



Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative Solicitation Webinar

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Webinar Logistics

- Webinar is being recorded
- Webinar evaluation
- Polls
- Questions and Answers

Agenda

- What is the Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (RVCRI)?
- Who is the RVCRI team?
- Who is eligible to apply for a RVCRI grant?
- What are the responsibilities of RVCRI grantees?
- How do I apply to be a RVCRI grantee?
- What are allowable costs under the RVCRI?
- When are RVCRI applications due?
- How can I contact the RVCRI team?

Poll: Has your agency received any kind of grant funding in the past?

What is the RVCRI?

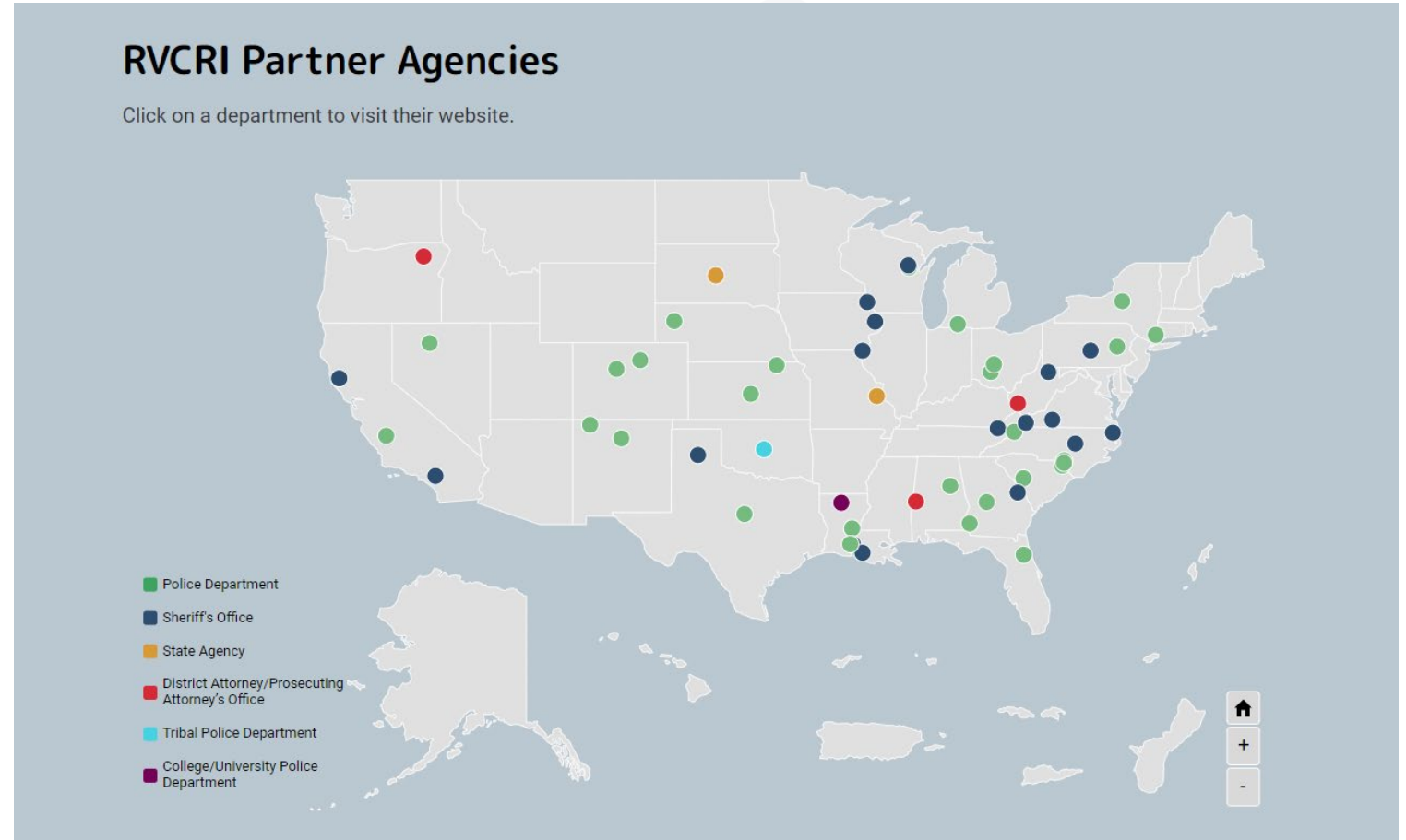
- A competitive grant and training and technical assistance (TTA) program to support law enforcement agencies addressing violent crime challenges in rural areas.
- Grants can support various aspects of policing including improving investigations, implementing violent crime reduction strategies, and enhancing collaboration between local stakeholders.
- The objectives of the RVCRI are to:
 - Assist agencies in addressing identified rural crime problems
 - Fund and help deploy agency resources such as personnel, services, or analytical tools
 - Document how personnel and resources will be used in furtherance of an area's crime reduction strategies; and
 - Track project outcomes to determine if the violent crime reduction strategy (or strategies) have had an impact.

What is the RVCRI?

- Awards are competitive in nature and can range from \$25,000 - \$150,000 and will cover a maximum 24-month period.
- Grants 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 is the RVCRI?

- 21 BJA Direct Funded Grantees
- 33 Grantees under the Institute and LISC
- Police Departments, Sheriff's Offices, Tribal Law Enforcement Agencies, Prosecutors/District Attorney's Offices, College/University Police Departments, and State Agencies
- Implementing a range of initiatives



What is the Office of Justice Programs?

- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Office of Justice Programs

BJA - Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ - National Institute of Justice

OVC - Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SMART - Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and Tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.



Bureau of Justice Assistance
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Appointed by President Biden in February 2022, Director Moore leads BJA's programmatic and policy efforts on providing a wide range of resources, including training and technical assistance, to law enforcement, courts, corrections, treatment, reentry, justice information sharing, and community-based partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges nationwide.

Policy Office

provides national leadership to criminal justice organizations that partner with BJA to identify effective program models for replication and infuse data-driven, evidence-based strategies into operational models, practices, and programs.

Programs Office

administers state, local, tribal, and territorial grant programs. It acts as BJA's direct line of communication to states, local jurisdictions, territories, and tribal governments by providing customer-focused grants management support and careful stewardship over federal funds.

Operations Office

coordinates all communication, formulates and executes the budget, manages contracts, measures grantees' performance, and provides administrative support to BJA.

Public Safety Officer Benefits Office

provides death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers, and disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty.

**BJA Director
Karhlton F. Moore**

Five Major Strategic Focus Areas

Improve public safety through measures which build trust with the community and ensure an effective criminal justice system

Reduction in recidivism and prevention of unnecessary confinement and interactions with the criminal justice system

Integration of evidence-based, research-driven strategies into the day-to-day operations of BJA and the programs BJA administers and supports

Increasing program effectiveness with a renewed emphasis on data analysis, information sharing, and performance management

Ensuring organizational excellence through outstanding administration and oversight of all of BJA's strategic investments

Fund – Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals.

Educate – Research, develop, and deliver what works.

Equip – Create tools and products to build capacity and improve outcomes.

Partner – Consult, connect, and convene.

Who is the RVCRI team?

- **The Institute:**

- Dedicated to advancing policing through innovation and scientific research
- Envisions police and communities working together to implement best practices that are informed or supported by research, resulting in safe, healthy, economically thriving, and mutually trusting communities



Who is the RVCRI team?

- **Small and Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association (SRLEEA):**
 - Dedicated solely to supporting and promoting law enforcement executives and agencies that serve small, rural, and tribal communities
 - Strengthen, unite, and raise the capacity of small, rural, and tribal law enforcement leaders and agencies



Who is the RVCRI team?

- **Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC):**
 - Investor, capacity builder, convener and innovator
 - National non-profit that works through a network of local offices and community partners to provide loans, grants and equity investments along with tailored technical assistance.
 - Comprehensive community and economic investments in areas such as housing, businesses, safety, public spaces, schools, health centers and more that catalyzes opportunities in communities nationwide.
 - [Rural program](#) that serves over 2,400 rural counties across 45 states

LISC

Who is the RVCRI team?

- The RVCRI team will:
 - Provide comprehensive recommendations to ensure key strategic elements of the proposal are addressed
 - Create a repository of evidence-based best practices – www.RuralVCRI.org, which will be updated on a regular basis
 - Support the establishment of clear data collection processes to measure outcomes
 - Provide grant management support
 - Conduct regular meetings to track progress and identify TTA and peer learning opportunities. TTA and peer learning opportunities may include, but are not limited to:
 - Implementing community engagement strategies
 - Implementing problem-solving models and problem-oriented policing
 - Strengthening collaborative partnerships
 - Enhancing crime analysis capacity
 - Hiring and deploying personnel
 - Purchasing and deploying technology

Who is eligible to be a RVCRI grantee?

- Any:
 - Publicly funded rural law enforcement agency;
 - Local or county law enforcement agency serving rural populations;
 - Federally recognized tribal law enforcement agency; or
 - Rural county prosecutor's office

addressing a rural violent crime problem

- An agency's service area does not need to be exclusively rural, but must serve a rural area within its jurisdiction

What are the responsibilities of RVCRI grantees?

- RVCRI grantees are required to:
 - ✓ Engage in regular contact with their TTA provider/funder
 - ✓ Provide regular reporting updates, including crime metrics when applicable, that allow for pre- and post-implementation comparisons
 - ✓ Purchase equipment and services in a manner compliant with federal and local procurement guidelines
 - ✓ Request reimbursement for the above purchases in a manner consistent with the Reimbursement and Invoicing Guidelines of the grant
 - ✓ Follow all special conditions and government requirements of receiving a grant
 - ✓ Contribute to developing annual and a final report that discusses project progress, successes, challenges, and sustainability

How do I apply to be a RVCRI grantee?

1. Visit the www.RuralVCRI.org website
2. Review the questions under the Application Requirements accordion to determine which application to apply under
3. Submit a completed application



How do I apply to be a RVCRI grantee?

- **Proposal Narrative:**

- Using the provided Word template
- No longer than four to six pages
- Sections include Description of the Issue(s), Project Design and Implementation, and Plan for Measuring Success and Outcomes and Program Sustainability

- **Budget:**

- Entered directly into the application
- List each personnel, purchase, contract, training, travel, etc. that funding is being requested to support
- Provide a description/justification for each proposed expenditure with a clear nexus to the violent crime challenge identified in the narrative

What are allowable costs under the RVCRI?

- Programs that support victims' services and community engagement
 - Salary or overtime expenditures for personnel integral to violent crime reduction operations
 - Crime analysis software or personnel
 - Consultation services related to program design, implementation, and assessment
 - Development or acquisition of offender-based risk assessment tools to better target investigation, intervention, or enforcement
 - Development or acquisition of software, assessment tools, or services to better serve, protect, and communicate with victims and populations vulnerable to victimization
- Strategies to more effectively serve and address populations in remote areas, including ways to enhance orders of protection and improve access to services and shelter for remote populations
 - Strategies and services to mitigate the risk for violent behavior in individuals dealing with mental health and/or substance use disorders, including crisis intervention programs and services
 - Forensic evidence tools and services for identifying suspects or enhancing evidence, testimony, and outreach to victims
 - Strategies, personnel, services, and tools to improve intragovernmental collaboration in effectively addressing rural violence problems

What are allowable costs under the RVCRI?

- Sample Budget:

Expense	Cost
Salary and fringe for full-time crime analyst	\$60,000
Computer for crime analyst	\$3,500
Crime mapping software	\$3,000
Crime analysis training for crime analyst and supervisor	\$7,500
Pole Cameras for placement in 3 locations	\$4,000
Overtime for patrol in crime hotspots	\$14,000
Total	\$89,000

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- Sample Budget:

Expense	Cost
Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) Program Manager (20% time)	\$18,000
CIT Team Coordinator (20% time)	\$16,000
CIT training for 4 sheriff's deputies	\$17,000
Salary of mental health co-responder (50% time)	\$32,000
Total	\$83,000

Poll: What are you to hoping to fund if awarded an RVCRI grant?

When are RVCRI applications due?

- The RVCRI application will always remain open!
- Applications will be reviewed and awarded on a rolling basis:
 - The second cohort deadline is [March 31, 2023](#)



How can I contact the RVCRI team?

- The Institute:
 - RuralVCRI@policinginstitute.org
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- LISC:
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- Application resources are available on each application portal

Questions?
