



## WHAT IS THE RURAL VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION INITIATIVE?

The Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (RVCRI), funded by the Bureau of Justice Assistance, provides microgrants and training and technical assistance (TTA) support to law enforcement agencies addressing violent crime challenges in rural areas.<sup>1</sup> Microgrants can support various aspects of policing including improving investigations, implementing violent crime reduction strategies, and enhancing collaboration between local stakeholders. Awards are competitive in nature and can range from \$25,000 - \$150,000. Microgrants can be used to:

- Train, hire, or deploy personnel to address violent crime
- Expand victim services, community-based crime prevention programs, and partnerships
- Enhance crime analysis capacity
- Implement problem-oriented policing strategies
- Improve stakeholder collaboration and communication
- Purchase and deploy technology that directly addresses violent crime

## WHAT MAKES RVCRI DIFFERENT?

This program is specifically designed to support rural and tribal law enforcement agencies. Awardees will have access to:

- Tailored TTA from subject matter experts to ensure successful strategy implementation
- Support from and access to a TTA provider dedicated to helping agencies navigate the grant and reimbursement process
- No-cost training opportunities, knowledge-sharing events, peer-to-peer networking, and resources

## HOW CAN I BECOME A RVCRI MICROGRANTEE?



Are you a publicly funded law enforcement agency addressing a violent crime problem in a rural area?

If you answered yes, you may be eligible for a RVCRI microgrant. Visit the RVCRI website at [www.RuralVCRI.org](http://www.RuralVCRI.org) to learn more and apply! A completed application only requires three things:

- Responses to all application questions
- Brief project narrative describing the problem your agency looking to address, how you will approach it, and how you will assess any impacts
- Budget outlining the total amount of funding and funding categories how you will approach it, and how you will assess any impacts

## WHERE CAN I CONTACT YOU?

Have any questions? Reach out to the RVCRI team. We can help determine eligibility, assist with the application process, provide TTA, support implementation, and much more!

Email the RVCRI team at: [RuralVCRI@policinginstitute.org](mailto:RuralVCRI@policinginstitute.org) or fill out our Contact Us Form on our website at: [www.RuralVCRI.org](http://www.RuralVCRI.org)

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