2022 ANNUAL REPORT

The National Policing Institute's
Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative

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VIOLENT CRIME
REDUCTION INITIATIVE

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

During the 2022 calendar year, the Rural Violent Crime Reduction Initiative (RVCRI) team, funded by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) and supported by the National Policing Institute (the Institute), the Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC), and the Institute's partner, the Small and Rural Law Enforcement Executives Association (SRLEEA) planned, launched, marketed, and closed the first RVCRI grant application cohort while also providing training and technical assistance (TTA) support to **21** existing BJA grantees.

Throughout 2022, the RVCRI team worked closely with rural law enforcement agencies to develop and launch an application process that was comprehensive, accessible, and user-friendly, and provided tailored TTA support. The following report highlights the work that the Institute, as a part of the RVCRI team, conducted to award and administer grants that support rural violent crime reduction plans, support RVCRI grantees in developing and implementing those strategies, and assess the outcomes and impact of those efforts.[1] The report is organized by RVCRI program objectives as outlined in the collaborative agreement.

2022 HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

- Received over **100** RVCRI applications

- Marketed the RVCRI program and application through social media, newsletters, listservs, conference attendances, and memberships, reaching over **17,000** individuals

- Participated in **18** interest calls and responded to **90** interest emails

- Provided **11** customized TTA engagements and management support through over **60** check-in calls to **11** BJA-direct funded agencies

- Launched a website and resource directory that reached over **5,000** users and had over **9,000** pageviews with more than **200** Application Portal accounts created

- Developed **6** deliverables to assist with the application process and grant management activities related to the RVCRI

- Hosted or participated in **1** orientation event, **1** solicitation webinar, and **1** office hours event reaching over **160** attendees

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1   This report only highlights the work of the Institute and SRLEEA as the Institute's partner, as a part of the RVCRI team. LISC data is not included in this report.

AWARD AND ADMINISTER GRANTS

The RVCRI team successfully launched and marketed the RVCRI Application Portal and process, developed resources and guidelines for applicants, and created internal procedures and parameters for reviewing applications and awarding grants. As a result of these efforts, the RVCRI team:

Welcome to the National Policing Institute's (the Institute) Grant Management Portal!

- Received over **100** RVCRI applications, **87** of which were eligible for review
- Developed **4** application resources, in addition to the RVCRI Application Portal, for interested applicants
- Marketed the RVCRI program and application through social media, newsletters, conferences, listservs, and memberships, reaching over **17,000** individuals
- Participated in **18** interest calls and responded to **90** interest emails

Since this is the first large-scale grant funding program of its kind for rural agencies, the RVCRI team strived for a streamlined, accessible application process, which the RVCRI team feels was achieved based on positive feedback received from the field.

IMPLEMENT A GRANT ELIGIBILITY APPLICATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Throughout the summer and early fall of 2022, the RVCRI team developed standardized application protocols and processes that balanced the team's needs to comply with federal funding requirements while streamlining the application process for potential applicants. The RVCRI team developed internal processes and protocols to ensure consistent and appropriate application guidelines and reviews.

To help facilitate the grant application process and support applying agencies, the RVCRI team developed the following:

APPLICATION PORTAL USER GUIDE	*Provides a standardized format to submit the required application program narrative with detailed instructions noting the type of information that should be provided in each section*
RVCRI SOLICITATION MATERIALS	*Describes the RVCRI program, application requirements and processes, eligibility requirements, and allowable expenses*
SCRATCH BUDGET WORKSHEET	*Allows applicants to draft their budgets following application requirements before entering them into the application*
APPLICATION PROGRAM NARRATIVE TEMPLATE	*Provides a standardized format to submit the required application program narrative with detailed instructions noting the type of information that should be provided in each section*

In October 2022, the RVCRI team launched their respective applications in conjunction with the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Annual Conference. The Institute's robust Application Portal acts as a one-stop shop for all RVCRI application needs and allows users to submit applications, access resources, save in-progress applications, contact the RVCRI team through a Chatbot, and track application statuses.

The first application cohort closed on December 15, 2022, and the RVCRI team received over **100** applications, with **87** of those applications being complete and eligible for review totaling almost **$7,895,274.27** in requested funding. These applications covered a variety of topics:

Between October and December 2022, over 200 Application Portal accounts were created.

34
Automated License Plate Readers (ALPRs)

29
Patrol, Prosecution, Victim Services, Investigations, and Crime Analysis Staffing Enhancements

14
Training

8
Digital Forensic Extraction Software and Equipment

3
Narcotics Detection Equipment

12
Crime Scene Investigation Equipment

3
Radios

6
RMS Upgrades

5
Surveillance Cameras

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY AGENCY TYPE

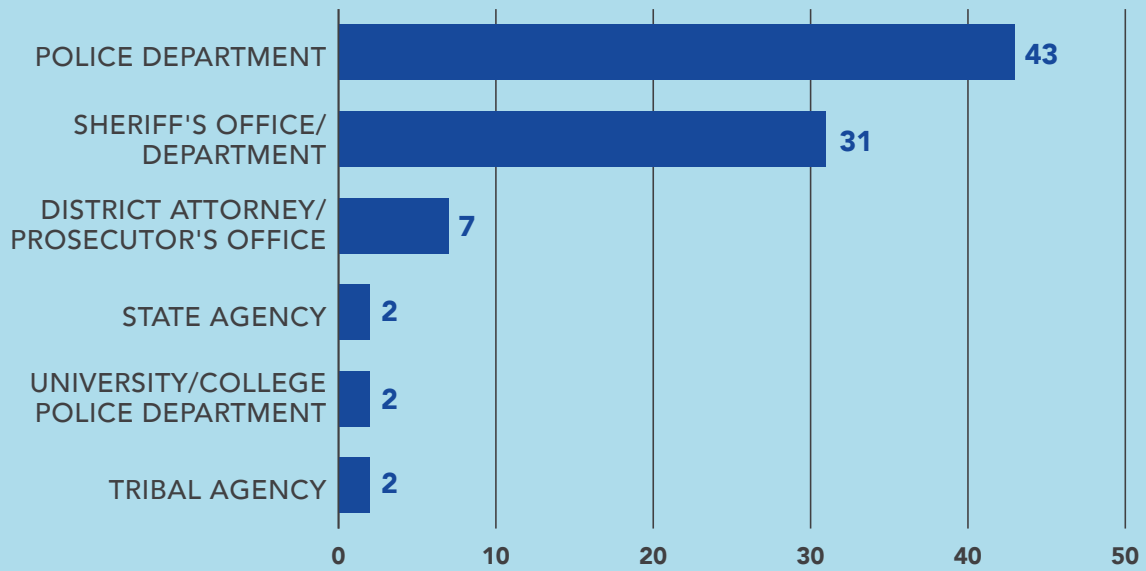| Agency Type	Applications
POLICE DEPARTMENT	43
SHERIFF'S OFFICE/ DEPARTMENT	31
DISTRICT ATTORNEY/ PROSECUTOR'S OFFICE	7
STATE AGENCY	2
UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT	2
TRIBAL AGENCY	2

Figure 1. *Eligible RVCRI Applications Received by Agency Type*

APPLICATIONS RECEIVED BY STATE
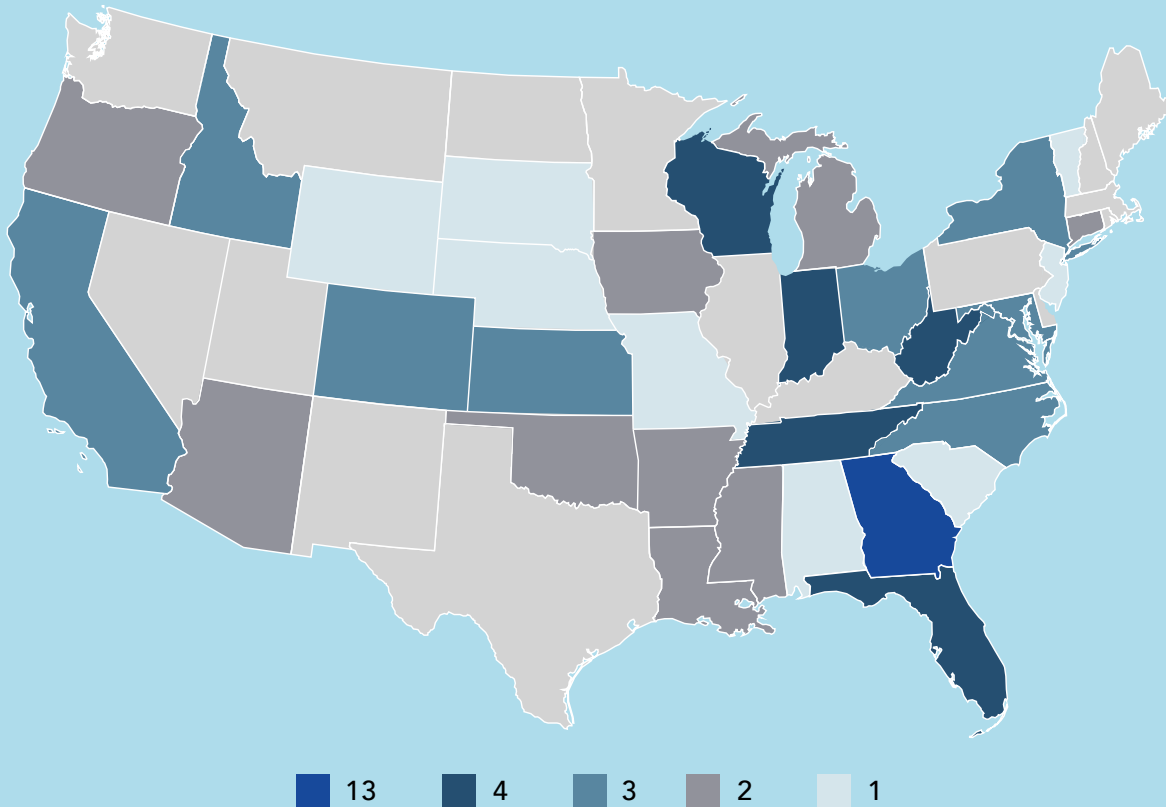
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Figure 2. *Eligible RVCRI Applications Received by State*

Applicants proposed to address a variety of rural violent crime challenges, such as:

- ★ Gang-related violent crime
- ★ Narcotics-related violent crime
- ★ Firearms-related violent crime
- ★ Assaults
- ★ Robberies

- ★ Sexual Assaults
- ★ Child Abuse and Exploitation
- ★ Homicides
- ★ Kidnappings
- ★ Intimate Partner Violence

The Application Portal has been available for one application cycle, and the RVCRI team received positive feedback from users on their experience with the application and interactions with the RVCRI team. Applicants were pleased to see a grant program specific to rural agencies, the amount of information provided in response to questions, and the speed of response.

CONTINUE OUTREACH EFFORTS AROUND THE PROGRAM AND LESSONS LEARNED

MARKETING

The RVCRI team widely marketed the RVCRI program and grant application through social media, newsletters, events, listservs, conference attendance, website banners, and SRLEEA. Content encompassed general program information, application deadlines, and upcoming events. These efforts included:

- **75** emails to state associations of chiefs of police and sheriff's associations
- Over **25** social media posts on Facebook, LinkedIn, and Twitter, averaging over **85** interactions, **80** likes, and **96** link clicks across the **3** platforms
- **6** newsletter promotions by the Institute and SRLEEA reaching approximately **5,000** individuals each
- **1** conference attendance at the IACP Annual Conference, which resulted in RVCRI program information being sent out on **2** listservs reaching over **450** agencies, passing out approximately **100** business cards, and outreach to an additional **30** individuals
- Hosted **1** solicitation webinar and **1** office hours event reaching over **160** attendees

> "It is extremely hard for a smaller agency to compete with larger agencies, we don't have the staff, resources, and grant writers to effectively compete. The RVCRI website and application portal are both well-designed and helpful. Regardless of how it turns out, I sincerely appreciate your input... I am very glad to see grant opportunities for smaller agencies."
>
> **– ELIZABETHTON, TENNESSEE, POLICE DEPARTMENT**

As a result of this marketing, the RVCRI received increased traffic to the RVCRI website, discussed in detail on page **10**, and the Application Portal. The RVCRI team responded to **90** interest emails and participated in **18** interest calls with potential applicants. This volume of outreach highlights the need to provide assistance and TTA around grant program application overviews, processes, and requirements. These calls and emails included questions about:

- Program overview and eligibility
- Application requirements and reviews
- Allowable expenses
- Solicitation webinar and office hours events
- Technical troubleshooting

- Confirmation of application receipt
- Re-application allowability
- Application examples
- Definition of "rural" and "violent crime"
- Match funding requirements

The RVCRI team saw considerable success from the marketing efforts for the first application cohort. The team will continue these efforts for future cohorts while expanding through other organizations, platforms, and strategies. Also, grassroots marketing will likely increase as more agencies can share their experiences within their networks.

SOLICITATION WEBINAR AND OFFICE HOURS EVENTS

The RVCRI team hosted a solicitation webinar on November 10, 2022, to provide an overview of the RVCRI grant application requirements and process. In attendance were **146** individuals representing **125** agencies. While the Q&A portion of the event was scheduled for nearly 30 minutes, the RVCRI team could not answer all participant questions, so an office hours event was hosted on December 5, 2022. This event was an open Q&A opportunity for potential applicants to ask questions about the RVCRI program, ranging from questions on application requirements to grantee responsibilities. During this event, the RVCRI team was able to answer an additional **20** questions for the **15** agencies in attendance.

Because of the success of these events, the RVCRI team plans to host a solicitation webinar and office hours event for the March 2023 cohort. These events are scheduled for February 23, 2023, and March 23, 2023, respectively.

COORDINATE AWARD SELECTION AND NOTIFICATION

In advance of the award selection process, the RVCRI team determined financial parameters and guidelines for grantees. The RVCRI team is finalizing a Grantee Financial Guidelines document to provide to Institute-funded grantees. This document outlines the requirements, documentation, and process for submitting an invoice for reimbursement and submitting a Change Request Form if an update is needed for the scope of work, budget, or performance period. The Grantee Financial Guidelines will be released in 2023.

The RVCRI team coordinated the award selection and notification processes to ensure that agencies were not awarded multiple RVCRI awards and that reviewing criteria were similar while meeting organization-specific requirements. The RVCRI team employed a three-person review team that reported funding recommendations to two internal senior-level staff members to ensure agreement before reviewing funding decisions with BJA.

Of the **87** completed RVCRI applications reviewed by the Institute, **26** were recommended to BJA for funding totaling almost **$2,742,973.71**.

APPROVED APPLICATIONS BY AGENCY TYPE

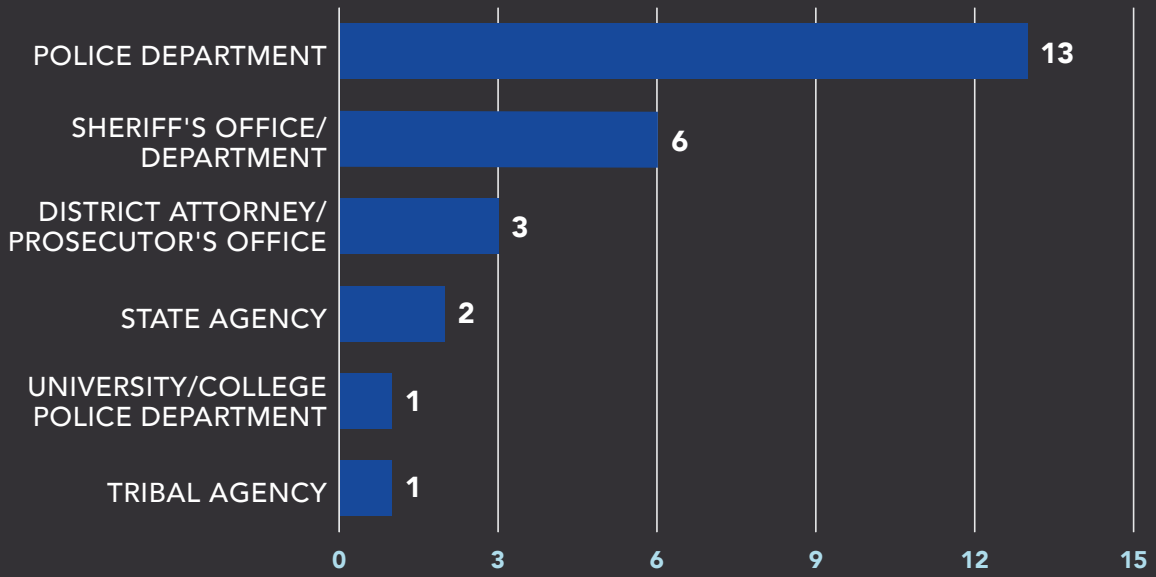| Agency Type	Count
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UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE POLICE DEPARTMENT	1
TRIBAL AGENCY	1

Figure 3. *RVCRI Applications Recommended for Funding by Agency Type*

APPROVED APPLICATIONS BY STATE
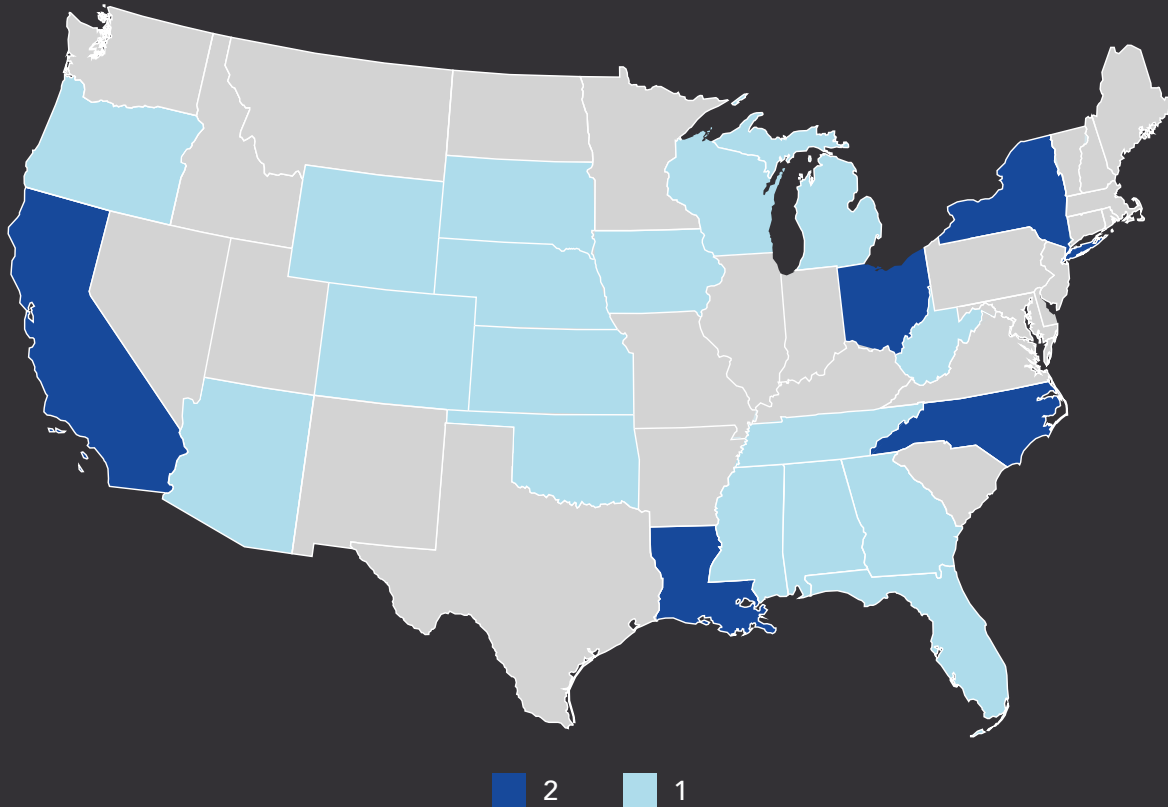
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Figure 4. *RVCRI Applications Recommended for Funding by State*

The RVCRI team intends to make award funding decisions in late-January 2023, with a virtual orientation session scheduled for mid-February 2023. The virtual orientation session will bring all grantees together to provide the following:

- RVCRI program overview and team introduction
- General RVCRI program requirements and grantee responsibilities
- Organization-specific orientation breakout rooms
- Question and answer
- Opportunity to meet RVCRI peers

ASSIST GRANTEES IN THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF RURAL VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION PLANS

Beginning in the summer of 2022, the RVCRI team began providing TTA engagements and direct support to the BJA-direct funded RVCRI grantees. In addition to regular check-in calls with the grantees, the team also delivered **11** site-specific TTA engagements, **1** of which is in progress, to several agencies. These TTA engagements included the review of policies and protocols, providing resources on various topics, initial planning for a community roundtable, and developing a community survey, among others. In addition to site-specific work with grantees, the RVCRI team also developed and launched the RVCRI website (WWW. RURALVCRI.ORG) in October 2022.

ASSIST GRANTEES WITH ACHIEVING OBJECTIVES AND DELIVERABLES

TTA ENGAGEMENTS AND DIRECT SUPPORT

The RVCRI team began coordinating a cadre of subject matter experts (SMEs) to respond to and assist RVCRI grantees in implementing their rural violent crime reduction plans. This SME pool will continue to expand as RVCRI grantees address additional topics and the team receives new TTA requests. The RVCRI team will coordinate with other TTA providers to ensure the most robust SME pool is available to grantees.

In May 2022, the RVCRI team hosted an orientation webinar to onboard the BJA grantees. BJA funded **21** agencies under the Fiscal Year 2021 BJA RVCRI solicitation, which the RVCRI team supports with implementation assistance and TTA engagements. The Institute serves as the primary TTA provider for **15** of those agencies. Since then, the Institute has directly supported **11** BJA grantees through site-specific TTA engagements and regular check-in calls.

From June to December 2022, the RVCRI team participated in over **60** check-in calls with sites to discuss implementation progress, successes realized, challenges overcome, TTA requests and opportunities, and any related questions that grantees may have. These check-in calls also served as a mechanism to collect and track metrics and impact stories related to each agency's violent crime reduction plan.
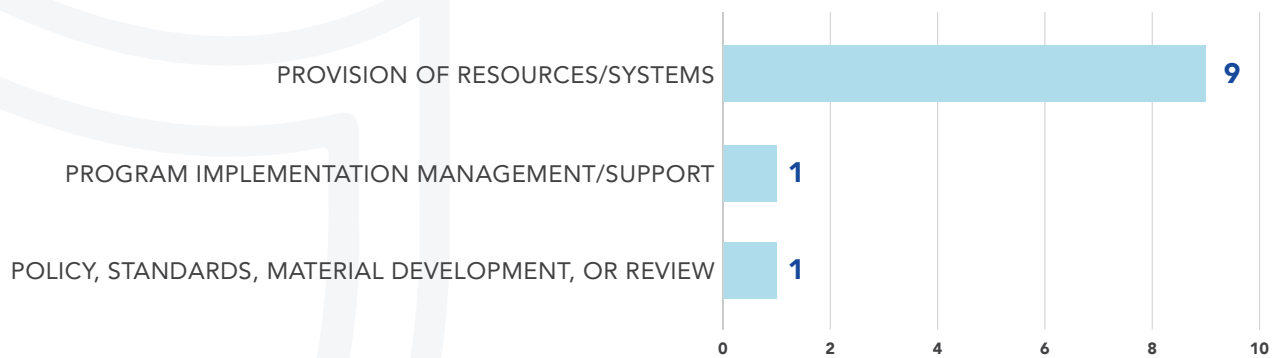

Figure 5. *TTA Type*

In addition to check-in calls, the RVCRI team also delivered **11** TTA engagements, **1** of which is in progress, to several grantees, including:

- **RECORDS MANAGEMENT SYSTEM (RMS) RESOURCES –** The RVCRI team provided Hancock County, Tennessee, with several sample RMS policies and resources. These resources were used to help formulate the request for proposal, vendor contract, and RMS policy.

- **PROBLEM-ORIENTED POLICING (POP) AND PERFORMANCE MANAGEMENT TOOL (PMT) RESOURCES –** The RVCRI team provided multiple agencies with resources on POP, specifically the SARA Model, and PMT resources.

- **GRANT MANAGEMENT RESOURCES –** The RVCRI team provided multiple agencies with resources on JustGrants and Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) and their grant manager's contact information. For many agencies, this is the first federal award they have ever received, so additional guidance and support are needed for successful grant management.

- **POP COMMUNITY ROUNDTABLE AND OFFICER TRAINING –** The RVCRI team is working with Ashland, Alabama, to plan and facilitate a Community Roundtable event to discuss POP and violent crime reduction efforts. A community survey will be distributed before the event. The RVCRI team is also working with the agency to educate and train officers on POP concepts.

FROM THE FIELD
ASHLAND, ALABAMA

The Ashland, Alabama, Police Department sought to create better responses to crime-challenged areas using problem-oriented policing (POP) and technology, such as pole cameras and a mobile camera trailer. Ashland used their mobile trailer to reduce violent criminal activity in one area by up to **60%** over a 5-month period.

- **MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HEALTH RESOURCES –** The RVCRI team provided Comanche, Texas, with resources on implementing mental and physical health programs in law enforcement agencies.
- **PRESS RELEASE REVIEW –** The RVCRI team reviewed a press release for Winnemucca, Nevada, on their award of the RVCRI grant. As a result of this request, the RVCRI team is currently developing a Media Kit for future grantees to use.

While the RVCRI team has only been assisting the BJA grantees for a short period, much progress in violent crime reduction plan implementation and TTA provision has already occurred. Examples of implementation support and TTA provision and their associated outcomes can be found in the call-out boxes in this section and in the **Assess the Impact and Outcomes of Rural Violent Crime Reduction Plans** section of this report. The RVCRI team will continue identifying TTA opportunities as grantees progress in their implementation plans.

These TTA opportunities may be customized to a specific agency or be broader to benefit multiple grantees and non-grantees.
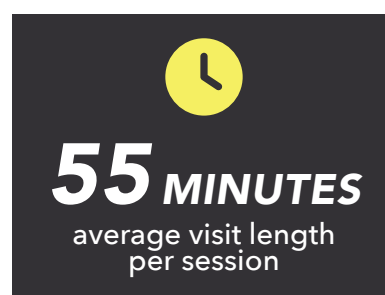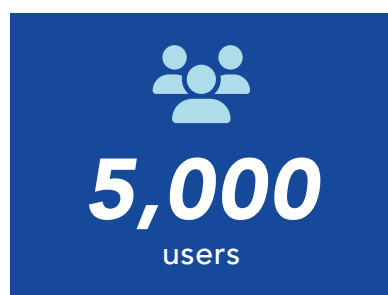
FROM THE FIELD
COMANCHE, TEXAS

The Comanche, Texas, Police Department's rural violent crime reduction plan is to reduce human and narcotics trafficking and child exploitation through the implementation of ALPRs and the use of forensic software. ALPRs were strategically placed throughout various high-crime areas. These efforts led to multiple seizures and confiscating of numerous narcotics, fentanyl pills, cocaine, and other drugs. The Comanche Police Department also mined nearly **400** gigabytes of data for several cases, including murder, assault, and burglary.

RVCRI WEBSITE

Finally, the RVCRI team developed and launched the RVCRI website (WWW.RURALVCRI.ORG) in mid-October 2022 to act as a conduit and resource for RVCRI applications and as an online training and resources directory specific to rural law enforcement, district attorney's offices, and partners. This website will house all RVCRI resources that are created, including webinars, guides, checklists, fact sheets, as well as resources developed by other organizations, such as SRLEEA, the National Sheriffs' Association (NSA), IACP, and others that are relevant to rural law enforcement agencies, district attorney's offices, and partners.

Between October and December 2022, the RVCRI website reached:

5,000
users

9,000+
pageviews

55 MINUTES
average visit length
per session

The RVCRI team is currently developing two resources to add to the RVCRI website:

- **MEDIA KIT –** This kit will include a press release template, talking points for community events and press conferences, and social media post templates. The RVCRI team hopes to release this resource in early 2023.
- **METRICS COLLECTION TEMPLATE –** This template will provide RVCRI grantees with an optional format to collect and track RVCRI-related program metrics. These metrics are determined in coordination with the grantee based on the grantee's violent crime reduction plan.

Additional deliverables and website updates will continue to be developed and disseminated as new needs and areas of interest are identified by grantees and the RVCRI team. The RVCRI team is currently developing an Unallowable Expenses Tool and considering developing self-paced learning modules as a resource for the website.

PAGES WITH MOST VIEWS*

RVCRI Application: **1,762**

About the Initiative: **429**

FAQs: **167**

Clearinghouse: **96**

News and Announcements: **90**

* Not including Home Page

TOP DOWNLOADS

RVCRI Solicitation Materials: **83**

Proposal Narrative Template: **34**

RVCRI One-Pager: **16**

Evidence-Based Crime Reduction Strategies for Small, Rural, and Tribal Agencies: **12**

Office Hours Marketing Flyer: **5**

ENCOURAGE PEER NETWORKING AMONG GRANTEES AND OTHER AGENCIES

In addition to grantee-specific TTA engagements, the RVCRI team began planning and coordinating a Rural Roundtable event for all grantees. The Rural Roundtable will allow RVCRI grantees to connect and network with their peers in a facilitated format. This event is planned for mid-January 2023. The RVCRI team intends to host these events quarterly. The RVCRI team has also facilitated a virtual peer exchange between the Crawford County, Wisconsin, Sheriff's Office and the Espanola, New Mexico, Police Department regarding crisis intervention team training.

With a new cohort of RVCRI grantees expected to be awarded in early 2023, the RVCRI team tentatively plans to begin forming topically based communities of practice among the grantees. The RVCRI team is also evaluating the value of hosting a short in-person conference, which several grantees have voiced interest in attending.

ASSESS THE IMPACT AND OUTCOMES OF RURAL VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION PLANS

The RVCRI program provided grantees with funding to address and reduce violent crime in their communities. Their plans ranged from installing crime-tracking software and hardware to hiring personnel to aid these efforts. Each grantee has made great strides to create positive impacts in their communities. Two sites that have made significant impacts on reducing violent crime are highlighted below:

FROM THE FIELD

RIDGE SPRING, SOUTH CAROLINA

Through RVCRI funding, the Ridge Spring, South Carolina, Police Department hired a third law enforcement officer and a part-time crime analyst to help address violent crime challenges in their community. The new officer has completed academy training and is currently in the department's field training program. The crime analyst has cleaned and compiled data and helped improve reporting for the department. As a result of the analysis of violent crime metrics, Ridge Spring has successfully tracked the number of incidents in 2022 and assessed increases and decreases in certain criminal activities.

FROM THE FIELD

HANCOCK COUNTY, TENNESSEE

With assistance from the RVCRI, the Hancock County, Tennessee, Sheriff's Office outlined a violent crime reduction plan, including purchasing a records management system (RMS), wireless hotspots, tablets, and radar units and completing their server, software, and equipment upgrade to ensure successful implementation. Hancock County has displayed extraordinary forethought in the planning of technology deployment and determination to ensure the county has the proper resources to detect narcotics-related crimes in the community by evaluating all vendors thoroughly to ensure that the technology met all community needs, ensuring that all technologies met best practices related to technology deployment in a law enforcement agency, and upgrading relevant systems that would be impacted by the new technology ahead of implementation.

The following table outlines the progress and impact that RVCRI grantees have made on their rural violent crime reduction plans:

RVCRI SITE	RURAL VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION PLAN
ASHLAND, ALABAMA, POLICE DEPARTMENT	**GOAL:** To address crime-challenged areas with better resources and use evidence-based responses, including POP techniques and technology. **STRATEGY:** Identify crime hotspots, implement POP, purchase mobile camera trailer and pole cameras, and upgrade RMS and computer-aided dispatch (CAD). **SUCCESS:** Ashland's evidence-based responses have greatly improved Ashland's responses to criminal activity, resulting in **5** felony arrests for domestic violence and deployed the mobile camera trailer in multiple areas resulting in various reductions in crime.
COMANCHE, TEXAS, POLICE DEPARTMENT	**GOAL:** To increase investigative ability to reduce narcotics and human trafficking and child exploitation. **STRATEGY:** Purchase forensic software and use ALPRs to target human and narcotics trafficking and child exploitation. **SUCCESS:** Comanche's ALPRs have resulted in numerous hits, including over **20** cases of child exploitation crimes and over **90** cases of narcotic distribution and trafficking crimes.
CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN, SHERIFF'S OFFICE	**GOAL:** To serve individuals in a crisis throughout Crawford County. **STRATEGY:** Hire a crisis intervention team (CIT) officer, conduct training sessions, and implement hotspot policing. **SUCCESS:** Crawford County efforts have resulted in multiple significant cases, including narcotics-related cases with a multijurisdictional impact. See the **Compile Metrics to Determine Program Impact** section for additional detail.
ESPANOLA, NEW MEXICO, POLICE DEPARTMENT	**GOAL:** To reduce the high violent crime rate by addressing narcotics trafficking and other drug crimes. **STRATEGY:** Implement an ALPR program and hire a crime analyst. **SUCCESS:** Espanola's enforcement of an identified hotspot area led to a methamphetamine seizure and a stolen vehicle recovery.
FRANKLIN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE	**GOAL:** To deter violent and property crime in hotspots throughout the county and increase investigators' ability to investigate crimes and secure forensic evidence. **STRATEGY:** Purchase surveillance cameras, and digital forensic evidence extraction software, enhance the LeadsOnline database, and implement focused deterrence in crime hotspots. **SUCCESS:** In several cases, Franklin County has acquired thousands of gigabytes of data and proactively used surveillance cameras at large-scale county fairs. See the **Compile Metrics to Determine Program Impact** section for additional detail.

RVCRI SITE	RURAL VIOLENT CRIME REDUCTION PLAN
LAFAYETTE PARISH, LOUISIANA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE	**GOAL:** To reduce the number of violent, property, and narcotic-related offenses in rural Lafayette Parish. **STRATEGY:** Upgrade cameras and transmitters in the Real Time Crime Center (RTCC) to provide real-time intelligence and implement hotspot policing. **SUCCESS:** Lafayette Parish has established community partnerships and offers tours of the RTCC to community members.
RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA, SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT	**GOAL:** To reduce violent crime in the Anza and Aguanga areas of Riverside County. **STRATEGY:** Deploy specialty details in these areas in an overtime capacity to address high-crime areas, warrant sweeps, and parole/probation checks. **SUCCESS:** Riverside conducted multiple deployments in 2022, which resulted in **3** felony arrest warrant services, **3** misdemeanor arrests (**2** domestic violence arrest warrant services and **1** drug-related health and safety arrest), and **5** probation/parole checks.
TUNICA-BILOXI TRIBE, LOUISIANA, POLICE DEPARTMENT	**GOAL:** To reduce sexual assault and domestic violence on the Tunica-Biloxi Reservation. **STRATEGY:** Increase police patrol capacity by adding overtime hours and specialty details, increase community involvement, and purchase forensic hardware and software. **SUCCESS:** Tunica-Biloxi has attended a Domestic Violence Strangulation training held by the Louisiana Attorney General's Office.
WINNEMUCCA, NEVADA, POLICE DEPARTMENT	**GOAL:** To aid investigations to prosecute offenders in violent crimes and fatal traffic accidents. **STRATEGY:** Purchase Faro Focus 3D Unit to reconstruct violent crime incidents and traffic accidents/fatalities. **SUCCESS:** The Winnemucca Police Department has used its 3D crime scene scanner **10** times to document accident and fatality scenes. Winnemucca has also been proactive and used the scanners to begin mapping the **7** schools within its district in the event of an active shooter situation.

In 2023, the RVCRI team plans to continue supporting current and future RVCRI grantees by conducting monthly/bi-monthly check-in calls, identifying future TTA opportunities, and assisting with data collection. The RVCRI team also plans to create a training series on grant management and data collection and analysis to support grantees.

COMPILE METRICS TO DETERMINE PROGRAM IMPACT

The RVCRI team works with grantees to determine the metrics that will be collected to show the violent crime reduction plan impact, establish the processes for how these metrics will be collected and the parameters for metric reporting, and determine the cadence of reporting. To help RVCRI grantees collect and track violent crime and plan-related metrics, the RVCRI team developed a metrics collection template. This template includes sample formats for collecting violent crime metrics, software usage, equipment usage, and training attendance. This deliverable is in the final review phase and should be available to grantees in early 2023.

Through regular check-in meetings with **11** grantees, the RVCRI team and grantees have compiled metrics for several agencies:

FRANKLIN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Tracked over **1,318** offenses, such as assault, larceny, and narcotics-related crimes

- Accumulated over **2,500** gigabytes of data for internet crimes against children cases, sexual assault cases, and narcotics-related crimes

CRAWFORD COUNTY, WISCONSIN, SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Deployed a CIT officer from mid-July through early December 2022. During that time, the officer:

- Conducted **37** hours of surveillance
- Patrolled in hotspot areas resulting in **6** new cases being opened
- Attended **3** community policing events
- Issued charges in **21** cases

- Conducted **27** investigations ranging from child abuse to sexual assaults to narcotics cases
- Seized over **1,200** grams of narcotics and recovered over **$30,000** in stolen property

THE PATH FORWARD

The RVCRI team will continue to ensure that the application process, grant funding and management, and TTA support to RVCRI grantees is successful. To help ensure this, the RVCRI team has already identified the following action items as a part of the pathway forward:

2023

JANUARY

Administer an Application and Website Experience Survey for feedback

FEBRUARY

Finalize the development of several deliverables, including the Media Kit, Application Scoring Rubric, and Metrics Template

MARCH

Continue and expand marketing efforts for the RVCRI application

APRIL

Plan and announce Rural Roundtables and webinars

ONGOING

Continue developments and enhancements to the website and Application Portal throughout the year

Continue to identify TTA opportunities as grantees progress in their implementation plans

The RVCRI team looks forward to continuing to provide high-quality TTA and grant management support to current and future RVCRI grantees and advancing the mission of the RVCRI program.