



## OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS RECOVERY ACT GRANTS

The Recovery Act includes \$4 billion to assist state, local and tribal law enforcement and for other criminal and juvenile justice activities that help to prevent crime and improve the criminal justice system in the United States while supporting the creation of jobs and much needed resources for states and local communities. The Department's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), which provides federal leadership in developing the nation's capacity to prevent and control crime, administer justice, and assist victims, will administer \$2.7 billion of this funding.

OJP has five component bureaus: the Bureau of Justice Assistance; the Bureau of Justice Statistics; the National Institute of Justice; the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention; and the Office for Victims of Crime. Additionally, OJP has two program offices: the Community Capacity Development Office, which incorporates the Weed and Seed strategy, and the Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking (SMART).

### **FORMULA GRANTS:**

#### **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program - \$ 1.98 billion**

**DEADLINE STATE PROGRAM – APRIL 9, 2009**

**DEADLINE LOCAL PROGRAM – MAY 18, 2009**

The JAG Program, administered by OJP's Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), allows states and local governments to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. JAG grants support all components of the criminal justice system, including but not limited to, multijurisdictional drug and gang task forces; crime prevention and domestic violence

programs; and courts, corrections, treatment, and justice information sharing initiatives. The procedure for allocating JAG grants is based on a formula of population and violent crime statistics, in combination with a minimum allocation to ensure that each state and territory receives an appropriate share of funding. Sixty percent of the allocation is awarded to the state and 40 percent is set aside for local governments.

#### **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) State Crime Victim Compensation Program – \$47.5 million**

**DEADLINE – MARCH 20, 2009**

OJP's Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) administers this formula grant program, which supplements states efforts to compensate crime victims. State crime victim compensation programs reimburse victims for crime-related expenses such as medical costs, mental health counseling, funeral and burial costs, lost wages or loss of support. Each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and any other possession or territory of the United States that has an established crime victim compensation program is eligible to receive a grant.

#### **Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) Victim Assistance Formula Grant Program - \$47.5 million**

**DEADLINE MARCH 20, 2009**

OVC administers this formula grant program, which supports services to victims of crime throughout the Nation. States and territories use these funds to support community-based organizations that help crime victims. The organizations provide services such as crisis intervention, counseling, emergency shelter, criminal justice advocacy, and emergency transportation. States are required to give priority to programs serving victims of domestic

violence, sexual assault, and child abuse. Each state, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands are eligible to receive a grant.

**Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Formula Grant program - \$ 41.5 million  
DEADLINE – APRIL 8, 2009**

The Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program helps state and local law enforcement agencies develop an effective response to cyber enticement and child pornography cases. The ICAC program is a national network of 59 coordinated task forces, representing more than 2,000 federal, state, and local law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies engaged in proactive investigations, forensic examinations, and effective prosecutions. This funding will be used to help state and local law enforcement agencies develop effective, sustainable responses to online child victimization and child pornography.

**DISCRETIONARY GRANTS:**

**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

**The Edward Byrne Competitive Grant Program - \$125.25 million**

**DEADLINE – APRIL 27, 2009**

Byrne Competitive Grants are available to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to assist victims of crime (other than compensation) and for youth mentoring initiatives. These grants help state and local communities improve the capacity of local justice systems and may be used for national efforts such as training and technical assistance. Applicants may be 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 that support the purpose areas of this grant program.

**Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Competitive Grant Program - \$123.75 million**

**DEADLINE – APRIL 22, 2009**

This program provides assistance to law enforcement in rural states and rural areas, to

prevent and combat crime, especially drug related crime.

**Assistance for Law Enforcement along the Southern Border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) - \$39.7 million  
DEADLINE – APRIL 17, 2009**

This program provides assistance and equipment to law enforcement along the Southern border and in High Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas to combat criminal narcotics activity stemming from the Southern border. By statute, \$10 million of these funds is available for the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives to be administered for its Project Gunrunner program.

**CORRECTIONS**

**Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program - \$225 million**

**DEADLINE – MAY 4, 2009**

The Correctional Facilities on Tribal Lands Program provides resources to allow eligible American Indian tribes and Alaska Native villages to construct or renovate correctional facilities on tribal lands, with consideration given to the detention bed space needs and the violent crime statistics of the applicant tribe or village.

**MENTORING**

**Local Youth Mentoring Initiative \***

**DEADLINE – APRIL 20, 2009**

The Local Youth Mentoring Initiative is an effort to reduce juvenile delinquency, violence, gang participation, school failure, and dropout rates. The program supports local organizations that develop, implement, or expand local mentoring programs leading to measurable, positive outcomes for at-risk youth.

**National Youth Mentoring Programs \***

**DEADLINE – APRIL 20, 2009**

This program supports efforts that will help community programs provide mentoring services to populations that are underserved due to location, shortage of mentors, special physical or mental challenges of the targeted population, or other situations.

**\*The total funding available for the mentoring solicitations is \$97.5 million.**

## **VICTIMS**

### **National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance and Demonstration Program (NFG) - \$ 5 million**

**DEADLINE – MARCH 26, 2009**

The National Field-Generated Training, Technical Assistance and Demonstration Projects (NFG) Program provides funding for training, technical assistance, and demonstration projects that help victim service providers and allied practitioners to advance rights and services to crime victims in a variety of areas, including child abuse, elder abuse, sexual assault, and stalking.

## **RESEARCH/DATA COLLECTION**

### **Tribal Crime Data Collection, Analysis and Estimation Project - \$ up to 1 million**

**DEADLINE – APRIL 30, 2009**

This program will help improve of tribal crime and justice data for use (1) in the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program formula calculations, and (2) as part of an effort to collect more reliable information on American Indians in the criminal justice system and crimes committed in Indian country.

### **Research and Evaluation of Recovery Act State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance - \$ 2.25 million**

**DEADLINE – MAY 18, 2009**

This program supports evaluations of state and local law enforcement programs related to a variety of activities including combating criminal narcotics activity along the border, efforts to combat crime in rural areas, and programs funded by the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program.

### **Evaluation of Internet Child Safety Materials Used by ICAC Task Forces in School and Community Settings - \$500,000**

**DEADLINE – MAY 18, 2009**

This program supports an evaluation of safety materials used in school and community settings to educate children about Internet dangers.

### **Internet Crimes Against Children Research Grants - \$2 million**

**DEADLINE – MAY 14, 2009**

This program supports research and data collection to bolster our understanding of internet crimes

against children and to improve the investigation of these crimes.

### **National Internet Crimes Against Children Data System (NIDS) Project - \$800,000**

**DEADLINE – MAY 14, 2009**

This program will help further the Department's mission of helping state and local law enforcement agencies develop effective responses to online enticement of children by sexual predators, child exploitation, and child obscenity and pornography cases.

## **TRAINING/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE**

### **ICAC Task Force Training and Technical Assistance Grants - \$5.1 million**

**DEADLINE – MAY 14, 2009**

This program identifies and supports training providers that serve the Internet Crimes Against Children state and regional task forces.

## **HOW TO APPLY FOR GRANTS**

OJP encourages all interested applicants to register to apply for funding. Potential applicants need to obtain a DUNS (Data Universal Numbering System) number and register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) registrant database. A DUNS number is a unique number that identifies an organization and helps track the distribution of grant money. The CCR is a central repository of organizations working with the federal government.

Applications must be submitted through OJP's online Grants Management System (GMS).

To access the system, please visit:

<https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>. Registration with the OJP GMS is required prior to application submission. First-time applicants should begin the process immediately to meet the GMS registration deadline.

The registration process for organizations includes: (1) Obtaining a Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number; (2) Registering your organization with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database; and (3) Registering with GMS prior to applying. Applicants with existing GMS accounts do not need to re-register, rather they should use current user ids and passwords to access GMS.

Most state agencies and units of local government (towns, townships, villages, parishes, cities, counties, and other general purpose political

subdivisions of a state) have already established a DUNS number. First tier subawardees must also have a DUNS number and register with the CCR. Please check with your grants administrator or chief financial officer to see if your organization has a DUNS number. To obtain a DUNS number, call the Dun & Bradstreet (D&B) Customer Resource Center at 1-866-705-5711 or visit <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform/displayHomePage.do>.

To verify or renew a CCR registration, visit <http://www.ccr.gov>. If your organization is not registered with CCR, identify a primary contact who should register your organization. Keep in mind that your organization must receive a DUNS number before it can register with CCR. Organizations must update or renew their CCR registration at least once per year to maintain an active status. Please allow up to three weeks to complete the CCR registration process.

## **CONTACT OJP**

For more information about OJP Recovery Act programs, visit OJP's website frequently for updates (<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery>), or call (202) 307-0703.