

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

**FY24 OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS  
COMMUNITY-BASED VIOLENCE  
INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION  
INITIATIVE (CVIPI)**

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**BJA**  
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**This webinar will provide details and guidance for potential applicants to the following solicitation:**

**FY 2024 Office of Justice Programs Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Solicitation.**



**Have a copy of the solicitation available to follow along and take notes.**



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# Agenda

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SECTION 1

# PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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# FY24 Office of Justice Programs Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI)

- Provides funding to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs, including efforts to address gang and gun violence, based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations (CBOs), law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders.
- Furthers the DOJ's mission to ensure public safety and provide federal leadership in preventing and controlling crime.
- Supports OJP's mission to provide leadership, resources, and solutions for creating safe, just, and engaged communities.

# Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI)

- Led by the Office of the Assistant Attorney General (OAAG) at OJP, this initiative represents a partnership between:
  - Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)
  - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP)
  - Office for Victims of Crime (OVC)
  - National Institute of Justice (NIJ)

# Under this solicitation, OJP is seeking to make investments that advance the following principles:

- Targeted violence interventions and supports for those at highest risk of violence
- Community-centered and equity-focused
- Integration with public safety/public health
- Strategic, data-driven, and performance-focused



# BJA'S CVIPI Solicitation Categories

<b>1</b>	<b>CVIPI for Community-Based/Tribal Organizations</b>	<b>8-12 awards</b>	<b>Up to \$2M each</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>CVIPI for City/County/Tribal Governments</b>	<b>8-12 awards</b>	<b>Up to \$2M each</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>CVIPI for State Governments</b>	<b>4-5 awards</b>	<b>Up to \$4M each</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>CVIPI Capacity Building</b>	<b>3-4 awards</b>	<b>Up to \$4M each</b>

## SECTION 2

# ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



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# Category 1 and 2: CVIPI for Community-Based/Tribal Organizations and City/County/Tribal Governments

- Support efforts to develop, implement, expand, and/or enhance comprehensive CVI strategies that will maximize existing and new resources.
- Intended for organizations and local government entities at all stages of CVI implementation. Applicants not currently implementing CVI strategies may seek support to plan and start up new programs. Applicants currently implementing CVI strategies may seek support to expand or enhance the reach of existing services.
- Applicants should propose to undertake their work through a multidisciplinary team of stakeholders, which may be an existing, expanded, or new formal working group, committee, or collaboration.

# Category 1 and 2: CVIPI for Community-Based/Tribal Organizations and City/County/Tribal Governments

- Initial planning phase – up to 9 months
  - Key partners, including research partners, use data and information to design or refine approaches to addressing community violence that are based on evidence or test a theory of change. The team will produce a comprehensive Violence Reduction Strategic Plan that is informed by local data and any existing strategic plans.
- Research partner requirement
  - The research partner should be an active member of the working group, employ an action research method to implement the program and its strategies, identify and suggest evidence-based strategies to tailor to the community, and lead the identification and collection of key performance metrics to include ongoing program process and outcome assessments.
- Training and technical assistance (TTA) will be provided to grants made in these categories by the OJP-funded TTA provider.

# Category 1 and 2: CVIPI for Community-Based/Tribal Organizations and City/County/Tribal Governments

- Evaluation: Applicants under categories 1 and 2 are strongly encouraged to participate in a rigorous evaluation of their CVI strategy. The NIJ released a separate solicitation titled [NIJ FY24 Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative \(CVIPI\) Research and Evaluation](#). Interested applicants to Categories 1 and 2 should clearly indicate their interest in participating in an evaluation by noting this in the proposal abstract and naming the applicant organization that will separately apply to the NIJ solicitation. **OJP will prioritize funding for applications that also submit a paired proposal in response to the NIJ solicitation.**
- If applicants propose engaging with the same entity or individual to carry out the roles of research partner and evaluator under the NIJ solicitation, the applicant must budget separately for these roles in the respective applications and clearly describe methods for distinguishing these roles and maintaining objectivity and independence in the evaluation.

# Eligibility – Category 1: CVIPI for Community-Based/Tribal Organizations

- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- For-profit organizations, including small businesses
- Native American and Alaska Native tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)

# Eligibility – Category 2: CVIPI for City/County/ Tribal Governments

- City or township governments
- County governments
- Native American and Alaska Native tribal governments (federally recognized), Alaska Native Claims Settlement Act (ANCSA) Regional Corporations
- Special district governments
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- Independent school districts

# Deliverables

## 1 CVIPI for Community-Based/Tribal Organizations

## 2 CVIPI for City/County/Tribal Governments

The following deliverables must be addressed in the project design and implementation sections of the program narrative:

- Submit a full list of active working group members, as well as letters of commitment and/or MOUs, within the first 6 months of the date of the award.
- Develop or enhance a community-specific Violence Reduction Strategic Plan that is informed by available local data and existing plans, which should be used to guide the project.
- Submit a final report summarizing the activities of the CVIPI program, including successes and lessons learned, and future plans for the program no later than 90 days after the program end date. If the program includes a research partner as part of the working group, it is expected their programmatic process and/or outcome findings will be integrated into the final report.



# Category 3: CVIPI for State Governments

- Support state government agencies, and coordinate and support local-level CVI strategies through subawards across multiple communities in one or more jurisdictions within the state.
- Applicants may propose to (1) develop and implement new state-level strategies for supporting CVI implementation at the local level or (2) enhance or expand the reach of existing state-level strategies for supporting CVI implementation at the local level.
- Applicants should propose a multidisciplinary team of stakeholders. This team will be responsible for guiding the state's coordinated approach to supporting local-level CVI implementation. Applicants should include an attachment labeled "CVIPI Team" with the team participants' names and the names of their agencies.

# Deliverables

## 3 CVIPI for State Governments

Applicants to Category 3 must address the following deliverables in their proposal narratives in the project design and implementation section:

- Develop and implement a process for assessing and addressing the gaps in local government and CBOs' capacity to implement CVIPI projects. This process should include:
  - Conducting an assessment of the location and drivers of violence in the state, as well as an assessment of existing efforts and gaps in resources to meet these needs.
  - Engaging in strategic planning to identify community safety priorities.
- Support local implementation of CVI strategies through subawards.
- Complete a final report that includes: (a) description of the CVI strategies implemented; (b) an assessment of outcomes; (c) promising or effective practices; (d) common themes; (e) lessons learned and challenges encountered; and (f) recommendations for future CVI program development.

# Category 4: CVIPI Capacity Building Category

- OJP will fund up to four intermediary organizations, serving as fiscal agents, each of which will in turn identify and provide intensive TTA, oversight, and subawards to up to five CBOs over the course of the project period.
- Intermediary organizations may be national, regional, or more localized organizations with established capacity to work with CBOs, particularly those focused on underserved communities.
- Applicants must demonstrate deep knowledge and experience in one or more evidence-based CVI strategies, as well as expertise in connecting with victims and survivors, as a critical component of this work.
- Intermediary organizations may be comprised of multiple collaborating entities that collectively possess the range of skills and expertise necessary to administer the subawards. Such arrangements must identify a lead applicant (fiscal agent) and clearly describe a management plan for coordinating across the collaborating entities.

# Category 4: CVIPI Capacity Building Category

- OJP is open to a range of models to be used by intermediary organizations serving as fiscal agents. The organization may focus on CBOs in a particular city or region, or it may have a more national scope.
- The intermediary organization is expected to competitively award subawards in collaboration with OJP and provide TTA support to CBOs implementing new CVI programs or expanding existing programs. The subawards are expected to range between \$100,000 and \$250,000.
- CBOs will use the funding to increase their capacity and workforce development in support of community violence interventions.
- Subawards to CBOs may include salary support, equipment, materials, training opportunities, and travel costs associated with TTA. Funds may also be used for developing curricula, assessment tools, or organizational policies and procedures such as wellness plans to support CVI staff.

# Eligibility – Category 4: CVIPI Capacity Building for CBOs via Intermediary Organizations

- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- For-profit organizations, including small businesses

# Deliverables

## 4 CVIPI Capacity Building

- Develop, in collaboration with OJP, a solicitation or request for proposals with agreed-upon selection criteria and in accordance with state, local, and OJP regulations.
- Develop and host, in collaboration with OJP, a pre-application solicitation webinar for potential applicants.
- Conduct a CBO selection process, in collaboration with and approval from BJA, to identify and award subrecipient sites as part of a subaward process. This CBO selection process should ensure that each of the selected CBOs meet the following criteria:
  - CBO identifies at least one CVI strategy it is planning to initiate or that is already operational in the jurisdiction.
  - CBO clearly identifies the resources needed to support the CVI strategy and build capacity.
  - CBO demonstrates capacity and willingness to work collaboratively with the TTA provider.

# Deliverables

## 4 CVIPI Capacity Building

Once the subawards are made, the successful awardee will:

- Conduct meetings with subrecipient CBOs on a periodic basis and memorialize the proceedings with meeting notes, transcripts, and/or recordings.
- Complete capacity needs assessments for each participating CBO and work with the CBO to prepare a capacity development plan that is tailored to its current capacity, resources, and community conditions (e.g., violence levels, other existing services or partners). The capacity development plan will guide the TTA provided by the intermediary organization, and it will be reviewed and updated as necessary during the project period.
- Conduct regional and/or topical meetings across site-based localities on common issue areas. These meetings should include existing subject matter experts and material from DOJ programs and initiatives, including but not limited to OVC, OJJDP, and BJA programs related to community violence intervention.

# Deliverables

## 4 CVIPI Capacity Building

- Establish and maintain an online resource to allow subrecipients and other interested parties to search and access any knowledge products (e.g., reports, research briefs, webinars, or podcasts) created by the intermediary organization and other relevant, existing knowledge products related to CVI strategies.
- Complete a final report that includes: (a) a clear summary description of CVI strategies supported by the subrecipients, (b) assessment of outcomes, (c) identification of promising or effective practices, (d) common themes that emerge across strategies, (e) lessons learned and challenges encountered, and (f) recommendations for future CVI program development. This report should emphasize an evidence-informed assessment framework that is attentive to the contextual factors at the participating CBOs.



# Priority Considerations for All Categories

- Priority considerations supporting Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*
  - Applications that include project(s) that will promote racial equity, the removal of barriers to access, and opportunity for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, and adversely affected by inequality when making award decisions.
  - Applicants that demonstrate that their capabilities and competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they (or at least one proposed subrecipient that will receive at least 40% of the requested award funding as demonstrated in the budget) identify as a culturally specific organization.
- Applications from communities with documented high and/or increasing levels of homicides per capita. Applicants should include documentation in the proposal narrative.
- Applicants that can demonstrate existing partnerships with multidisciplinary team stakeholder members (i.e., letters of commitment and/or MOU) will receive priority consideration and should include the attachment labeled “CVIPI Team” with the names of participants on the team and the names of their agencies.
- Applicants proposing a companion evaluation application under the NIJ solicitation.

# Additional Resources:

When looking to identify best practices that are evidence based, some excellent resources that might support your particular community-based strategy include:

- The [OJP Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative](#) webpage provides key information regarding the initiative. BJA's website also includes additional resources, including an implementation checklist, an overview of CVI Guiding Principles, a glossary of terms related to CVI strategies, and additional relevant materials.
- The [CVIPI Resource and Field Support Center](#) (the Center) provides resources and tools to support communities looking to plan and/or implement CVI approaches and TTA support from professionals experienced in community-based violence intervention and prevention work. The Center offers technical assistance to CBOs, tribal organizations, city, county, and tribal governments that are interested in pursuing CVI strategies but are currently not funded by CVIPI. The Center's resource library that provides resources and tools to support communities looking to plan and/or implement CVI approaches and TTA support from professionals experienced in community-based violence intervention and prevention work.

# What an Application Should Include

**Abstract** - A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project, including primary activities, products and deliverables, the service area, and who will benefit from the proposed project, will be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. Abstracts should not repeat the terms and descriptions used in the solicitation but should be specific and clearly state what is being implemented related to work proposed in the project and be written for a general public audience.

**Project Narrative** – A project narrative that includes the following:

1. Description of the Issue
2. Project Design and Implementation
3. Capabilities and Competencies
4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation's Performance Measures

Budget and Associated Documentation

- **Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)**. Applicants will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. The amount of the federal request should match the federal request amount on the SF-424.

# Additional Application Components

- Timeline
- Documentation of Proposed Subrecipients
- Staff Résumés and/or Position Descriptions and Qualifications Relative to their Job Roles
- CVIPI Team, Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs), Letters of Support, and Other Supportive Documents
- Organizational Chart

# Additional Application Components

- Tribal Authorizing Resolution
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity
- Disclosures and Assurances
  - Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
  - Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items
  - DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
  - DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements
  - Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)

# Basic Minimum Requirements

The following application elements **must** be included in the application to meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Worksheet (web-based form, which includes the budget details and the budget narrative)
- Timeline

# BJA Application Review Process

- Applications are reviewed to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements as stated in the solicitation.
- All applications meeting basic minimum requirements are moved forward to peer review.
- Applications are peer reviewed by a panel of three external subject matter expert reviewers.
- The peer-reviewed scores are presented to the BJA program representative.
- BJA staff work with OJP colleagues to provide scoring results with recommendations for funding to OJP leadership.
- The BJA Director makes the final decision and submits the recommended applications to the Principal Deputy Assistant Attorney General at the OJP.

# Dual Deadlines - BJA

Applications will be submitted in a new two-step process, each with its own deadline:

- Step 1: Applicants submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov). **BJA Grants.gov Deadline: May 30, 2024, 8:59 p.m. Eastern**
- Step 2: Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov). Read the solicitation document carefully for further guidance. **BJA JustGrants Deadline: June 10, 2024, 8:59 p.m. Eastern**



# Application Assistance

## Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL**.
  - **Customer Support Hotline:** 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035  
Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
  - **Email**
    - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
    - [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

## JustGrants

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).
- **Customer Support Hotline:** 833-872-5175
  - Monday – Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. ET
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  - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
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# Application Assistance and Support

## OJP Response Center

Provides solicitation support and general assistance.

- **Email** – [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)
- **Web chat** – <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- **Toll free** at 800–851–3420
- **TTY** at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

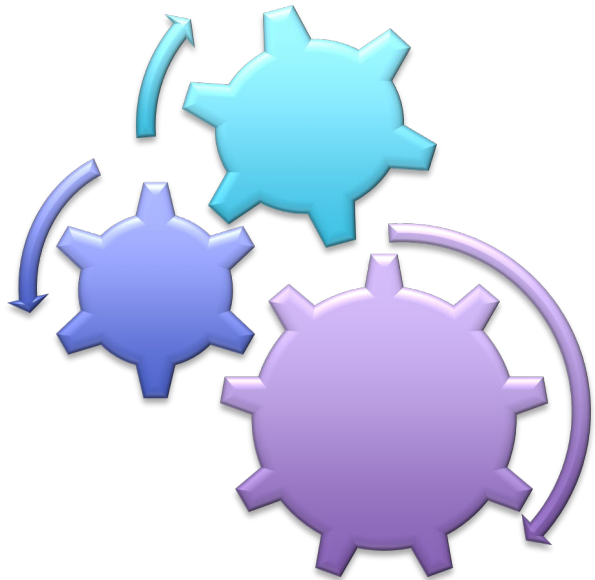
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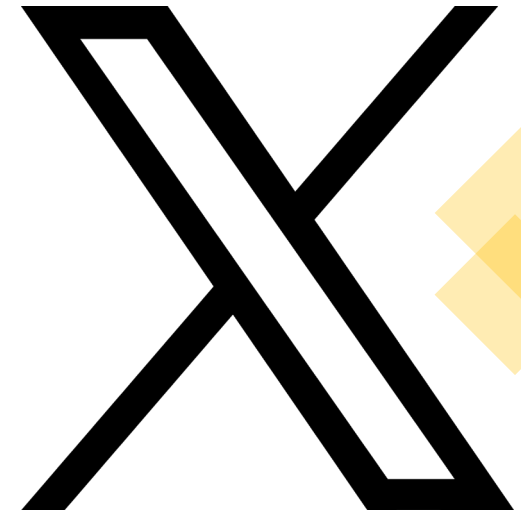
# Application Dos and Don'ts



- Use simple and concise language.
- Ensure information is presentable and organized.
- Add tables, graphs, staff photos, and other images, when possible, while being mindful of grant guidelines.
- Be realistic about how you will achieve goals.
- Get feedback from those who may run the project.
- Make sure the proposal is consistent with the solicitation.
- Check, recheck, and check again—budget, grant requirements, references, and other grant details.

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# NIJ FY24 Community-Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) Research and Evaluation

**Funding Opportunity ID:** O-NIJ-2024-172060

**Posting Date:** April 3, 2024

**Grants.gov Submission Deadline:** June 18, 2024

**Grants.gov Deadline:** June 18, 2024

**Closing Date:** July 2, 2024

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  - NIJ fosters and disseminates knowledge and tools derived from objective and rigorous scientific research to inform efforts to promote safety and advance justice.
  - The primary role of NIJ in CVIPI is to support independent, rigorous evaluations of projects funded under the OJP CVIPI solicitation.

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# NIJ Solicitation Categories

- **This solicitation includes two funding categories:**
  - 1) Evaluation research of programmatic sites funded under the OJP FY23 and FY24 CVIPI solicitations.
  - 2) Evaluation research of other community-violence programs.
- **Under both categories, NIJ will consider proposals to conduct either:**
  - Rigorous independent outcome and/or impact evaluations, that must include components of a process or implementation evaluation in order to measure program implementation fidelity.
  - Foundational evaluation work that lays the groundwork for future rigorous outcome and impact evaluations that must include either:
    - A developmental evaluation **or**
    - Formative evaluation and process evaluation which can include an impact evaluability assessment.



## Funding Category 1: Evaluation research of programmatic sites funded under the OJP FY23 and FY24 CVIPI solicitations

- Total number of awards will be determined by the number of applications received and their merit.
- Funding available up to \$5,000,000 for multiple awards.
- To be funded as grants.
- Performance period begins January 1, 2025, for up to 60 months.
- Formative or process evaluations.
- Outcome and impact evaluations (with program implementation).





# Funding Category 1: Partnering with Selected OJP-Funded Program Sites

- Category 1 applications are to be developed in collaboration with the following programs:

Funded under  
OJP FY23  
Categories 1-2

OR

Submitted applications for  
funding under FY24 OJP  
CVIPI Categories 1 or 2

- **CVIPI program sites funded in FY23 Categories 1-2**
  - FY23 BJA Funded awards
  - Map of FY23 (& FY22) Grantees
- **All qualifying CVIPI programs applying under FY24 OJP CVIPI solicitation Categories 1 or 2 are eligible**
  - FY24 OJP CVIPI Solicitation



## Funding Category 2: Evaluation research of other community-violence programs.

- Total number of awards will be determined by the number of applications received and their merit.
- Funding available up to \$1,000,000 for multiple awards.
- To be funded as grants.
- Outcome and impact evaluations (with program implementation).
- Build on evidence of CVIPI program impact.
- Applications are to be developed in collaboration with programs that were not funded under the OJP FY22 or FY23 CVIPI programmatic solicitations or those applying for funding under OJP FY24 CVIPI programmatic solicitation.



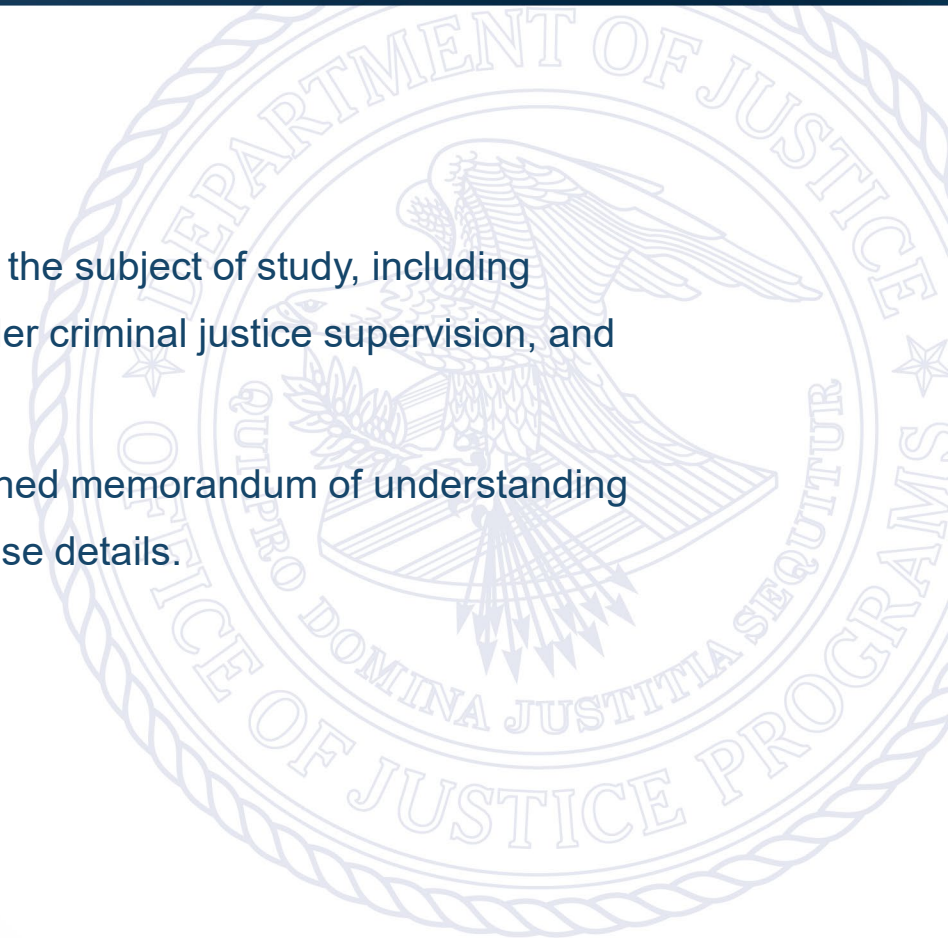
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Applicants should demonstrate **meaningful engagement** with the people closest to the subject of study, including practitioners as well as community members representing crime victims, people under criminal justice supervision, and members of high-crime communities.

Applicants must clearly document **collaboration** with programmatic site(s) via a signed memorandum of understanding (MOU) or a letter of support with commitment to the project and clear data sharing use details.

Application should address **deliverables**:

- Final Research Report
- Research Impact Brief
- Interim Study Report with Preliminary Findings (encouraged)
- Required Data Sets and adherence to NIJ Data Archiving Plan
- Scholarly Products



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