

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

INNOVATIVE PROSECUTION SOLUTIONS FOR COMBATING VIOLENT CRIME

Grant Opportunities for Prosecutors



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Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime

- The purpose of the Innovative Prosecution Solutions (IPS) Program is to provide state, local, and tribal prosecutors with direct funding and training and technical assistance (TTA) to develop effective strategies and programs to address and prosecute individuals who commit violent crime.
- Recognizing that many prosecutors' offices carry attorney caseloads well above recommended levels, lack critical support staff, and have had to rely on outdated technology, IPS also supports the use of technology, intelligence, and data analytics in innovative ways that enable prosecutors to focus resources on the people and places associated with high concentrations of criminal activity.

Available Funding

\$6 Million Site Based Awards for:

State and local prosecutorial agencies, federally recognized Indian tribal governments that perform prosecution functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior), or tribal consortia consisting of two or more federally recognized Indian tribes (including tribal consortia operated as nonprofit organizations) acting as a fiscal agent for one or more prosecutor agencies.

Specific Application Information for BJA Submissions:

- Projects are to be up to 24 months
- Applications for funding up-to \$340,000
- Approximately 18 applications will be funded
- Submissions will use evidence-based strategies and technology to assist with case management, discovery and/or personnel to combat violent crime
- A match is not required

Project Start Date October 1, 2020

Applications Due 45 days from when the solicitation posts

Additional Funding Opportunities

- The Comprehensive Opioid Abuse Site-Based Program
- Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)
- Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program
- Research and Evaluation of Promising Reentry Initiatives
- Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence- Inventory, Tracking, and Reporting
- Post conviction testing of DNA Evidence
- Prosecution Partnership Grant Opportunities:
 - Crime Gun Intelligence
 - Project Safe Neighborhoods
 - Body-Worn Cameras
 - Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (Formula)
 - Community Based Crime Reduction
 - Adult Drug Court
 - Enhanced Collaborative Model Task Force to Combat Human Trafficking

Victim Services Resources

- Office of Victims of Crimes
 - Transitional Housing Assistance for Victims of Human Trafficking
 - Crime Victims' Rights Legal Clinics
 - Enhancing Community Responses to American's Drug Crisis for Young Victims
 - Law Enforcement-Based Victim Specialist Program
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- Office on Violence Against Women
 - Transitional Housing Assistance Grants
 - Sexual Assault Services
 - Domestic Violence
 - Dating Violence
 - Stalking

Innovative Prosecution Solutions



Prosecutors across the country are seeking and implementing new solutions to identify and appropriately respond to violence in their communities. Some agencies have an interest in reducing the criminal use of firearms, identifying high risk offenders, and preventing domestic violence homicides. Others are working to identify and adapt comprehensive responses to human trafficking to make the identification, investigation, and prosecution of these crimes in their jurisdictions more effective. Still other jurisdictions, are focused on public safety efforts that combat witness intimidation and improve community confidence in the criminal justice system.

INITIATIVE PARTNERS

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FEATURED RESOURCES



Witness Intimidation



The Prosecutors' Resource on Forfeiture by Wrongdoing



Field Guide to Witness Intimidation

Training and Technical Assistance Available:

- Assistance to support the success of your project
 - Assistance meeting grant requirements
 - Training available for investigation/prosecution strategies
 - Training available for research/evaluation issues
 - Legal research and social science research
 - Subject-matter experts available

Examples of Successful Proposals:

- Innovative firearms prosecution
- Social media investigations / social media analysis
- Innovative prosecutions of violence against women crimes
- Diversion programs for certain violent crime
- Opioid-related violent crime
- Multi-pronged approaches
- Case management software
- Personnel to decrease case loads
- Technology to assist with discovery
- Technology to improve information sharing and analytics
- THIS LIST IS NOT EXHAUSTIVE!

Thank you!

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