



FY 2018 Grant Application Information

1. Strategies for Policing Innovation Program:

Applications Due: May 21, 2018 at 7:59 PM, EDT

The Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is currently accepting grant applications for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2018 Strategies for Policing Innovation (SPI) Program.

Part of the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) program, SPI is a competitive grant program that provides resources and opportunities to enable law enforcement agencies to identify and define their most challenging crime issues and institute lasting operational and organizational changes within their agencies.

Who is Eligible to Apply for this Grant?

All state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies are eligible to apply. Applicants are welcome to name two or more agencies that will carry out the grant; however, only one entity may serve as the applicant. Entities may only submit one application per agency but may be listed as additional grant recipients (i.e., “subgrantees”) in more than one application.

Goals, Requirements and Objectives:

Goals & Objectives¹:

- Assist law enforcement in confronting public safety challenges with problem-solving approaches that are data-driven, evidence-based, effective, and efficient.
- Identify, support, and test innovative tactics, practices, and strategies, as well as to explore new, research-based solutions to public safety problems.

Application Requirements:

- Applicants can apply for two Purpose Areas: Purpose Area 1 (**Supporting Innovation**) and Purpose Area 2 (**Responding to Precipitous Increases in Crime**)

Purpose Area 1 (Grants for law enforcement agencies interested in developing innovative, data-driven approaches to challenges they currently confront.)

- Applicants are strongly encouraged to focus on issues including innovative approaches to:
 - Investigating prescription and/or illegal drug overdose and deaths, especially as they relate to the identification of culpable distributors;
 - Using predictive analytics and approaches to address violent crime;
 - Engaging communities in crime prevention and reduction efforts, in particular, with emphasis on targeting criminal violent gangs;

¹ More information on these objectives can be found on pages 6-10 of the [SPI Application Information](#).



- Increasing the investigative analytical capacity within a law enforcement agency;
- Reducing chronic violent crime in a specific community; and
- Dealing with violent offenders and are intended to decrease the risk of harm to first responders and increase officer safety.

Purpose Area 2 (Grants for agencies experiencing extraordinary increases in crime or in a type of crime within their jurisdiction and want to test strategies to respond to those increases.)²

- Strategies proposed under Purpose Area 2 may address the issues described in Purpose Area 1; however, applicants must clearly identify how the applied-for funding will directly address an extraordinary increase in crime in the applicant's jurisdiction.

Deadline:

Applications must be submitted via the Grants.gov Online Application System by **7:59 PM, EDT, on May 21, 2018** to be considered for FY 2018 SPI funding.

Application and Related Materials:

- To access the SPI Grant Application, click [here](#) and search CFDA Number: 16.738 in the search criteria on the left side of the page. Then, select the correct Competition ID:
 - Purpose Area 1: Supporting Innovation. **Competition ID: BJA-2018-13893**
 - Purpose Area 2: Responding to Precipitous Increases in Crime: **Competition ID: BJA-2018-13894**
- To view the online application process and instructions, click [here](#).
- To view the Planning and Implementation guide, click [here](#).

For those needing technical assistance, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline: 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035.

Other DOJ Grants Available:

In addition to the SPI grant, there are other DOJ grants (available from the BJA and the COPS Office) open for application on the grant.gov website, [here](#).

*In order to access the BJA grant (the Body Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program), search CFDA Number: 16.735 in the search criteria on the left side of the page. In order to access the COPS Office grants, search CFDA Number: 16.710 in the search criteria on the left side of the page. Then, select your preferred grant. More information about each available grant is included below.

² Of particular interest to BJA are projects that propose to examine and respond to increases in violent crime.

- **FY 2018 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program (BWC PIP)**
 - Application is due on May 31, 2018 at 11:59 p.m. EDT.
 - The BWC PIP grant is open to law enforcement agencies seeking to create, establish, or enhance BWC policy and implementation programs. The BWC PIP provides funds integral to developing and implementing policies and practices including purchase, deployment and maintenance of camera systems and equipment; data storage and access; and privacy considerations.
 - More information about BWC PIP can be found [here](#).

- **FY 2018 COPS Anti-Heroin Task Force (AHTF) Program**
 - Application is due on June 27, 2018 at 7:59 p.m. EDT.
 - The AHTF grant is open to state law enforcement agencies that operate in multiple jurisdictions. To be considered, COPS AHTF program applicants must: have primary authority of state seizures of heroin and other opioids; have high per capital levels of primary treatment admissions for both heroin and other opioids; and use the funds for investigative purposes to locate or investigate illicit activities related to the distribution of heroin or the unlawful distribution of prescription opioids.
 - More information about the AHTF Program can be found [here](#).

- **FY 2018 COPS Anti-Methamphetamine Program (CAMP)**
 - Application is due on June 27, 2018 at 7:59 p.m. EDT.
 - The CAMP Program is open to law enforcement agencies that operate in multiple jurisdictions. Agencies that plan to participate in anti-methamphetamine task forces across these jurisdictions will be given additional consideration. Funds must be used to investigate activities related to the manufacture and distribution of methamphetamine.
 - More information about the CAMP Program can be found [here](#).