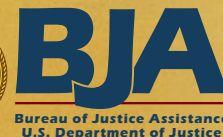


# THE BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

*The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs (OJP), disseminates state-of-the-art knowledge and practices across America's justice systems and provides grants at the national, state, local, and tribal level to fund the implementation of these crime-fighting strategies. BJA provides proven leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to make our nation's communities safer.*

For more information about BJA, visit [www.BJA.gov](http://www.BJA.gov).

To learn more about NTTAC or to submit a TTA request, visit [www.bjatrainning.org](http://www.bjatrainning.org) or call 1-855-BJA-TTAC.



## What BJA Can Offer You and Your Community

- National leadership to identify and develop effective evidence-based public safety models, policies, and practices for replication.
- No-cost expert training and technical assistance (TTA) for law enforcement, courts, corrections, treatment, reentry, justice information sharing, and community-based partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges across the nation.
- Excellent customer-focused grants management support and administration of national, state, local, and tribal grant programs.
- Death and education benefits to eligible survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other first responders, as well as disability benefits for eligible officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty.

## Find Grant Funding Opportunities with BJA

Each year BJA releases nearly 40 solicitations for grant applications on topics that span the criminal justice system and process. A complete listing of BJA's funding opportunities can be found at [www.BJA.gov](http://www.BJA.gov).

Here are some programs and initiatives that may be of interest to your community:

The **Justice Assistance Grant** (JAG) Program — the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions — provides critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution and courts, crime prevention and education, corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, and crime victim and witness initiatives.

Through the **Second Chance Act**, BJA supports reentry programs that provide needed training, treatment, and supervision to individuals as they attempt to re-enter society.

The **Byrne Criminal Justice Innovation** (BCJI) Program supports data and research-driven projects to build and enhance the capacity of communities to create comprehensive strategies to address priority crime problems.

Through the **Justice Reinvestment Initiative** (JRI), BJA uses a data-driven approach to reducing corrections and related criminal justice spending and reinvesting savings in strategies designed to increase public safety.

Through the **Field-Initiated Program**, BJA seeks to strengthen the criminal justice system and both prevent and reduce crime by creating opportunities in the field to identify, define, and respond to emerging or chronic crime problems and systematic issues faced by one or more components of the criminal justice system.

The goal of the **Smart Policing Initiative** (SPI) is to develop tactics, practices, and strategies that are effective, efficient, and economical—as measured by reduced crime and higher case closure rates—that benefit law enforcement agencies in this era of budget constraints and limited staffing. SPI seeks either to build on the concepts of offender-based and place-based (“hot spot”) policing by replicating evidence-based practices or to encourage exploration of new, unique solutions to public safety problems and criminogenic circumstances.

## Let BJA Assist YOU!

### National Training and Technical Assistance Center

If you or your agency is facing a unique criminal justice need, BJA may be able to provide no-cost assistance. The services, offered through BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC), include assistance with implementing evidence-based programs, curriculum development, data analysis, onsite and distance learning training, peer-to-peer visits, research and information requests, strategic planning, and more. NTTAC coordinates the provision of BJA's rapid, expert, and data-driven TTA to support practitioners as they work to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement in state, local, and tribal communities.

To submit a request for TTA services, organizations should complete the [TTA request application](#) form found on the NTTAC web site at [www.bjatraining.org](http://www.bjatraining.org).

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Protecting our officers is imperative and requires a holistic approach that includes extensive preparation through tactical training and continued efforts to promote and maintain officers' mental and emotional wellness, in addition to their physical health. In 2011, the Attorney General released the [Officer Safety Toolkit](#), designed to share resources with federal, state, local, and tribal law enforcement leaders in an effort to promote officer safety.

BJA's [Global Justice Information Sharing Initiative](#) (Global) supports national policy, practices, and technology solutions to improve information sharing capacity within the criminal justice community, while emphasizing the importance of privacy and civil liberty protections and improving safety in our communities.

## BJA WANTS You!

### NTTAC Providers

In pursuit of its objective to improve the knowledge, skills, and abilities of professionals working in the criminal justice field, BJA has made considerable investments in funding organizations, individuals, and projects that provide training to professionals seeking assistance. BJA engages a pool of providers who are willing and able to provide consistent, high-quality TTA to requestors. Providers are solicited through a number of venues and once selected, provider information is entered into a database to ensure that its organization can be matched to fulfill future TTA requests. To learn more about becoming a TTA provider for NTTAC, visit the [Tools and Information for Providers](#) page found on the NTTAC web site at [www.bjatraining.org](http://www.bjatraining.org).

### Peer Reviewers

BJA is currently seeking peer reviewers to assess grant applications. BJA needs peer reviewers from various regions who have diverse backgrounds and relevant subject matter expertise. If you are interested in becoming a peer reviewer, please submit an up-to-date resume or curriculum vitae, including a valid e-mail address, to: [Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov](mailto:Byrne.Discretionary@usdoj.gov). Please enter "Peer Reviewer Candidate Resume" in the subject line.

## BJA's Leadership

Denise E. O'Donnell was sworn in as the Director of BJA on June 6, 2011, after being nominated for the post by President Obama and confirmed by the United States Senate. Under the leadership of Director O'Donnell, the work of BJA is guided by one overarching principle: **"to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system."**

