

**Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program: National Initiatives  
FY 2008 Grant Announcement  
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)**

**1. What is the deadline for applications?**

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. e.t. on June 11, 2008.

**2. How do I apply for this funding opportunity?**

All applications must be submitted via [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Registering with Grants.gov is a one-time process; however, if you are a first-time registrant, it could take up to several weeks to have your registration validated and confirmed and to receive your user password. It is highly 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](http://www.grants.gov). If you have any difficulty with the system, contact Grants.gov at: 1-800-518-4726 or [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@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. Grants.gov Contact Center hours of operation are: Monday–Friday, 7 a.m.–9 p.m. e.t.

**3. What is a DUNS number and how do I get one?**

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](http://www.dunandbradstreet.com). Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

**4. Who is eligible to apply for this grant program?**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Competitive Program) is an open, competitive solicitation. Applicants are limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government. Only projects that are national in scope and respond to one or more of the priorities listed in the solicitation will be considered. For questions regarding your eligibility, please contact BJA at 1-866-859-2687 or e-mail [Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov](mailto:Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov).

**5. Is this Byrne Competitive funding opportunity restricted to state and local agencies?**

No. For details on eligible agencies, please see FAQ #4, above.

**6. Are territories eligible to apply?**

Yes, territories are eligible to apply.

**7. Is funding available for tribal organizations?**

Yes. For details on eligible agencies, please see FAQ #4, above. Although there is not a specific “tribal” category in the solicitation, tribal organizations are encouraged to apply under any of the six categories.

**8. Can a tribe submit an application, absent a tribal resolution, to BJA under this grant program?**

Given the submission deadline and understanding that tribes may need time to approve resolutions in support of their applications, BJA will accept these applications with the understanding that tribes shall submit all supporting resolutions as soon as available.

**9. May my jurisdiction/agency/program apply in more than one category?**

Yes. For example, a program may submit a proposal for Category III: Enhancing Local Law Enforcement, and a different proposal for Category II: Preventing Crime and Drug Abuse.

**10. Will my application's peer review score alone determine if my application is funded?**

No. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, strategic priorities, past performance, and available funding.

**11. May my jurisdiction/agency/program submit multiple proposals in the same category?**

Yes. For example, an agency may submit multiple proposals under Category V: Enhancing Local Corrections and Offender Reentry.

**12. May my jurisdiction/agency/program submit the same proposal for more than one category?**

No. An agency cannot submit the same proposal in more than one category within this solicitation.

**13. My jurisdiction applied for and/or received Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Formula Grant funding. Are we still eligible to apply for Byrne Competitive Program funding?**

Yes. Even if you receive funding from BJA for the JAG Formula Program, you are still eligible to apply for Byrne Competitive Program funding. Please note, however, that the FY 2008 Byrne Competitive Program is targeted toward national initiatives.

**14. I submitted an application under another BJA solicitation and have not received notification whether that application was approved for funding. Can my jurisdiction/agency/program submit this same proposal under the Byrne Competitive Program?**

You may submit your earlier proposed project, subject to all the selection criteria and requirements under the Byrne Competitive Program solicitation. Should your project be selected for funding under another BJA solicitation, your Byrne Competitive application will be removed from consideration or vice versa.

**15. If my agency applies for grants in multiple categories, how will that impact our agency's chances of receiving an award under this funding opportunity?**

Each funding category of this program will be individually peer reviewed. Multiple proposals from one organization will not impact an application's review; however, while it is possible, it is not likely that organizations will receive multiple awards under the Byrne Competitive Program.

**16. What is the total amount of grant funding available per category?**

No specific funding amounts are assigned per category. Depending on the number of successful applications received in each category, grant funds will be distributed as appropriate.

**17. Is there a minimum/maximum funding amount that I can apply for?**

There is no minimum/maximum funding amount for the Byrne Competitive Program.

**18. Is a match required?**

A match is not required under this program.

**19. May I submit an application for a project that is unrelated to any of the priorities listed in the solicitation?**

While we encourage you to address one of the categorical priorities, you may submit an application under any one of the five categories, but it must be national in scope as discussed in the solicitation.

**20. If my organization has not been involved in the initiatives described in the priority areas may we still apply?**

Yes. Although the priorities listed include sporadic references to specific national initiatives for which we intend to identify support components (e.g., Neighborhood Watch), this does not limit applications to those organizations that have been involved with these initiatives historically. If your organization can

demonstrate experience and strong performance with these initiatives and the current capacity to perform the work described, your proposal will be considered using all of the factors identified in FAQ #9.

**21. Is the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program and the Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program the same grant program?**

The Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program is a discretionary grant program and separate from the JAG Program, which is a formula grant program. You are eligible for the Byrne Competitive Program if you meet the eligibility criteria outlined in the solicitation.

**22. I am interested in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) formula grant program. Where do I find out information about how to apply for that program?**

The FY 2008 state JAG solicitation is now closed. This solicitation was ONLY for the 56 states/territories. The FY 2008 local JAG solicitation will be available in the near future. For more information about the local JAG solicitation, visit the JAG web page at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/jag.html). Also, you may contact your state policy advisor; a list of state policy advisors can be found at [www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/resource/stcont.htm](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/resource/stcont.htm).

**23. May I submit an application for a juvenile justice initiative? Or are juvenile justice initiatives an allowable use of the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program funds?**

Under Categories I and V only, an applicant may submit a proposal for a juvenile justice initiative as long as the proposal is for a national-scope replication, expansion, enhancement, training, and/or technical assistance program.

**24. Where can I find a listing of the FY 2007 Edward Byrne Memorial Discretionary Grant Program awards?**

The FY 2007 awards can be found at: <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/grant/07ByrneAwards.pdf>. Awards made in FY 2007 may differ as the priorities and focus in FY 2008 are different.

**25. Where do I find information on Executive Order 12372, and how do I find if this requirement applies to my agency?**

[E.O. 12372](#) for Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs was issued to foster partnerships relying on state and local process for the coordination and review of proposed federal financial assistance and direct federal development. A link is provided to the [state point of contacts](#) who participate in E.O. 12372.

**26. What is a project of “national significance”?**

Projects of national significance are projects that will have, at a minimum, immediate benefit to the nation. For example:

A national training initiative **must**:

- Be held in multiple locations nationwide.
- Be nationally advertised, with registration/attendance from anywhere in the U.S.

A national training initiative **is not**:

- One course held in one location, open nationwide.
- Several courses held within a state or region, open nationwide.

A deliverable (e.g., web site development, publications, training curricula, toolkits, public service announcements) produced under a national initiative **must**:

- Involve an immediate benefit to the nation in developing the deliverable. In other words, a deliverable that is of national significance is not enough. The process for developing the deliverable must be of national significance by including representation (e.g., focus groups of various individuals) from throughout the country to seek input and help draft the publication.
- Be produced and disseminated within the 12-month project period.
- Be intended for a broad national audience.
- Have a national impact.

A deliverable (e.g., web site development, publications, training curricula, toolkits, public service announcements) produced under a national initiative **is not**:

- A demonstration or pilot project with potential replication.
- A demonstration or pilot project in one location with a deliverable at the end that is national in scope (e.g., report).

Purchase of equipment/technology must have a direct and immediate benefit to the nation and enhance the sharing of information nationally. See priorities listed under Category V, Facilitating Justice Information Sharing. A project of national significance involving equipment/technology **is not**:

- Equipment/technology to benefit a single agency or state.

Finally, a local, state, or tribal specific initiative that does not meet the above is not considered a project of "national significance."

### **27. What is a "statutorily authorized organization"?**

A "statutorily authorized organization" is an organization that is authorized in federal law, i.e., authorized by Congress. This does not mean organizations that received funding from a specific budget appropriation or even a line item in a federal agency budget, but rather refers to organizations specifically authorized in a bill that has passed Congress and signed into law by the President. All such statutorily authorized organizations should provide the statutory reference for the authorization in their applications. Such authorizations are considered to be approval of Congress for the Executive Branch to operate or support a program.