



The [U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program. This program furthers the Department's mission by assisting state and local jurisdictions in improving the criminal justice system and assisting communities in preventing drug abuse and crime.

Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program FY 2007 Competitive Grant Announcement

Eligibility

Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith and community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government. Applicants for Category I must represent multi-jurisdictional proposals from state, local, or tribal law enforcement agencies.
(See "Eligibility," page 1)

Deadline

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on June 25, 2007.
(See "Deadline: Applications," page 1)

Contact Information

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact BJA toll-free at 1-866-859-2687 or e-mail Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov.

This application must be submitted through Grants.gov. For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

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Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program CDFA # 16.580

Overview of the Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program

Authorized by [Pub. L. No. 110-5](#), embedded secs. 101-104; [Pub. L. No. 109-108](#), 119 Stat. 2290, 2230; and [42 U.S.C. 3760-3762a](#) as in effect on September 30, 2006, the Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program helps local communities improve the capacity of local justice systems and provides for national support efforts including training and technical assistance programs strategically targeted to address local needs. Funds can be used for demonstration, replication, expansion, enhancement, training, and/or technical assistance programs.

Deadline: Registration

Registering with Grants.gov is a one-time process; if you are a first-time registrant, however, it could take up to several weeks to have your registration confirmed and to receive your user password. It is recommended you start the registration process as early as possible to prevent delays in submitting your application package to our agency by the deadline specified. There are three steps that you must complete before you are able to register: 1) register with Central Contractor Registry (CCR), 2) register yourself as an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR), and 3) be authorized as an AOR in your organization. For more information, go to www.grants.gov/. **Note: Your CCR registration must be renewed once a year. Failure to renew your CCR registration will prohibit submission of a grant application through Grants.gov.**

Deadline: Applications

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m. e.t. on June 25, 2007.

Eligibility

Applications are solicited from national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith and community-based organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government. For-profit organizations must agree to waive any profit or fees for services. Joint applications are permissible, with one agency being the applicant agency. Category I applicants must be a state, local, or tribal law enforcement agency (an organization with arrest powers); other (non-federal) project participants in the project would be designated as a reimbursable participant.

Faith-Based and Other Community Organizations

Consistent with President George W. Bush's Executive Order 13279, dated December 12, 2002, and 28 C.F.R. Part 38, it is Department of Justice (DOJ) policy that faith-based and other community organizations that statutorily qualify as eligible applicants under DOJ programs are invited and encouraged to apply for assistance awards to fund eligible grant activities. Faith-based and other community organizations will be considered for awards on the same basis as other eligible applicants and, if they receive assistance awards, will be treated on an equal basis with all other grantees in the administration of such awards. No eligible applicant or grantee will be discriminated for or against on the basis of its religious character or affiliation, religious name, or the religious composition of its board of directors or persons working in the organization.

Faith-based organizations receiving DOJ assistance awards retain their independence and do not lose or have to modify their religious identity (e.g., removing religious symbols) to receive assistance awards. DOJ grant funds, however, may not be used to fund any inherently religious activity, such as prayer or worship. Inherently religious activity is permissible, although it cannot occur during an activity funded with DOJ grant funds; rather, such religious activity must be separate in time or place from the DOJ-funded program. Further, participation in such activity by individuals receiving services must be voluntary. Programs funded by DOJ are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of a beneficiary's religion.

Applicants are encouraged to review the Civil Rights Compliance section under Additional Requirements in this announcement.

Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program-Specific Information

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

The Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program, administered by the Office of Justice Programs' (OJP's) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), helps improve the capacity of local adult criminal justice systems and provides for national support efforts such as training and technical assistance projects to strategically address local needs.

In FY 2007, the Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grants Program will focus on funding local, regional, and national efforts within six major categories. Applicants are encouraged to visit BJA's web site to review efforts funded to date and to identify gaps in current efforts and future needs.

Because federal funding may not be available in the future, applicants should avoid using funds for hiring personnel, although use of funds for overtime is allowable. While match is not required under this program, a voluntary match is encouraged. Program sustainability must be addressed by every applicant under this program. Applicants are strongly encouraged to avoid unsubstantiated requests for equipment purchases. Per 42 U.S.C. 3762, "grant funds awarded under section 3761 shall not be used for land acquisition or construction projects." Per 42 U.S.C. 3760(d), "no grants or contracts under subsection (b) of this section may be made, entered into, or used, directly or indirectly, to provide any security enhancements or any equipment to any non-governmental entity that is not engaged in law enforcement or law enforcement support, criminal or juvenile justice, or delinquency prevention."

Award Categories

Applicants may submit their proposal under any one of the following categories. Applicants must clearly indicate on the front page of the program narrative which category they are applying under and which categorical priority(ies) is being addressed. Should a proposal span multiple categories, select one category which best describes the project.

CATEGORY I: TARGETING VIOLENT CRIME

Applicants are solicited under Category I to establish an intelligence-led, data-driven, multi-jurisdictional response to violent crime and gangs. Applicants must document an existing or proposed multi-agency, multi-jurisdictional partnership, and are required to have an ongoing partnership with at least one federal law enforcement agency (e.g., the Drug Enforcement Administration; Federal Bureau of Investigation; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; U.S. Marshals Service; or the relevant U.S. Attorney's Office) throughout the project period.

Applicants for Category I must be a state, local, or tribal law enforcement agency. Available funding for this category would be:

Type	Population	Funding Cap per Award
One	1 million or more	\$1.5 million
Two	500,000–999,999	\$1 million
Three	250,000–499,999	\$500,000
Four	1–249,999	\$300,000
Five	Tribal	\$300,000

Combined populations-served totals may be used to increase available funds. For example, Agency A (population over 1 million) and Agency B (population 950,000) could submit an application for \$2.5 million and would compete in Type One.

Priority consideration will be given to applicants who: 1) document via Uniform Crime Reports (UCR) data a recent increase in violent crime rates; 2) document a history or commitment to form a multi-jurisdictional, multi-disciplinary violent crime response; 3) demonstrate a data-driven analysis capacity or a willingness to adopt intelligence-led policing for planning and implementing violent crime initiatives; and 4) use a minimum of 10 percent of grant funds for justice information sharing related to the proposed violent crime problem.

In meeting these priority considerations, successful applicants will provide curricula, cadre lists, letters of support, and other materials. These documents will not count against the page limit, and should be identified as an appendix to the application. For additional definitions and guidance for Category I funding, visit www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/tvc.html.

CATEGORY II: PREVENTING CRIME AND DRUG ABUSE

Applications are solicited under Category II to prevent crime and drug abuse in the United States. Key priorities include crime prevention efforts designed to reach residents through proven media campaign(s), Neighborhood Watch capacity-building tools, coordination of crime prevention practitioners, crime prevention materials and resources for practitioners, projects that can be implemented and replicated in communities and schools, and programs that help build partnerships among law enforcement, youth, and youth-serving organizations.

CATEGORY III: ENHANCING LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT

Applications are solicited under Category III to improve or enhance the administration and operations of the law enforcement function in local adult criminal justice systems. Key priorities include local, regional, and/or national projects that address law enforcement officer safety, improving crime scene investigation, tactical training, training to support volunteer programs within law enforcement, drug- and alcohol-impaired driving prevention efforts, local anti-gang programs, and gun violence intervention and enforcement.

CATEGORY IV: ENHANCING LOCAL COURTS

Applicants are solicited under Category IV to improve or enhance the administration and operations of the court function in local adult criminal justice systems. Key priorities include improving the effectiveness of the prosecutorial function, training for judicial officers, court management and improvement efforts including automation, and support for court problem-solving efforts such as mental health courts.

CATEGORY V: ENHANCING LOCAL CORRECTIONS AND OFFENDER REENTRY

Applicants are solicited under Category V to improve or enhance the administration and operations of the corrections function and offender reentry initiatives in local adult criminal justice systems. Key priorities include improving the effectiveness of offender reentry, improving the ability of community corrections to hold offenders accountable, and efforts to improve the efficiency of institutional and community corrections.

CATEGORY VI: FACILITATING JUSTICE INFORMATION SHARING

Applicants are solicited under Category VI to improve or enhance the sharing of information within the criminal justice system. Key priorities include improving the sharing and use of criminal intelligence within law enforcement, developing common standards to facilitate information sharing within the justice system, providing technical assistance to improve justice information sharing, and enhancing or developing local, regional, and/or national systems to improve information sharing within and among regions and states.

Length of Awards

The project period for awards under this program is up to 12 months. The project start date should be on or after September 1, 2007.

Performance Measures

To assist in fulfilling the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), Pub. L. 103-62, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation must provide data that measures the results of their work. Successful applicants will receive performance measures specific to their award category prior to the start date of their grant, and will be required to submit data during each reporting cycle as established by OJP.

How To Apply

DOJ is participating in the e-Government initiative, one of 25 initiatives included in the President's Management Agenda. Part of this initiative—Grants.gov—is a “one-stop storefront” that provides a unified process for all customers of federal grants to find funding opportunities and apply for funding.

Grants.gov Instructions: Complete instructions can be found at www.grants.gov. If you experience difficulties at any point during this process, please call the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 1-800-518-4726.

CFDA Number: The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this solicitation is 16.580, titled "Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Discretionary Grants Program," and the funding opportunity number is BJA-2007-1627.

A DUNS number is required: The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numeric System) number in their application for a new award or renewal of an award. Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1-866-705-5711 or by applying online at www.dunandbradstreet.com. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

What an Application Must Include

Standard Form 424

Program Narrative (Attachment 1)

Program Abstract: Applicants must provide an abstract identifying the applicant's name, title of the project, dollar amount requested, and category for which the applicant is applying (e.g., crime prevention). The abstract must include goals of the project, a description of the strategies to be used, listing of key/major deliverables, and coordination plans. Applicants should use a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman is preferred) with 1-inch margins. The abstract must not exceed ½ page, and does not count against the program narrative's 10-page limit.

Program Narrative: The program narrative must respond to the solicitation and the Selection Criteria (1-3, 5) in the order given. Submissions that do not adhere to the format will be deemed ineligible. The program narrative must be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman is preferred) with 1-inch margins, and must not exceed 10 pages. Please number pages "1 of 10," "2 of 10," etc.

Budget and Budget Narrative (Attachment 2)

Applicants must provide a budget that is allowable and reasonable. Applicants must submit a budget worksheet and budget narrative in one file. A fillable budget detail worksheet form is available on OJP's web site at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget_fillable.pdf.

Project Timeline and Position Descriptions (Attachment 3)

Attach a project timeline with each project goal, related objective, activity, expected completion date, and responsible person or organization, and project descriptions for key positions.

Selection Criteria

1. Statement of the Problem (15 points)

Identify the precise problem to be addressed by the project. Provide specific data where available.

2. Program Design and Implementation (30 points)

Fully describe how the project will reach the stated goals and objectives by providing a complete description of its design and proposed implementation. Tie program activities to goals, objectives, and the performance measures applicable to the project. Include a comprehensive timeline that identifies milestones, deliverables, and who is responsible for each activity (see Attachment 3).

3. Capabilities/Competencies (25 points)

Fully describe the applicant(s) capabilities to implement the project and the competencies of the staff assigned to the project to oversee it.

4. Budget (10 points)

Provide a comprehensive budget that demonstrates cost efficiency and taxpayer value (see Attachment 2). Applicants are strongly encouraged to avoid unsubstantiated equipment purchases.

5. Impact/Outcomes, Evaluation, and Sustainment (20 points)

Explain how the program's effectiveness will be demonstrated. Describe how program data will be collected and how it will be assessed to measure the impact of proposed efforts. Outline a strategy for sustaining the project when the federal grant ends.

Review Process

Applications may be reviewed by a panel of reviewers. The BJA Director will make award recommendations to OJP's Assistant Attorney General, who will make final award determinations.

Additional Requirements

- Civil Rights compliance.
- Confidentiality and Human Subjects Protections regulations.
- Anti-Lobbying Act.
- Financial and Government Audit requirements.
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) compliance.
- DOJ Information Technology Standards.
- Single Point of Contact Review.

- Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds.
- Criminal Penalty for False Statements.
- Compliance with Office of the Comptroller *Financial Guide*.
- Suspension or Termination of Funding.

We strongly encourage you to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting your application. Additional information for each can be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm.