and academic organizations. This working group will be formed using an MOU detailing partner roles and responsibilities.
2. A CGIC business process utilizing NIBIN and crime gun tracing through eTrace, including purchasing appropriate technology, if necessary. This process includes developing policy that governs a crime scene response, the processing of forensic evidence in a timely fashion, as well as prioritizes NIBN cases for prosecution.
3. The use of GunStat to support reductions in violent crime and recidivism by identifying individuals that are regularly involved in gun crime and gun-related cases. With GunStat, law enforcement, prosecution, and community supervision agencies prioritize these cases through shared data and intelligence as a way to disrupt the shooting cycle and effectively prosecute individuals engaged in violent crime.
4. Coordination with partner agencies to address gun trafficking and straw purchases.
5. Effective investigations and prosecutions of violent crime involving feloniously used firearms.
6. Ability to train new staff and criminal justice partners to develop the skills necessary to effectively investigate and prosecute gun crime.
7. Violent crime prevention strategies in collaboration with community and nongovernmental organizations such as CVI.
8. Enhanced services for victims of gun crime or individuals at risk to become victims of gun crime.
9. Improved responses to gun shots fired.
10. Investment in/development of a tracking system for NIBIN leads and subsequent cases in coordination with the BJA TTA provider.
11. Collection of performance data that reinforce the CGIC goals.
12. A final analysis report describing the CGIC's implementation and outcomes.

The goals, objectives, and deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that show the completed work's results, as discussed in the "Application and Submission Information" section.

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

OJP strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the projects and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information and applicable documentation to be included in the application, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) section entitled "Information

Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities.”

Priority Areas

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

Executive Order 14074, Advancing Effective, Accountable Policing and Criminal Justice Practices to Enhance Public Trust and Public Safety requires the Attorney General, through discretionary grantmaking and training and technical assistance, to encourage and support State, Tribal, local, and territorial governments and law enforcement agencies to adopt the policies, best practices, and guidelines addressed in the executive order, including, but not limited to: (i) investigating deaths in custody; (ii) recruiting and retaining diverse and service-oriented law enforcement professionals; (iii) collecting and reporting use of force and misconduct data; (iv) improving community and law enforcement dialogue; (v) responding to individuals in mental health crisis or with disabilities; (vi) the proper and responsible use of technology; (vii) restrictions on unannounced entries and certain restraints; (viii) addressing implicit bias; (ix) restricting the use of militarized equipment; (x) broader criminal justice reform; and, (xi) officer wellness and mental health.

As such guidance is developed in accordance with the executive order, and where the guidance is applicable to the specific solicitation, DOJ will identify specific opportunities for training and technical assistance and priority consideration for applications that support the policies of the executive order.

For the purposes of this solicitation, OJP will provide priority consideration for the following items, for which the DOJ has already issued policies, guidance, and/or best practices:

1. Participation in the collection and reporting to DOJ of data on law enforcement use of force and deaths in custody;
2. Participation in the collection and reporting to DOJ of data on officer suicides and officers killed and assaulted;
3. Restrictions on unannounced entries and neck/carotid restraints; and,
4. Restrictions on the possession and use of militarized equipment.

To receive this consideration, the applicant must describe how they currently support one or more of the identified policy areas within the department.

In addition, specific to crime gun intelligence work, applicants who can demonstrate the following will receive separate priority consideration:

1. High volume of nonfatal shootings
2. High volume of firearm-related homicides
3. Demonstrated strong partnerships, including with tribes and sheriffs' offices

To receive this consideration, the applicant must describe how the proposed project(s) will address one or more of the identified CGIC priority areas.

BJA may also give priority selection consideration to those jurisdictions that have never received CGIC funding in previous years.

Note: Addressing these priority areas is one of many factors that OJP considers in making