



Rural Resources: Grants, Training and More!

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- Questions and Answers

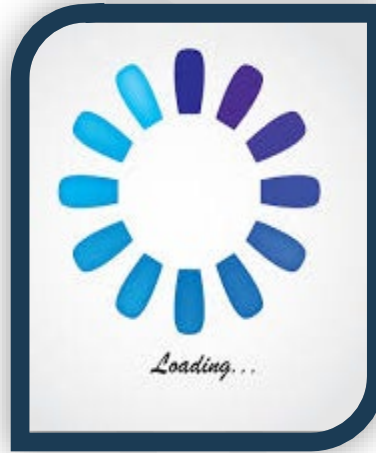
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Agenda

- Learn about grant opportunities specifically tailored for rural and tribal criminal justice agencies
- Discover training programs that can enhance department skills and capabilities
- Explore resources to support economic development and community safety
- Questions and Answers

Office of Justice Programs Resources

Agenda

Welcome and Introduction to OJP and BJA

Overview of Available Funding, Programs, and Resources

Q&A

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)**.

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



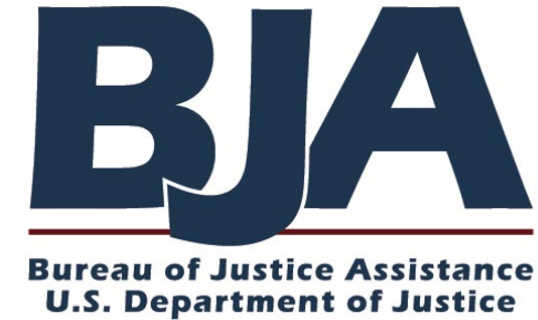
SMART – Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking



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.

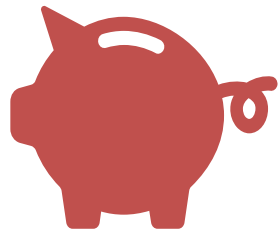
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<https://bja.ojp.gov/>



How BJA Supports the Field



Investments

Provide diverse funding to accomplish goals.



Sharing Knowledge

Research, develop, and deliver what works to build capacity and improve outcomes.



Engagement

Consult, connect, and convene.



Poll Question

Has your organization been awarded federal grants in the past?

Yes, my organization has extensive experience with federal grants.

Yes, though my organization does not currently have any federal grants.

My organization has limited experience with federal grants.

My organization is new to federal grants and looking to learn more!

SECTION II

BJA FUNDING AND PROGRAMS FOR RURAL LAW ENFORCEMENT



Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Efforts

Funding and assistance are available for rural and small law enforcement agencies seeking to reduce violent crime and address problems associated with violent crime. Topics and areas of focus include:

- Implementing violent crime reduction strategies
- Improving investigations
- Enhancing services to victims
- Deploying technology to aid in reducing violent crime
- Enhancing collaboration among local stakeholders

Learn more at:

www.ruralvcricri.org

\$30 Million +

**The RVCRI
Microgrant
Application will
re-open in
early 2025!**



Crime Analyst in Residence Program

The Crime Analyst in Residence program is designed to help law enforcement agencies expand their use of data analysis and analytics to manage their operations and practices.

Through on-site and virtual technical assistance, this program helps agencies integrate tailored crime and data analysis practices, products, and tools into their daily operations and crime reduction efforts.

Learn more at:

www.crimeanalystinresidence.com

Small, Rural, Tribal Body Worn Camera Microgrant Program

This initiative provides funds and technical support to small, rural, and tribal agencies to implement body-worn cameras.

Learn more at:
www.srtbwc.com

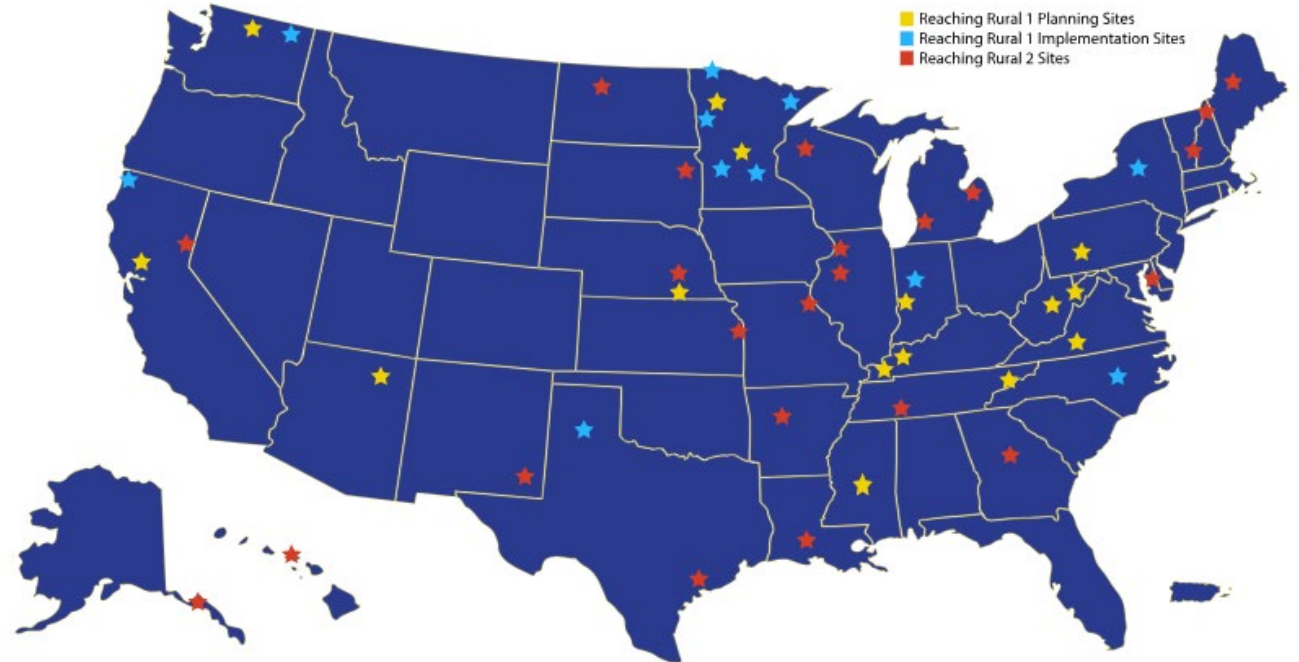


Reaching Rural Initiative

The Reaching Rural Initiative brings together rural practitioners from different professional backgrounds and areas throughout the country to support them as they grow as leaders and advance solutions to address the persistent challenges of substance use in their communities.

Learn more at:

<https://reachingrural.cossup.org/>



Forensics Programs

- Sexual Assault Kit Initiative
- Prosecuting Cold Cases using DNA
- Post-Conviction Testing of DNA Evidence
- Forensics Training and Technical Assistance
- Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement
- Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System
- DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction



BJA Forensics programs are powerful tools for reducing violent crime that have aided more than 200,000 criminal investigations

Public Safety Partnership Virtual Academy

BJA offers interactive, virtual courses on a variety of law enforcement topics. These courses are available nationwide at no cost to requesting law enforcement professionals.



www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/Academy

The National Law Enforcement Knowledge Lab



**Establishing Knowledge and Innovation
Site Network**

Creating a National Resource Hub

**Providing Peer-to-peer Learning and
Technical Assistance**

Promoting the Knowledge Lab's Work

www.leknowledgelab.org

OFFICER WELLNESS PROGRAMS



Learn more at: www.valorforblue.org



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Response Center](#)

IMPLEMENTING COMMUNITY BASED VIOLENCE INTERVENTION STRATEGIES WEBINAR SERIES

The Implementing Community Based Violence Intervention Strategies webinar series will highlight a wide range of issues important to successfully implementing Community Violence Intervention (CVI) strategies. Using the BJA CVI Checklist as a framework, the series will walk through the stages of planning and implementation of CVI strategies and take a deeper dive into opportunities and challenges that jurisdictions face as they implement these strategies in their communities.

[Read more](#)

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) offers training and technical assistance (TTA) to offices to:

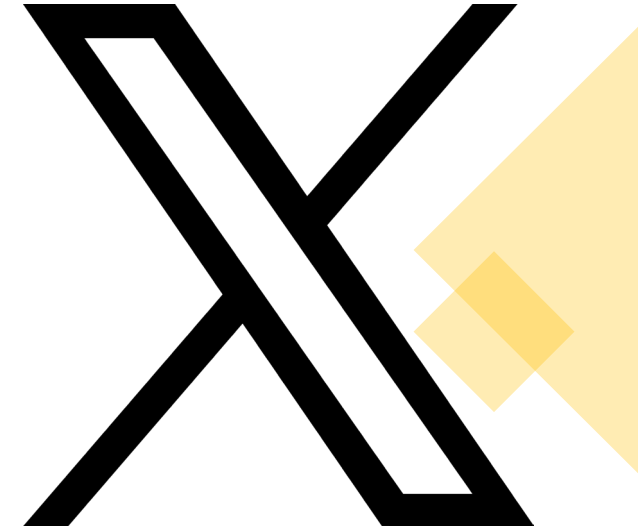
- Provide office or program assessments to identify gaps, suggest efficiencies, and make recommendations;
- Fund subject matter experts to provide trainings or general support;
- Fund individuals to attend trainings;
- Fund travel for peer-to-peer site visits; and
- Identify strategies to strengthen organizational operations.



www.bjatta.bja.ojp.gov

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- **X:** <https://x.com/DOJBJA>
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/dojbja>
- Use the QR code to subscribe to “**Justice Matters**” and “**News From BJA**” to receive the latest information from BJA and the field.
- For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit **BJA’s website:** www.bja.ojp.gov.



Office of Community Policing Services (COPS Office)



Overview

- Grant Programs
- Publications
- Training and Technical Assistance
 - Collaborative Reform Initiative - Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC)
 - Training Portal



COPS
Community Oriented Policing Services
U.S. Department of Justice

FY24 COPS Grant Programs

- Tribal Resources Grant Program (TRGP via the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation or CTAS)
 - Supports tribes in hiring officers and equipment/training needs
- COPS Hiring Program (CHP)
 - Covers 75% of officer salary and benefits, up to \$125,000 for three years
- Community Policing Development (CPD)
 - Promoting Access to Crisis Teams
 - Accreditation
 - Microgrants – seed funds for innovative community policing projects, typically in specific focus areas described in the solicitation
 - Safer Outcomes (De-escalation)
- School Violence Prevention Program
 - Funds school safety equipment (locks, lighting, etc.), technology, and training for local law enforcement
- Law Enforcement Mental Health and Wellness
 - Funds training, peer mentoring, and mental health program activities for law enforcement officers

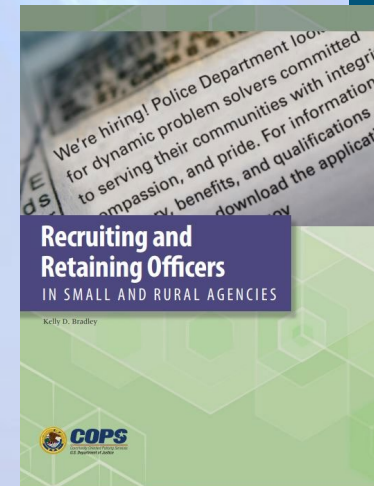
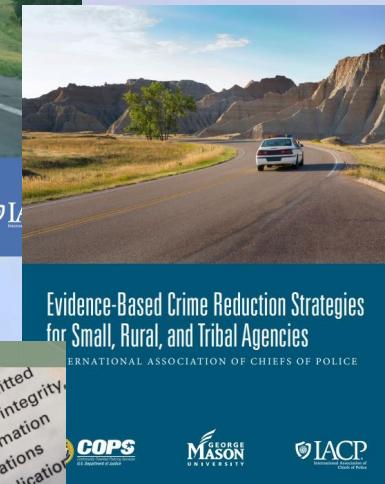


Publications

- Implementing Peer Support Services in Small and Rural Law Enforcement Agencies
- Recruiting and Retaining Officers in Small and Rural Agencies
- Evidence-Based Crime Reduction Strategies for Small, Rural, and Tribal Agencies

Order publications at:

<https://portal.cops.usdoj.gov/resourcecenter/Home.aspx>





Collaborative Reform Initiative: Continuum of Technical Assistance

Examples of Technical Assistance (TA)

Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC)

- Training
- Executive consultation
- Peer exchange
- Policy review
- Strategic planning
- Resource referral
- Needs assessment
(e.g., training,
technology,
recruitment)

Critical Response

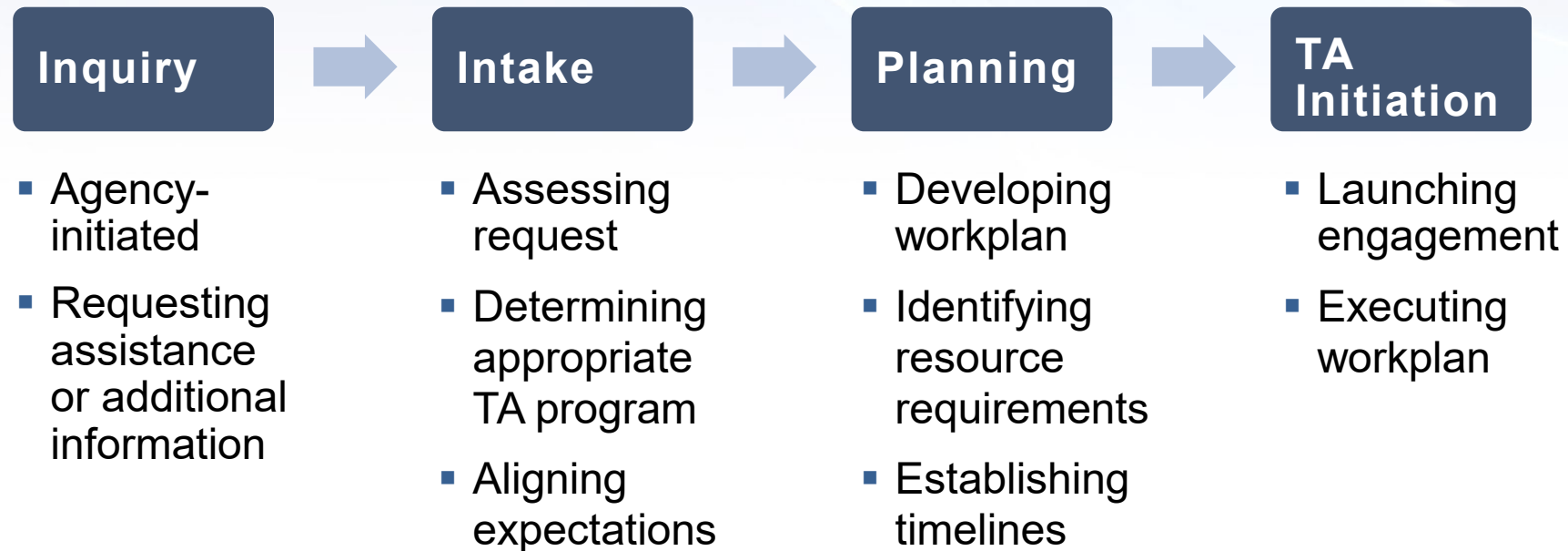
- Immediate
delivery of TA
- Critical incident
after-action review
- Issue-specific
review of
operations

Organizational Assessment

- Comprehensive
organizational
assessment
- Ongoing TTA
- Public reporting

Collaborative Reform Initiative: Continuum of Technical Assistance

Intake Overview



Collaborative Reform Initiative: Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC)

CRI-TAC operating principles

By the field, for the field

- Partners from nine major law enforcement stakeholder associations
- Peer-based learning approach to organizational improvement
- Subject matter experts provided by IACP and partners

Agency- driven

- TA is designed in collaboration with requesting agencies
- Tailored, scalable solutions

Narrowly scoped

- Wide array of training and technical assistance topics
- Engagements intended to be shorter-term



Collaborative Reform Initiative: Technical Assistance Center (CRI-TAC)



More than
60 TA topics covering
public safety and
crime reduction



Collaborative Reform Initiative: Continuum of Technical Assistance

To request assistance, please visit
CollaborativeReform.org



WELCOME TO

The COPS Office Training Portal



COPS Office Approach to Training

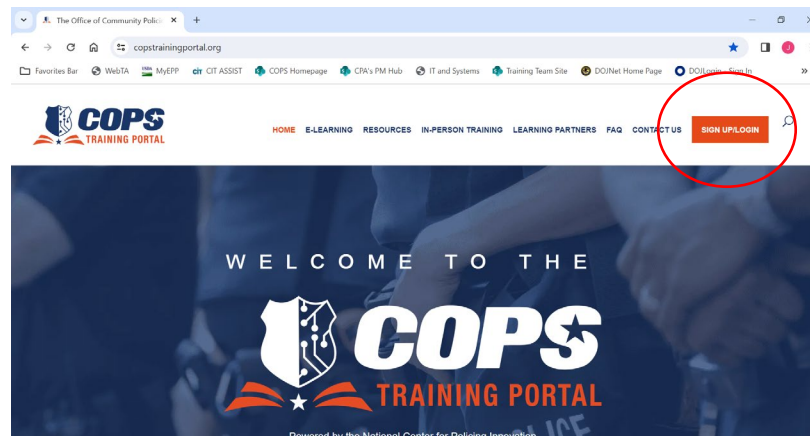
- No cost to agencies or officers
- Timely and relevant
- Clear expected outcomes
- Evidence based training developed and reviewed by SMEs
- Standardized process for high-quality results
- Piloted trainings for direct input from intended audiences
- Measurable – both objective and subjective
- Strong partners (like NHTSA, FAA, etc.) and developers
- E-learning and in-person

The COPS Office Training Portal offers more than 30 online, on-demand trainings and resources – all for free (and we're adding more all the time!)

tribal policing Child & Youth Safety
Crime prevention leadership
Community Policing drug awareness & enforcement
legal Traffic Safety
Officer safety & wellness

Access the COPS Training Portal

Just register at COPStrainingportal.org!



COPS Training Portal

Email

Password

☐ By clicking here, I accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Policy.

Log in

Lost password?

Is this your first time here?

Please create an account to enroll and participate in any eLearning course or resource on demand.

Please note, the COPS Office Training Portal does not support international accounts at this time. International user accounts will be removed from the system.

Need technical support? Call us at 833-650-7910 or email us at info@COPSTrainingPortal.org. This inbox is monitored during normal business hours, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. EST.

When creating an account, we recommend using the Google Chrome browser, as it works best with the COPS Training Portal.

Create new account



Register New U.S. Account

Password

Passwords must have at least:

- 8 characters
- 1 digit(s)
- 1 lower case letter(s)
- 1 upper case letter(s)
- 1 non-alphanumeric character(s) such as *, -, or #

Email address

Email (again)

First name

Last name

Role/Position

Preferred Phone

State/Province

Organization/Affiliation

Enter Organization Name

Enter Organization City

Enter ORI

Security question

ERROR for site owner: Invalid domain for site key

Create my new account **Cancel**



Small and Rural Website

In partnership with BJA, DOJ has a new Small and Rural Law Enforcement Resources website:

https://cops.usdoj.gov/small_and_rural_law_enforcement_resources

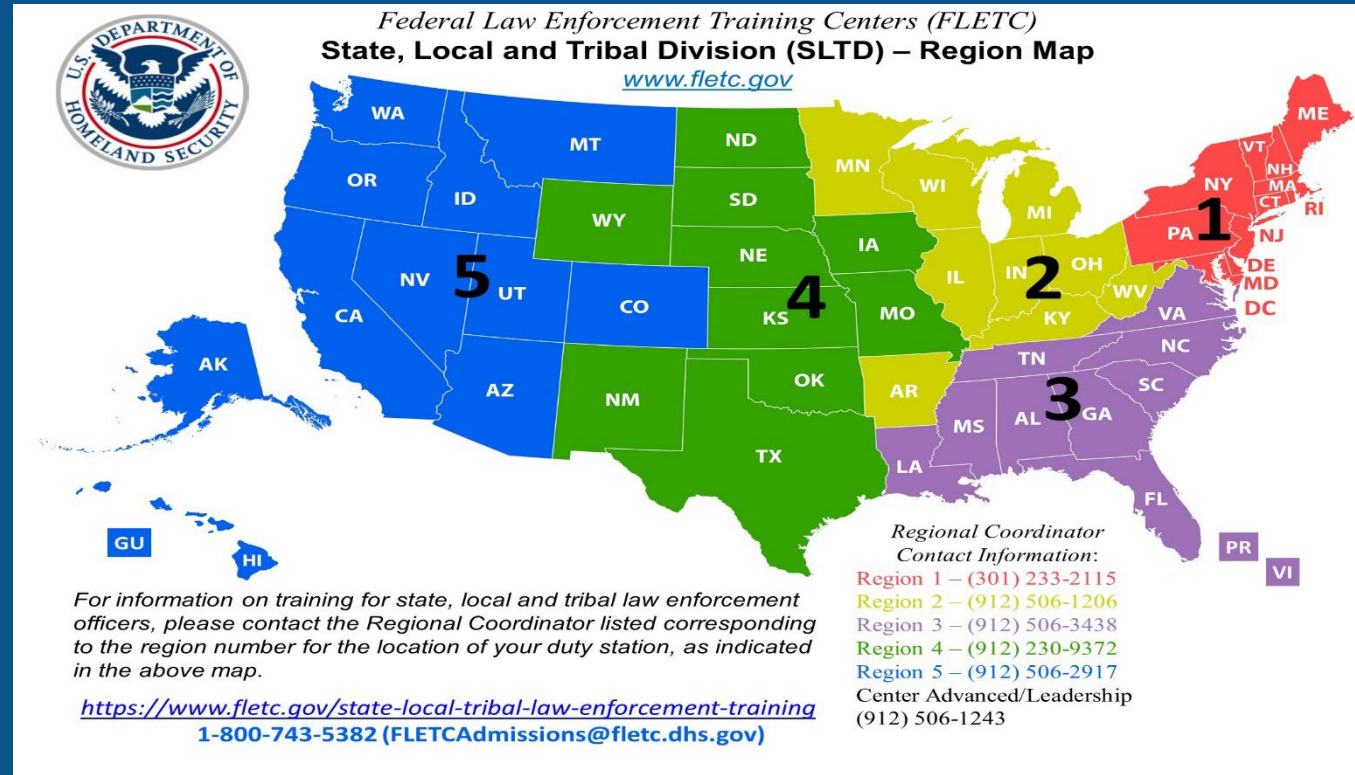
Website Houses:

- TTA
- Funding
- Publications
- Resources (podcasts, videos, etc.)

Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC)

FLETC Export Training FY24

- 347 Export classes delivered in FY24 (Oct. 1-Sept. 30)



Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers

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Available FLETC Training

- All FLETC training is available to state, local, Tribal, territorial and campus/university LEOs, to include Direct Support Personnel* (FY24= over 11,000 trained)
- Training is offered at no-cost or low-cost to the law enforcement agencies, to include training equipment
- Training is delivered in-residence and as export training



Appropriated Training Initiatives

- Active Threat Portfolio
 - Critical Incident Response Training*
- Use of Force
 - Instructor/Operator
- Center for Prevention Programs and Partnerships (CP3)
 - Targeted Violence/Domestic Violent Extremism



Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers

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Use of Force Instructor Training Program

- Two-Week “Train-the-Trainer” course
- Constitution Based Force Application
- Export Training and In-Residence
- FY24-50 total iterations



Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers



The Human Trafficking Awareness Training (HTAT).
This program provides an introduction to current indicators for human trafficking, an overview of federal statutes, and applicable state law related to trafficking. The training is oriented with case studies, videos, and student- centered learning activities tailored to your community's unique challenges.

Followed by a panel discussion with state, local, and federal subject matter experts.



Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers

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Department of Homeland Security Leadership Academy (DHSLA)

- Two-Week command level leadership course
- Crisis leadership focus
- 30 attendees per session consisting of Sheriff's Offices, Police Departments, Tribal Law Enforcement, Campus/University, State Agencies, and U.S. Territories. Also includes International law enforcement, Fire/EMS/EMA, and a Federal LEO.
- Session #21 scheduled for January 6-16, 2025.
 - Certified Homeland Protection Professional-National Sheriff's Association



Federal Law Enforcement Training Centers

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National Center for Missing & Exploited Children (NCMEC)

Team Adam

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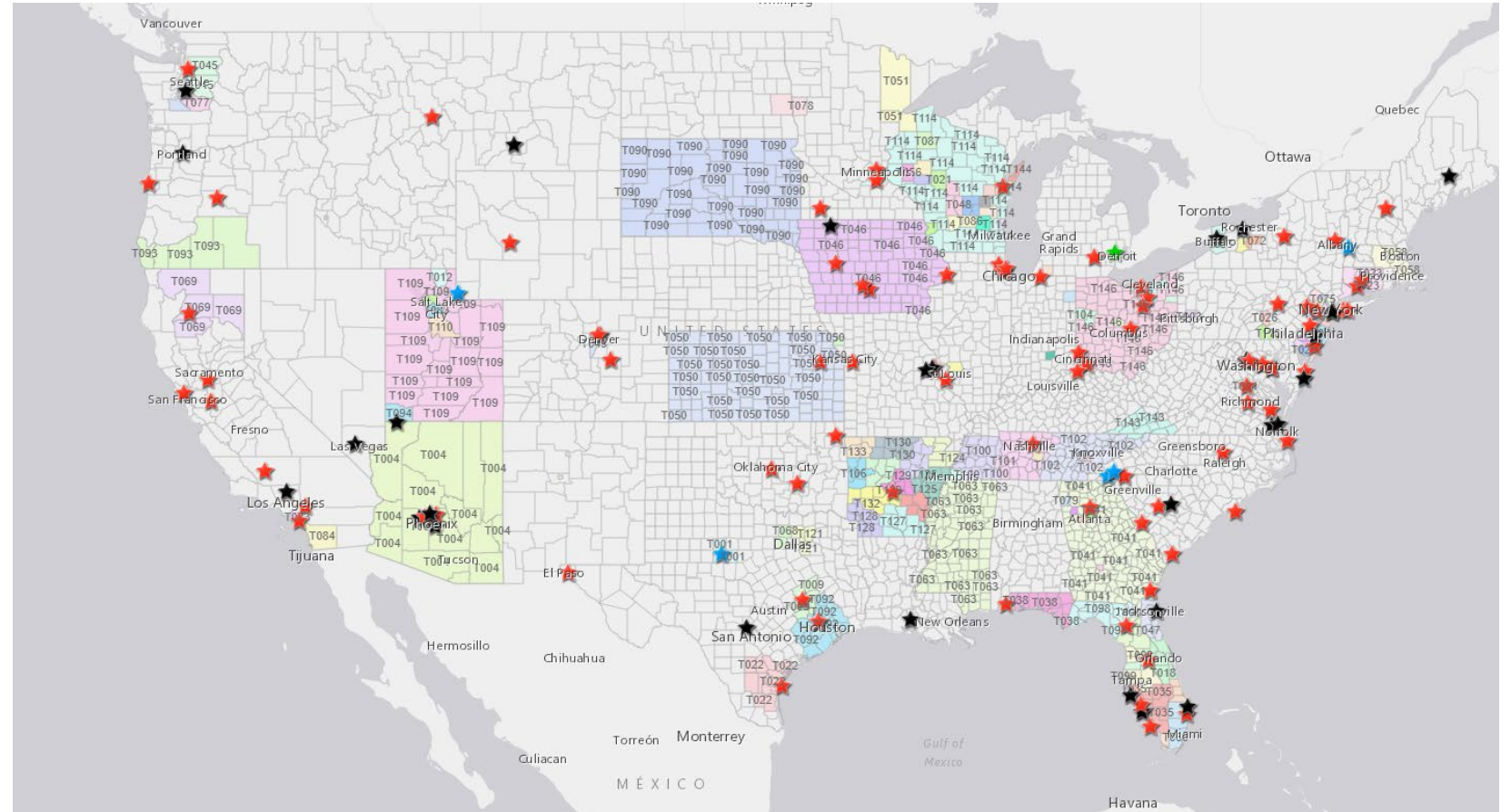
Team Adam

Retired law enforcement professionals and subject matter experts who:

- Serve as an on-site resource on critical cases involving missing and/or exploited children;
- Provide case assistance to law enforcement with long-term missing cases;
- Facilitate access to NCMEC resources;
- Connect families and victims to support resources;
- Deploy during times of disaster to assist with reunification.



156 Consultants (2023)



Team Adam



Critical Rapid-Response Deployments:

How do we help?

For Law Enforcement:

- ✓ Search and Rescue Management/Resources
- ✓ Landfill Search Assessment
- ✓ Investigative Recommendations and Strategies
- ✓ Access to Resources through Partnerships

For Families:

- ✓ Family Advocacy and Reunification Services
- ✓ Access to Mental Health Professionals
- ✓ Child Safety Education



Types of Activations



CRITICAL DEPLOYMENT

Rapid-Response

On-site or Phone Consults

Search & Rescue Assistance

Landfill Assessment



CASE ASSISTANCE DEPLOYMENT

Long-Term Cases

Unidentified Child Remains

Attempted Abductions Initiative



OUTREACH/NETWORKING

Missing Persons Days

Conferences & Presentations

Community Safety Events

Child Abduction Response

Team (CART) Activities

Case Assistance Deployments: How can we help?

- Facilitating biometric DNA collection by law enforcement (kits provided by NCMEC free of charge)
- Locating medical records, fingerprints, dental radiographs, and other biometric data for the missing child
- Assistance with the collection of a DNA sample to be uploaded into a genealogy site
- Assistance to determine identity in cases of unidentified remains, infant abductions, and unidentified-living cases
- Exhumations to collect comparison DNA
- Access to Forensic Odontologists and Forensic Anthropologists
- Analytical resources provided by NCMEC's Analytical Services Division



Case Assistance Deployments: How can we help?

- Age-progressed images and skull reconstruction
- Media strategy and resources
- Cases featured on the NCMEC website, Facebook/Instagram pages, and other social media sites
- Poster distribution through our media partners and the US Postal Service mailing program
- Digital billboards



Access to Specialized Resources

All resources are
provided at no cost to
law enforcement.

Search & Rescue
Management
Assistance

Cell Phone
Forensics

Lead
Management

Rapid DNA
Testing

Mapping
Assistance

Landfill
Assessment

Vehicle Forensics

Time-Line
Assistance

Pro Bono Lab
Testing

K-9/HRD
Teams

Air Force Rescue
Coordination
Center

Drone
Technology



Federal Partners

Access to Specialized Resources

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law enforcement.



Team
Adam



Community Outreach & Presentations

- National Night Out
- Community Safety Events
- School Safety Events
- NCMEC Informational Booth at Conferences
- Presentations to:
 - CART
 - Law Enforcement (local, federal, state, tribal, etc.)
 - Community groups and organizations
 - Schools



CART Initiative

There are 130+ Child Abduction Response Teams (CART) identified in the US. A Team Adam Consultant (TAC) is assigned as a liaison to each of these teams to:

- Provide presentations on NCMEC resources
- Access to executive trainings at NCMEC HQ
- Become an integral part of local teams, making resources immediately available
- Attend CART meetings/mock scenarios

Tribal Access Program (TAP)

- NCMEC is reaching out to Native American communities and providing a TAC as a liaison to each nation through the Tribal Access Program (DOJ).
- TACs are available to assist in the event of a missing child episode on Tribal lands.
- There are over 570 Federally recognized tribes within the United States and several hundred more that are recognized by states.



Disaster Response

NCMEC has partnered with FEMA to assist with reunification efforts for missing children during times of disaster.

- On-site assistance at Federally declared disasters
 - Natural or man-made
- FEMA contractor credentials
- State requests for assistance
- Recent deployments:
 - Hurricane Harvey (Texas)
 - Hurricane Maria (Puerto Rico)



Requesting Team Adam Assistance

Report case to NCMEC
(1-800-THE-LOST)

Contact with Case
Manager. Request
Team Adam
assistance.

Team Adam
Consultant is
deployed.

On-site consultation
and access to NCMEC
resources for as long
as requesting agency
needs.

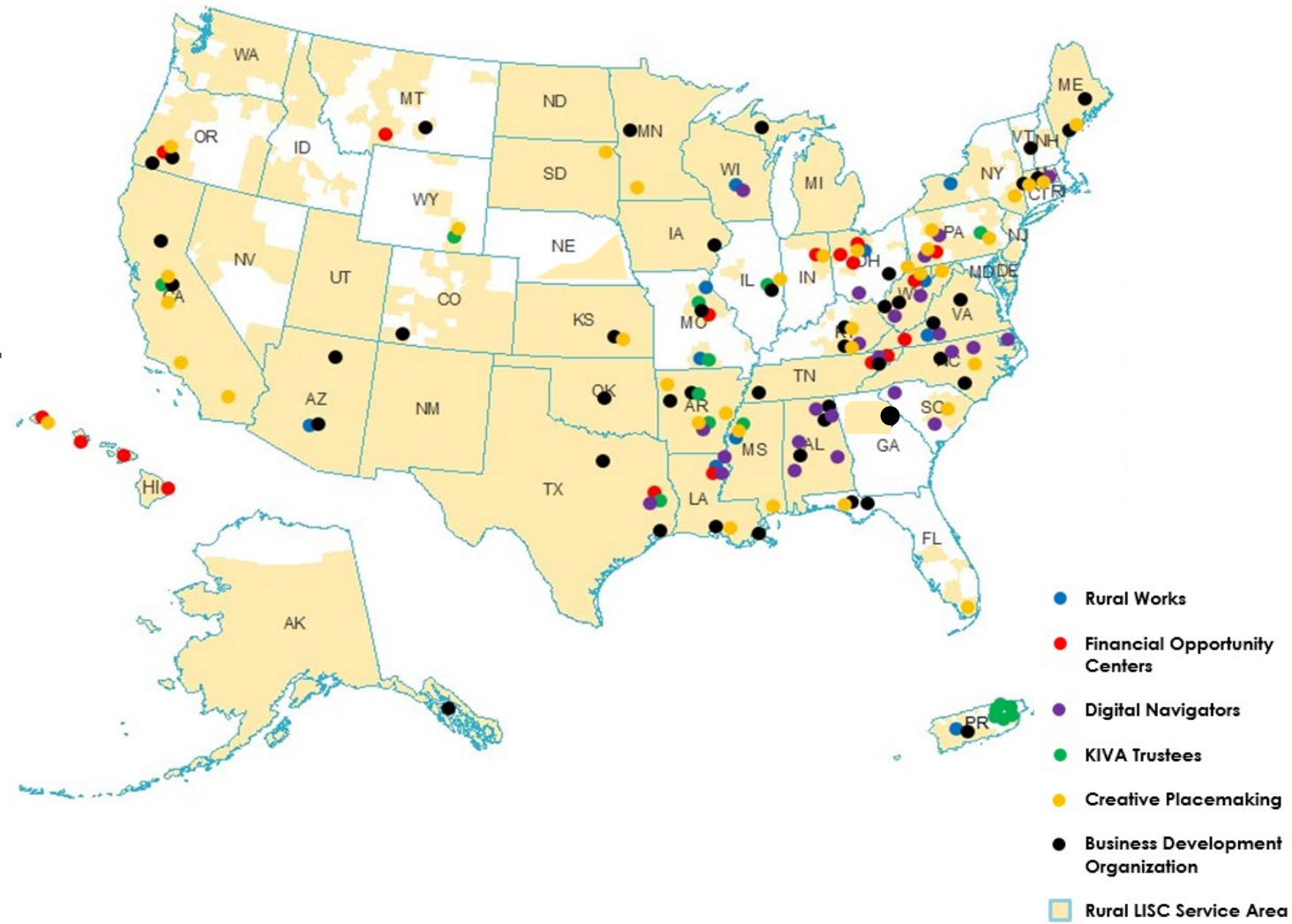


Rural LISC

For almost 30 years Rural LISC has worked with and through grassroots partners located in rural communities and regions.

We are a **connector** and **cross-pollinator** for our partners, linking them to national opportunities, to each other and aggregating resources they might not otherwise access without our network.

Working closely with partners helps us cover a large national footprint.



150+ local partners across 50 states and Puerto Rico

Definition of Rural

The geography where we work makes us unique.

Communities with USDA
defined **population size** of
50,000 or less

Distance from a metro area
and **limited range of**
economic activities

Considerations of **overall**
local resources and available
federal funding



The Rural Landscape

20 percent of our country's population resides in rural places. That's 60 million people who live and work in rural communities.

From the standpoint of a competitive America, we must recognize and leverage the extraordinary talent and assets of the vast part of the nation that is rural.

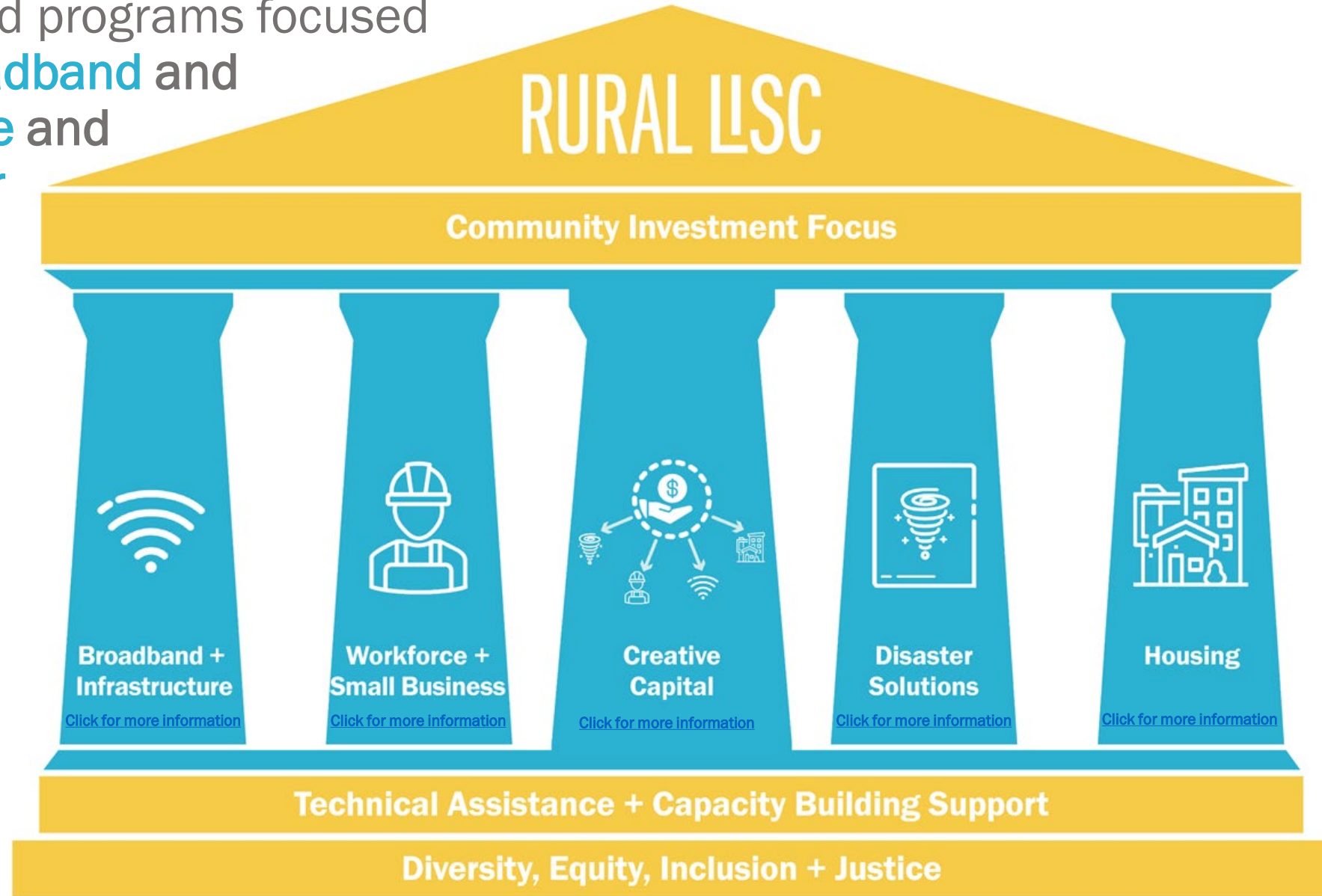


When discussing impact, not scale, you have to set the stage for impact measurements using a different context. Add one talented special education teacher, one full-service grocer, and the gains may well spread, like ripples in a rain puddle, to the furthest reaches of the community. We know this because we've seen it many times.



Rural LISC strives to identify priorities and opportunities to **meet local needs** through integrated strategies and programs focused on **creative capital, broadband and infrastructure, workforce and small business, disaster supports, and housing.**

Our work is built on a foundation of **Technical Assistance & Capacity Building Strategies** and intentional **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, & Justice** practices.



In partnership with Rural LISC...



Local community organizations increase their capacity and knowledge.



Funding is leveraged from all levels for community-based solutions.



Small businesses become long-term community staples.



Families become homeowners.



Communities rebuild and recover after disasters.



Communities close the digital equity gap.



Individuals and families increase their net income and net worth.



Individuals increase their job skills and career advancements

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, Justice

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Justice are the core values that encompass the cornerstone of who we are, what we do, how we measure impact, with whom we partner, how we earn trust, and show up in our community. Rural LISC values listening to and engaging neighborhood residents and community members, and incorporating their input and feedback into the design, creation, and execution of LISC's work.

We will strive to cultivate leadership, organizational capacity, and technical skills of residents, practitioners, and community-based organizations to help make life outcomes more equitable; and to support and expand the impact of BIPOC leadership, identify and counteract systemic racism, and foster partnerships to advance systems change and racial justice in rural America.



When Rural LISC works in a community, all available resources are deployed at all levels of a community's development plan.

Rural LISC resources are integrated and are proven to leverage funding and partnerships for continued community development.

A holistic and comprehensive approach is taken with every community.

Wealth Building: Rural LISC's Financial Opportunity Center network works to increase the financial well-being of individuals and families, with 60% of their clients increasing their net income and 68% increasing their net worth in 2022.

Local Government: LISC runs the U.S. HUD Distressed Cities Technical Assistance program, investing more than \$12M in small units of local government to increase their internal capacity and address barriers to community development.

Broadband and Infrastructure: Rural LISC works with community leaders, elected officials and stakeholders to map out a community's broadband and infrastructure needs, and how to maximize on historic public dollar investments coming into rural communities today. In the last year, \$80M has been leveraged for rural broadband projects.

Regional Employers: Rural LISC's workforce development programming strengthens a rural community's workforce ecosystem. Since 2021, Rural Works resulted in more than 3,500 job placements, leveraging more than \$12M in additional supports.

Housing: Since 1995, Rural LISC has supported the development and preservation of 52,904 affordable homes across the Rural LISC network. LISC and its affiliates have invested more than \$2.75B in grants, loans, lines of credit, recoverable investments, and equity for the development of affordable housing.

Commercial and Community Property: 8.8M square feet of commercial and community facilities has been built through creative capital projects across the Rural LISC network.

Capacity Building: To date, Rural LISC has deployed more than \$2.75B to partner organizations, including \$99.9M in capacity building grants for local community-based partners.

Community Anchors: Rural LISC has trained 120 Digital Connectors with anchor institutions like rural libraries and community-based organizations. These hubs help residents get connected to low-cost Internet and devices, resulting in enhanced digital skills.

Small Business: Since 2020, Rural LISC has helped keep rural Main Street open for business by providing more than \$40M in grants, capital, and technical assistance to a variety of small businesses.



Incorporating Safety & Justice



**Communities
increase their site
attractiveness**



**Communities
address historical
population
disinvestment**



**Individuals increase
their job skills, career
advancements, and
financial
opportunities**



**Provision of
affordable and
safe homes**

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lisc.org/our-resources/safety-justice



RVCRI TTA Request

No cost tailored training and technical assistance for RVCRI grantees!

Home >

TTA Request

Have a TTA request? Please complete and submit the form below.

The RVCRI team offers expert training and technical assistance (TTA) to grantees upon request. Our team is ready to provide the insights needed to address specific challenges grantees may face. We can also assist grantees in establishing, implementing, and measuring the success of their violent crime reduction plans.

Topic areas 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

After your request has been submitted it will be reviewed by the RVCRI team. You will be contacted as soon as possible.

Requesting Agency Information

Requestor Name *(Required)*

Position *(Required)*

Agency/Department *(Required)*

Telephone *(Required)* **Email** *(Required)*

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