

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AND COMMUNITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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BJA - Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ - National Institute of Justice

OVC - Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP - Office of Juvenile Justice and
Delinquency Prevention

SMART - Office of Sex Offender
Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending,
Registering, and Tracking

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Leadership and Service to Achieve Safer Communities

BJA helps to make American communities safer by strengthening the nation's criminal justice system through grants, training, technical assistance, and policy development



Types of Grants

DISCRETIONARY

- Awarded directly by BJA to eligible recipients
- Applicants apply directly to BJA
- Most often awarded on a competitive basis

FORMULA

- Administered and managed by State Administering Agencies or other fiscal agents
- Are most often on a noncompetitive basis
- Distribution of funds to eligible recipients is either statutorily defined or defined by a distribution process that is specified by BJA



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JAG / STOP



BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT

- JAG is BJA's flagship grant program and the leading source of federal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions
- 8 broad purpose areas across criminal justice spectrum



BJA STOP SCHOOL VIOLENCE PROGRAM

- Grants to K-12 schools
- To implement holistic and comprehensive school violence prevention and security measures
- Companion COPS Office program



Mental Health and Substance Use



JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTHY COLLABORATION

- Supports innovative cross-system collaboration to improve responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders
- Connect and Protect Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses



OPIOIDS, STIMULANTS, AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE

- Implement or expand comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by illicit opioids, stimulants, and other drugs

Violence Reduction



COMMUNITY VIOLENCE INTERVENTION

- OJP Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative Solicitation
- BJA CVI resources and checklist for communities seeking to implement effective CVI strategies
- White House webinar series on research and implementation



BODY WORN CAMERAS

- Funding to law enforcement to purchase body worn cameras.
- National Body-Worn Camera Toolkit website and clearinghouse to support implementing a body-worn camera program



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VALOR Initiative



Sergeant Robert Wilson III



Preventing Violence Against Law Enforcement Officers and Ensuring Officer Resilience and Survivability (VALOR)

- Named in honor of Sergeant Robert Wilson III
- Training and technical assistance (TTA)
- Suite of officer safety and wellness programs
- Safety, wellness, suicide prevention, resiliency, roadway safety
- Built on national partnerships
- Largest program nationally with biggest reach
- Safer Together – NEW 2023





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Forensics Programs

FORENSICS PROGRAMS

- Sexual Assault Kit Initiative
- Prosecuting Cold Cases using DNA
- Post-Conviction Testing of DNA Evidence
- Forensics Training and Technical Assistance
- Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement
- Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System
- DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction



BJA Forensics programs are powerful tools for reducing violent crime that have aided more than 200,000 criminal investigations



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Knowledge Lab



BJA NTTAC

- No-cost training and technical assistance on a wide variety of criminal justice topics
- Reducing violent, support law enforcement, managing people in confinement, combatting victimization, etc.



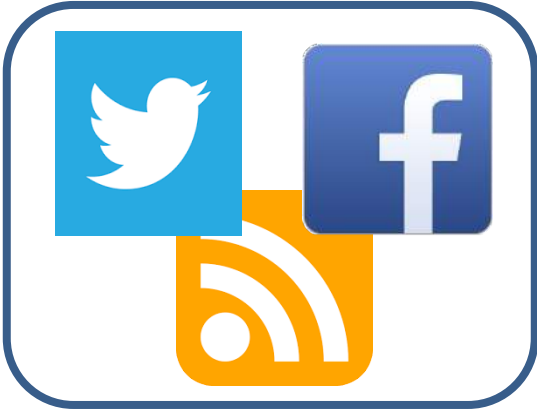
NATIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT KNOWLEDGE LAB

- Serves as a one-stop-shop for reliable guidance, model policies, and best practices for fair and impartial policing
- Resource for law enforcement agencies large and small to reduce crime, protect communities, and build public trust



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