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# **Joint NIDA-NIJ Initiative for Research on Retail Markets**

## **Deadlines**

All applications are due **February 23, 2007, 5:00 p.m. eastern standard time.**  
Potential applicants are asked to submit a letter of intent by **January 23, 2007.**

## **Contact Information**

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## Overview

The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, National Institute of Justice (NIJ) has partnered with the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) of the National Institutes of Health on a joint initiative for research on retail drug markets, with a particular focus on methamphetamine markets. The purpose of this effort is to solicit research that integrates epidemiology with behavioral and economic studies of the composition and dynamics of drug markets—including drug manufacture, sale, and use. This program furthers NIJ's mission by sponsoring research to provide objective, independent, evidence-based knowledge and tools to meet the challenges of crime and justice, at the Federal, State, and local levels.

We anticipate that up to \$1 million will be available for multiple NIDA and NIJ FY2007 grants, and that individual awards will range up to \$150,000 per year. All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds, and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. This document describes limitations, criteria, and requirements specific to NIJ awards. Instructions on how to apply can be found on NIDA's website at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/guide/rfa-files/RFA-DA-07-013.html>.

## Deadlines

Potential applicants must submit a letter of intent by 1/23/07. All applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. EST on 2/23/07 through grants.gov. Please refer to the NIDA RFA for instructions.

# **NIJ Specific Limitations, Criteria, and Requirements**

## **Eligibility**

In general, NIJ is authorized to make grants to, or enter into contracts or cooperative agreements with, States (including territories), local governments (including federally-recognized Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions), nonprofit organizations, profit organizations, institutions of higher education, and qualified individuals. Foreign governments or organizations are not eligible to apply.

## **What will not be funded**

1. Provision of training or direct service.
2. Proposals primarily to purchase equipment, materials, or supplies. (Your budget may include these items if they are necessary to conduct applied research, development, demonstration, evaluation, or analysis, but NIJ does not fund proposals that are primarily to purchase equipment.)
3. Work that will be funded under another specific solicitation.

## **Selection Criteria**

In addition to the criteria within the RFA posted on NIDA's website, successful applicants for NIJ funding must demonstrate the following:

### **Understanding of the problem and its importance.**

Beginning with a review of the literature and other evidence, applicants should demonstrate their understanding of the research and issues surrounding drug markets.

### **Quality and technical merit.**

1. Awareness of the state of current research.
2. Soundness of methodology and analytic and technical approach. (Applicants must specify and justify plans concerning research design, data collection protocols, any training, and data analysis.)
3. Feasibility of proposed project and awareness of pitfalls.
4. Innovation and creativity (when appropriate).

### **Impact of the proposed project.**

1. Potential for significant advances in scientific or technical understanding of the problem.
2. Potential for significant advances in the field.
3. Relevance for improving the policy and practice of criminal justice and related agencies and improving public safety, security, and quality of life.

### **Capabilities, demonstrated productivity, and experience of applicants.**

1. Qualifications and experience of proposed staff.
2. Demonstrated ability of proposed staff and organization to manage the effort.

3. Adequacy of the plan to manage the project, including how various tasks are subdivided and resources are used.
4. Successful past performance on NIJ grants and contracts (when applicable).

**Budget.**

1. Total cost of the project relative to the perceived benefit.
2. Appropriateness of the budget relative to the level of effort.
3. Use of existing resources to conserve costs.

**Dissemination strategy.**

1. Well-defined plan for the grant recipient to disseminate results to appropriate audiences, including researchers, practitioners, and policymakers.
2. Suggestions for print and electronic products NIJ might develop for practitioners and policymakers.

**Relevance of the project for policy and practice.**

Higher quality proposals clearly explain the practical implications of the project. They connect technical expertise with criminal justice policy and practice. To ensure that the project has strong relevance for policy and practice, some researchers and technologists collaborate with practitioners and policymakers. You may include letters showing support from practitioners, but they carry less weight than clear evidence that you understand why policymakers and practitioners would benefit from your work and how they would use it. While a partnership may affect State or local activities, it should also have broader implications for others across the country.

**Additional Requirements:**

Grants made by NIJ are subject to the following 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
- Non-profit Organizations
- Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
- Rights in Intellectual Property

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 <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm>.

If your proposal is funded, you will be required to submit several reports and other materials, including:

**Final substantive report:** The final report should be a comprehensive overview of the project and should include a detailed description of the project design, data, and methods; a full presentation of scientific findings; and a thorough discussion of the implications of the project findings for criminal justice practice and policy. It must contain an abstract of no more than 400 words and an executive summary of no more than 2,500 words.

A draft of the final report, abstract, and executive summary must be submitted 90 days before the end date of the grant. The draft final report will be peer reviewed upon submission. The reviews will be forwarded to the principal investigator with suggestions for revisions. The author must then submit the revised final report, abstract, and executive summary by the end date of the grant. The abstract, executive summary and final report must be submitted in both paper and electronic formats.

**Interim reports:** Grantees must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual progress reports, a final progress report, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with Office of Management and Budget Circular A-133. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent.

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