



Recovery Act:
Federal Grant Opportunities
for
Law Enforcement Agencies

Federal Recovery Act



- Stated purposes:
 - To preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery;
 - To assist those most impacted by the recession;
 - To provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health;
 - To invest in transportation, environmental protection, and other infrastructure that will provide long-term benefits;
 - To stabilize state and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive state and local tax increases.

Three Opportunities:

- **COPS Hiring Recovery Program**
 - Application due **April 14, 2009.**
 - **\$1 Billion available.**
- Recovery Act: **Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Program**
 - Application due **April 22, 2009.**
 - **\$125 Million available.**
- Recovery Act: **Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program**
 - Application due **April 27, 2009.**
 - **\$225 Million available.**

Applications for all **Federal Grants** require:

- Submissions to be done **online** at designated web site.
- Law enforcement agency must have:
 - *ORI* number which is used as your User Name for online applications.
 - *DUNS* (Data Universal Numbering System)
 - To obtain or verify number visit www.dnb.com/us.
 - *Central Contractor Registration (CCR)* – is the repository for standard information about federal financial assistance applicants, recipients, and sub-recipients. Go to www.ccr.gov to register.
 - Must update or renew their CCR at least once per year.

COPS Hiring Recovery Program (CHRP)

- Application due **April 14, 2009.**
- **Competitive grant program.**
- **Applications accepted only online at www.cops.usdoj.gov**
 - Visit the “Account Access” portion of the COPS website to determine if your agency currently has an active online account and/or how to create one.
 - While online verify that your agency’s Law Enforcement and Government Executive information and contact information is current.

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Assistance to Rural Law Enforcement to Combat Crime and Drugs Program

- Application due by 8:00 pm Eastern Time **April 22, 2009.**
- **Competitive grant program.**
- Applications accepted only online at the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Grants Management System (GMS) **not the DCJS Grants Management System.**
- To access GMS go to <https://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov>.
- Step-by-step guidance for using the OJP GMS can be found at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/gmscbt.

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- *Application guidelines are at*
<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>
- *Required for application*
 - DUNS number
 - Central Contractor Registration (CCR) –
www.ccr.gov.
- *Eligibility*
 - Based upon the Federal definition of “rural areas”

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- *Definition of “rural areas”*
 - A jurisdiction that is not located in a metropolitan statistical area (MSA). **Or,**
 - A jurisdiction that is located in a MSA, but has a population **less than 50,000**. A list of the MSAs for New York State follows this slide.
 - **AND**, that the unit of local government **has not** received a direct allocation **that was \$50,000 or less** from the **Recovery Act Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)**.

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- Complete list of units of local government who can receive the **JAG Direct Award** is found at www.ojp.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html
- For purposes of this solicitation, state and local law enforcement agencies include state and local prosecutors, parole, probation, and community corrections agencies.
- Length of project period **may not exceed two years** and should **start** on or after **August 1, 2009**.

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- *Award Categories*

- Applicants may submit a proposal under any one of the following categories:
 - Category I: Combating Rural Crime
 - Category II: Improving Rural Law Enforcement Investigations
 - Category III: Enhancing Rural Detention and Jail Operations
 - Category IV: Facilitating Rural Justice Information Sharing
 - Category V: Training and Technical Assistance
- Applicants must **clearly indicate** in the abstract and on the first page of the program narrative **which category** they are applying under.

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- *How to Apply*
 - Use Federal Office of Justice Program's (OJP) Grants Management System
 - Begin process ahead of time especially if this is a first time on the system
 - OJP **will not** review any application with attachments in Microsoft Vista or Microsoft 2007 format.
 - Make sure documents are saved using "Word97-2003" Document.
 - Include Recovery Act CFDA number: **16.810**

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- **Federal GMS Hotline Assist**

Contact Information – for assistance on this solicitation contact BJA toll-free at 1-866-859-2687 or for the categories:

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V. Training and Technical Assistance	Lon McDougal	Lonnie.R.McDougal@usdoj.gov	202.307.3678

Recovery Act: **Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program**

- Applications due by 8:00 pm Eastern Time **April 27, 2009.**
- **Competitive grant program.**
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- **Grant Program Guidelines at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>**
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- *Required for application*
 - DUNS number
 - Central Contractor Registration (CCR) – www.ccr.gov.
- *Eligibility*
 - National, regional, state, and local public and private entities,
 - including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations
 - Institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions
 - Units of local government to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, provide assistance to victims of crime
 - American Indian Tribes – read qualifiers

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- *Amount and Length of Awards*
 - Amount to be determined by what is available.
 - Part time positions can be covered.
 - No Match.
 - Project start dates should be on or after **July 31, 2009 for up to 24 months.**
- *Limitation on Use of Award Funds* – check on requirements (page 8 of application guidelines)
- Check on specific requirements of Recovery Act (pages 9 -12)

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- *Award Categories – applicants may submit their proposal under any one of the following **eight** categories.*
 - Should a proposal **span multiple categories**, identify one category which best describes the project.
 - **Do not submit duplicate proposals** to multiple categories.
 - An applicant **may submit more than one** proposal as long as the **applications are different**.

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- **Category I:** Comprehensive Community-Based Data Driven Approaches to Preventing and Reducing Violent Crime
 - Comprehensive, community-based data driven approaches are required to reduce violent crime. **Must be an approved Weed & Seed program to apply under Category I.**
 - Initiatives in this area may include replication and expansion of promising models.
 - Close coordination with federal agencies, including local U.S. Attorney's Offices, is strongly encouraged for applicants under this category.
 - See the FAQs on the Byrne website for more information on programs available for replication.
 - Hiring and retention of staff for project, to include law enforcement officers, analysts, and community workers to reduce violent crime, including gang and gun violence is allowable and encouraged within this category.

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- **Category II:** Providing for Funding of Neighborhood Probation and Parole Officers.
 - To increase the number of neighborhood-based probation, parole, and community correction officers.
 - Initiatives should demonstrate how officers will play a key role in both aiding prisoner reentry and in preventing crime.
 - Refer to FAQs on BJA website.

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- **Category III:** Reducing Mortgage Fraud and Crime Related to Vacant Properties
 - To increase the number of state and local investigators, prosecutors, and crime prevention practitioners, and to support innovative efforts such as regional mortgage fraud task forces that give states and localities tools to address mortgage fraud.
 - Close coordination with federal agencies, including local Federal Bureau of Investigations and U.S. Attorney's Offices, is **required** for applicants under this category.
 - Priority will be given to applicants from the top 15 states with highest level of mortgage fraud activity.
 - 1. Rhode Island 2. Florida 3. Illinois 4. Georgia 5. Maryland 6. **New York** 7. Michigan 8. California 9. Missouri 10. Colorado 11. Tennessee 12. New Jersey 13. Washington 14. Minnesota 15. New Hampshire

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- **Category IV:** Hiring of Civilian Staff in Law Enforcement Agencies
 - To hire civilian staff in law enforcement agencies.
 - Personnel in this category include but are not limited to civilian crime and intelligence analysts, dispatchers, and training staff to support law enforcement with the goal of making sworn law enforcement more available on the street in an effort to reduce and prevent crime.
 - Personnel in this category may not be used for administrative or clerical support.
 - Clearly document how personnel will be used within law enforcement operations and define expected outcomes of the implementation.

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- **Category V:** Enhancing Forensic and Crime Scene Investigations
 - State and local criminal justice agencies to hire sworn and non-sworn crime scene investigators and computer forensic analysts.
 - Existing and accredited public laboratories for hiring and retaining more DNA and other forensic evidence analysts.
 - Staff resources will be devoted to cases requiring investigative and forensics expertise such as violent crime cases or child exploitation cases.
 - Also may consider hiring crime laboratory crime evidence coordinators to manage the flow of evidentiary information among laboratories, law enforcement, and prosecutors.

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- **Category VI: Improving Resources and Services for Victims of Crimes**
 - To develop new and enhance existing resources/services (other than compensation) available to all crime victims and their families especially in underserved populations.
 - Areas of concentration should include all types of crimes such as criminal fraud/identity, hate crimes, domestic violence, and physical and sexual child abuse and exploitation.
 - Services may include assistance to victim through staffing domestic violence shelters, advocacy centers, hotlines, peer support, etc.

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- **Category VII: Supporting Problem-Solving Courts**

- For state or local courts systems to implement or enhance a problem-solving court such as a community court, to include hiring of personnel. There are two areas of solicitations.
- **First area of solicitation** – the goal of this initiative is to reduce the conflicts, gaps, and inconsistencies that can be created by inefficient court operations and multiple problem-solving courts within a jurisdiction. Resource for this area: www.courtinnovation.org.
- Essential elements of the program are:
 - Engaging the community in defining the issues to be addressed and building strong links to citizens, schools, and community groups.
 - Establishing pretrial screening, assessment, pre-adjudication diversion, and close supervision of offenders
 - Establishing effective links between criminal justice system and community social service organizations that lead to diverse sentencing options and access to appropriate community resources.

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- **Category VII: Supporting Problem-Solving Courts con't.**
 - **Second area of solicitation** is for local jurisdictions **to implement or enhance community prosecution** in their jurisdictions, including hiring of local, neighborhood-based prosecutors in order to support innovative problem-solving strategies.
 - The goal of this initiative is to strengthen links between the criminal justice system and the community, to promote partnerships among local agencies, and to encourage the development of problem-solving strategies for prosecution and crime prevention.
 - Must use BJA's key principles of Community Prosecution in the application design.
 - Resource www.ndaa.org.

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- **Category VIII: National Training and Technical Assistance Partnership**

- **Two areas of solicitation.**
- **First area** of solicitation is for a national organization to work collaboratively with the State Administering Agencies (SAAs) to assist states in developing their state-wide plans to include the proper use of the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program funds and other funds.
 - Assist states in the use of evidence-based practices and data-driven strategies.
- Applications not to exceed \$1 million.
- **Second area of solicitation** is for multiple national partner organizations to provide training, technical assistance, public awareness, and outreach strategies.
- Refer to BJA website for further information.

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- **Review the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs).**

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