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The U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ), Office of Justice Programs (OJP), [Bureau of Justice Assistance](#) (BJA) is seeking applications to fund the Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Reducing Violent Crime by Improving Justice System Performance.

This solicitation incorporates the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) by reference. It provides guidance to applicants on how to prepare and submit applications for funding to OJP. If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.

Eligibility (Who may apply):

The following entities are eligible to apply:

- States
- Territories
- Local units of government
- State and local courts
- Federally recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior)

All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

Contact information

For technical assistance with submitting an application, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035, at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>, or at support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the contact identified below **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application

after the deadline. Additional information on reporting technical issues appears under “Experiencing Unforeseen Grants.gov Technical Issues” in the How To Apply (Grants.gov) section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

For assistance with any unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond an applicant’s control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline, or any other requirement of this solicitation, contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center: toll-free at 800–851–3420; via TTY at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only); email grants@ncjrs.gov; fax to 301–240–5830; or web chat at <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>. The NCJRS Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. eastern time on the solicitation close date.

Deadline Details

Applicants must register with Grants.gov at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html> prior to submitting an application. All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on May 1, 2020.

To be considered punctual, an application must be submitted by the application deadline using Grants.gov, and the applicant must have received a validation message from Grants.gov that indicates successful and timely submission. OJP urges applicants to submit applications at least 72 hours prior to the application due date, to allow time for the applicant to receive validation messages or rejection notifications from Grants.gov, and to correct in a timely fashion any problems that may have caused a rejection notification.

An applicant must use the **Add Attachment** button to attach a file to its application. Do not click the paperclip icon to attach files. This action will not attach the files to the application. After adding an attachment, select the **View Attachment** button to confirm you attached the correct file. To remove the file, select the **Delete Attachment** button.

OJP encourages all applicants to read this [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#).

For additional information, see the How to Apply (Grants.gov) section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

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JUSTICE REINVESTMENT INITIATIVE: REDUCING VIOLENT CRIME BY IMPROVING JUSTICE SYSTEM PERFORMANCE

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A. Program Description

Overview

BJA's Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Reducing Violent Crime by Improving Justice System Performance provides funding to develop and implement innovative and research-based responses that address a range of criminal justice system problems. It employs the Justice Reinvestment approach to criminal justice which recognizes that every justice agency has a role to play in preventing crime, apprehending and prosecuting perpetrators, ensuring efficient and effective court and pretrial decisionmaking, facilitating appropriate sentencing and treatment, and protecting community security.

Statutory Authority: Awards under this solicitation will be made under statutory authority provided by the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2020, Pub. L. No. 116-93, 133 Stat 2317, 2408-09.

Program-specific Information

The Justice Reinvestment Initiative enables criminal justice systems to improve their business management and operations processes by addressing the complex factors that drive crime and use of criminal justice system resources. To that end, BJA seeks proposals in three categories:

Category 1: Improving Court Processing and Efficient Docket Management. Competition ID: BJA-2020-17094

Identify and address the challenges that prevent efficient, timely, and effective court case processing. Applicants should review their court system data, policies, and procedures to identify opportunities to improve docket management, thus reducing unnecessary costs and delays that negatively impact the justice system and public safety.

Category 2: Improving and Implementing Pre-trial Systems. Competition ID: BJA-2020-17095

Identify and address the challenges faced by jurisdictions in making pre-trial release decisions that are timely, risk-informed, and fair, and assure a defendant's court appearance while protecting public safety. Applicants should review their pre-trial data, policies, and procedures to identify opportunities for planning, implementation, and enhancements to better determine a defendant's level of risk to public safety and reduce the likelihood of their failure to appear in court if released pending trial as well as opportunities to create or enhance pretrial release assessment services.

Category 3: Innovative Approaches to Improve the Efficacy of State, Local, and Tribal Justice Systems. Competition ID: BJA-2020-18072

Identify innovative approaches to address persistent or emerging crime and public safety problems, or the impediments/barriers to address them. Applicants should review the entire criminal justice system spectrum—from event to reentry—to identify innovative opportunities for

improvement that align with holding violent offenders accountable, addressing the opioid epidemic, supporting law enforcement and correctional institutions, and supporting victims of violent crime.

Award recipients will receive technical assistance from subject matter experts and are expected to follow the five-step Justice Reinvestment approach, as follows:

1. Engage stakeholders. The project team includes all agencies and individuals necessary to understand and address the problem.
2. Analyze data and identify drivers. The project team uses data to determine the causes, symptoms, scope of the problem, and impediments to addressing the problem. The lead and other stakeholder agencies provide relevant data.
3. Develop innovative or research-based responses. The project team devises strategies and activities to specifically address the root causes of the problem and/or impediment to addressing the root causes. The team documents planned activities, including the parties responsible and timelines, and secures buy-in from stakeholders.
4. Implement innovative responses. The project team enacts strategies and activities according to the plan and makes course corrections as needed to increase the likelihood of achieving the desired outcomes.
5. Measure outcomes. The project team assesses the effectiveness of the implemented innovative strategies and activities to address the crime problem. The team documents what works and how it will work to support sustainability, future funding requests, and to inform replication.

Objectives and Deliverables

Using the Justice Reinvestment approach, applicants should address the objectives and deliverables below that apply across all three categories.

Objectives:

- Collect and analyze data, and identify the impediments/barriers to addressing the category-specific criminal justice system challenges.
- Engage stakeholders across the justice system (e.g., law enforcement, court administrators, judges, jails, treatment providers) to diagnose and develop coordinated responses to the category-specific challenges.
- Test, establish, and/or expand innovative ideas and evidence-based strategies to address the category-specific criminal justice system challenges.

Deliverables:

- A final report summarizing the changes made and preliminary outcomes.

The Objectives and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that demonstrate the results of the work completed, as discussed under [What an Application Should Include](#).

In applying for these grants, applicants agree to cooperate in any and all related research efforts and program evaluations by collecting and providing enrollment and participation data during all years of the program. Applicants also agree to provide detailed, **individual-level** data, if requested, in the format specified by OJP during this time period.

OJP Policy Priority Areas

In FY 2020, and in addition to executing any program-specific prioritization that may be applicable, OJP will give priority consideration to applications as follows:

- Applications from federally-recognized tribes.
- Applications that address specific challenges that rural communities face.
- Applications that demonstrate that the individuals who are intended to benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties.
- Applications that offer enhancements to public safety in economically distressed communities (Qualified Opportunity Zones).
- Applications that go to enhancing criminal justice and public safety by indicating agreement to comply with one or more of the following law enforcement-related award conditions:
 - Where the application is from a State or local government entity that operates at least one correctional facility (as defined at 34 U.S.C. 10251(a)(7)), applications in which the applicant agrees to comply with award conditions related to cooperation with federal law enforcement, as set forth in Appendix C.
 - Where the application is from a State or local government entity, applications in which the applicant agrees to comply with award conditions related to noninterference with federal law enforcement, as set forth in Appendix D.
 - Where the application is from a State or local government entity, applications in which the applicant agrees to comply with award conditions related to nondisclosure of federal law enforcement information, as set forth in Appendix E.

To receive priority consideration under the rural priority, applicants must describe what makes the geographic service area rural (using U.S. Census or other appropriate government data; for assistance, applicants may wish to refer to <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/geography/guidance/geo-areas/urban-rural.html>), how isolated the area is from needed services, and how they will address specific challenges in rural communities.

To receive priority consideration under the poverty priority, the applicant must provide information to demonstrate that the individuals who are intended to benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent poverty counties. For purposes of this priority consideration, the term “high-poverty area” means any census tract with a poverty rate of at least 20 percent as measured by the 2013–2017 5-year data series available from the American Community Survey of the Census Bureau (applicants may search by census tract at <https://www.census.gov/acs/www/data/data-tables-and-tools/narrative-profiles/2017/>) and the term “persistent poverty counties” means any county that has had 20 percent or more of its population living in poverty over the past 30 years, as measured by the 1990 and 2000 decennial censuses and the most recent Small Area Income and Poverty Estimates (applicants may search by county at <https://www.census.gov/data/tables/time-series/dec/census-poverty.html> and at <https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/saipe.html>).

To receive priority consideration under the Qualified Opportunity Zones priority, applicants must include information that specifies how the project will enhance public safety in the specified QOZs. For resources on QOZs, and for a current list of designated QOZs, see the U.S. Department of the Treasury’s resource webpage, accessible at <https://www.cdfifund.gov/pages/opportunity-zones.aspx>.

To receive priority consideration for enhancing criminal justice and public safety by agreeing to comply with one or more award conditions related to law enforcement, applicants can agree to one or more of a series of award conditions (and will receive priority points for each accepted condition):

- To receive priority consideration under the priority for cooperation with federal law enforcement, applicants must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix C.
- To receive priority consideration under the priority for noninterference with federal law enforcement, applicants must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix D.
- To receive priority consideration under the priority for nondisclosure of federal law-enforcement information, applicants must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix E.

OJP policy priority consideration will consist of receiving additional points in the application scoring process. Receipt of priority consideration does not guarantee that an application will be funded; nor will the failure to receive priority consideration necessarily mean that an application will not be funded.

Evidence-based Programs or Practices

OJP strongly emphasizes the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

Applicants should note that OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the programs and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) section titled Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities.

B. Federal Award Information

Maximum number of awards BJA expects to make	14
Estimated maximum dollar amount for each award	\$1,000,000
Total amount anticipated to be awarded under this solicitation	\$14,000,000
Period of performance start date	October 1, 2020
Period of performance duration	36 months

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law.

Type of Award

BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as grants. See the Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements¹ as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information.

Budget Information

Cost Sharing or Match Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match.

Please see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the following:

[Pre-agreement Costs \(also known as Pre-award Costs\)](#)

[Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver](#)

[Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs](#)

[Costs Associated with Language Assistance \(if applicable\)](#)

C. Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, see title page.

For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see [Section B. Federal Award Information](#).

D. Application and Submission Information

This solicitation expressly modifies the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide by not incorporating the “Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation” provisions in the “Application Attachments” section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

What an Application Should Include

The following application elements **MUST** be included in the application submission for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements (BMR) to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding: Program Narrative, Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative, Timeline/Task Plan, Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients, Position Descriptions for Key Roles, and Letters of Support.

See the Application Elements and Formatting Instructions section of the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on, among other things, what happens to an application that does not contain all of the specified elements or that is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.

¹ The "Part 200 Uniform Requirements" means the DOJ regulation at 2 C.F.R Part 2800, which adopts (with certain modifications) the provisions of 2 C.F.R. Part 200.

1. Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form (SF)-424)

The SF-424 is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of preapplications, applications, and related information. See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on completing the SF-424.

Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation (“funding opportunity”) is subject to [Executive Order 12372](#). An applicant may find the names and addresses of State Single Points of Contact (SPOCs) at the following website: [https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Intergovernmental -Review- SPOC 01 2018 OFFM.pdf](https://www.whitehouse.gov/wp-content/uploads/2017/11/Intergovernmental_-_Review_-_SPOC_01_2018_OFFM.pdf). If the applicant’s State appears on the SPOC list, the applicant must contact the State SPOC to find out about, and comply with, the State’s process under E.O. 12372. In completing the SF-424, an applicant whose State appears on the SPOC list is to make the appropriate selection in response to question 19, once the applicant has complied with its State E.O. 12372 process. (An applicant whose State does not appear on the SPOC list should answer question 19 by selecting the response that the: “Program is subject to E.O. 12372 but has not been selected by the State for review.”).

2. Project Abstract

Include an abstract that summarizes the proposed project in 400 words or fewer. Project abstracts should be:

- Written for a general public audience.
- Submitted as a separate attachment with “Project Abstract” as part of its file name.
- Single-spaced, using a standard 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins.

As a separate attachment, the project abstract will not count against the page limit for the program narrative.

3. Program Narrative

The program narrative must respond to the solicitation and the Review Criteria in the order given. The program narrative must be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins, and must not exceed **20** pages. Please number pages “1 of 20,” “2 of 20,” etc. If the program narrative fails to comply with these length-related restrictions, BJA may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions. If the program narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, BJA may negatively consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decisions.

The following sections should be included as part of the program narrative:

- a. Statement of the Problem (supported by relevant data)
- b. Project Design and Implementation
- c. Capabilities and Competencies
- d. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation’s Performance Measures

OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that demonstrate the results of the work carried out under the award. The performance data directly relate to the objectives and deliverables identified under "Objectives and Deliverables" in [Section A. Program Description](#).

Applicants should visit OJP's performance measurement page at www.ojp.gov/performance for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

Examples of the types of performance and accountability data that will be required can be found in [Appendix A: Performance Measures Table](#). BJA is currently developing the performance measures for this program that will be shared with grantees upon acceptance of their awards.

The application should demonstrate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements for this grant program and detail how the applicant will gather the required data.

Please note that applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Performance measures information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of the reporting requirements under an award.

Award recipients will be required to provide the relevant data by submitting bi-annual performance measures as part of their progress reports in the Grants Management System.

Note on Project Evaluations

An applicant that proposes to use award funds through this solicitation to conduct project evaluations should follow the guidance under Note on Project Evaluations in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Please see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the following:

4. [Budget Information and Associated Documentation](#) in the "Budget Preparation and Submission Information" section.
5. [Indirect Cost Rate Agreement](#)
6. [Tribal Authorizing Resolution](#) (if applicable)
7. [Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire \(including applicant disclosure of high-risk status\)](#)
8. [Disclosure of Lobbying Activities](#)
9. [Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications](#)
10. [Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees](#)² (if applicable)

² A "DOJ High Risk Grantee" is a recipient that has received a DOJ High-Risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, or noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or that is otherwise not responsible.

11. [Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity](#)

12. Additional Attachments

a. **Documentation of Rural Challenges (if applicable)**

As is mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that address specific challenges that rural communities face. Each applicant proposing to receive priority consideration under the rural priority should provide a sufficient narrative to include what makes the geographic service area rural (using U.S. Census or other appropriate government data), how isolated the area is from needed services, and how it will address specific challenges in rural communities.

b. **Documentation of High-Poverty Areas or Persistent-Poverty Counties (if applicable)**

As mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to applications that demonstrate that the individuals who will benefit from the requested grant reside in high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties as defined above. Each applicant proposing to receive consideration under the High-Poverty Areas or Persistent Poverty Counties priority should provide a sufficient narrative explanation to identify each specific High-Poverty Area (by census tract number(s)) and/or each specific Persistent-Poverty County where individuals are intended to benefit from the requested grant and how the requested grant will address specific challenges in each such identified area and/or county.

c. **Documentation of Enhanced Public Safety in Qualified Opportunity Zones (if applicable)**

As is mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to designated Qualified Opportunity Zones (QOZs). Each applicant proposing to receive priority consideration under the under the Qualified Opportunity Zones priority should provide a sufficient narrative explanation in order for OJP to identify clearly the public safety benefit the applicant anticipates that its project will have on a specified QOZ(s). The narrative and the list of affected QOZs (by census tract number) must be included as an attachment that is clearly labeled as addressing QOZs. The applicant may also include tables, charts, graphs, or other relevant illustrations that may be useful in comprehending the manner in which the proposed project is anticipated to benefit a QOZ(s).

d. **Certifications Regarding Enhancing Criminal Justice and Public Safety through Law-Enforcement-Related Award Conditions (if applicable)**

• **Certification regarding Cooperation with Federal Law Enforcement (if applicable)**

As is mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to State or local government entity applicants that operate at least one correctional facility (as defined at 34 U.S.C. 10251(a)(7)), and agree to comply with award conditions related to cooperation with federal law enforcement, as set forth in Appendix C. Each such applicant proposing to receive priority consideration for such cooperation with federal law enforcement must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix C.

- **Certification regarding Noninterference with Federal Law Enforcement (if applicable)**

As is mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to State or local government entity applicants that agree to comply with award conditions related to noninterference with federal law enforcement, as set forth in Appendix D. Each such applicant proposing to receive priority consideration for such noninterference with federal law enforcement must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix D.

- **Certification regarding Nondisclosure of Federal Law Enforcement Information (if applicable)**

As is mentioned above, OJP will give priority consideration in award decisions to State or local government entity applicants that agree to comply with award conditions related to nondisclosure of federal law-enforcement information, as set forth in Appendix E. Each such applicant proposing to receive priority consideration for such nondisclosure of law enforcement sensitive information must sign and submit the certification provided in Appendix E.

e. **Timeline/Task Plan** outlining key tasks, benchmarks, and the persons/entities responsible.

f. **Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients**

Attach a list of proposed subrecipients of grant funding, if applicable, that includes the name, organizational affiliation, and location of the proposed subrecipient entity.

g. **Position Descriptions for Key Roles**

A position description should relate to the role on the proposed project, not the person's role within the applicant organization, and describe their critical competencies and expectations regarding project responsibilities.

h. **Letters of Support**

The application should include letters of support from key stakeholders, including from the key executive officer in the relevant project agency (e.g., chief of police, presiding judge, department of corrections director), indicating their support for the project and commitment to collaborate throughout the award.

How To Apply (Grants.gov)

Applicants must register in and submit applications through [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), a primary source to find federal funding opportunities and apply for funding. Find information on how to apply in response to this solicitation in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Registration and Submission Steps

Applicants will need the following identifying information when searching for the funding opportunity on Grants.gov.

1. **CFDA # 16.827, Justice Reinvestment Initiative**

2. Some OJP solicitations posted to Grants.gov contain multiple purpose areas, denoted by the individual Competition ID. If applying to a solicitation with multiple Competition IDs, select the appropriate Competition ID for the intended purpose area of the application:

Category 1: Improving Court Processing and Efficient Docket Management. Competition ID: BJA-2020-17094

Category 2: Improving and Implementing Pre-trial Systems. Competition ID: BJA-2020-17095

Category 3: Innovative Approaches to Improve the Efficacy of State, Local, and Tribal Justice Systems. Competition ID: BJA-2020-18072

For information on each registration and submission step, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

E. Application Review Information

Review Criteria

Applications that meet basic minimum requirements will be evaluated by peer reviewers using the following review criteria.

1. Statement of the Problem (30 percent)

- Describe the criminal justice problem and please provide data to support this description. Both the data and description should be specific to the application category. Describe what data are available, what data are missing, and how data will be used to guide the decisionmaking about the problem.
- Describe prior efforts to correct the issue and why federal funding is needed to undertake the proposed activities.
- Describe efforts previously undertaken to address the issue and provide information about the outcomes to date.
- Demonstrate relevant agencies' and stakeholders' commitments to the proposed activities (e.g., letters of support, memorandums of understanding, etc.).

2. Project Design and Implementation (40 percent)

- Describe the activities that will address the criminal justice problem.
- Describe in detail how the applicant proposes to address the problem through the five Justice Reinvestment steps: engaging stakeholders, analyzing data and identifying drivers, developing innovative or research-based responses, implementing responses, and measuring outcomes.
- Describe the theory of change—how the proposed activities will lead to the desired outcome—and summarize available data and the research basis for the proposed strategy.

3. Capabilities and Competencies (15 percent)

- Provide a detailed description of the organization's capacity to perform the key tasks described in the Project Design and Implementation section.
- Describe the proposed management structure and staffing of the project. The structure described should match the staffing needs necessary to accomplish the tasks outlined in the Timeline/Task Plan.

- Discuss the staffing resources—permanent full-time staff, proposed partners, or proposed consultants—that will contribute to effective implementation and oversight of the project.

4. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation’s Performance Measures (5 percent)

- Describe the method by which the data required for this solicitation’s performance measures will be collected, including the system(s) used and the person(s) responsible.
- Describe how other performance metrics specific to the proposed project activities will be documented, monitored, and evaluated.

5. Budget (10 percent)

- Submit a budget that is complete, cost effective, and allowable (i.e., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).
- The budget narrative should demonstrate generally how the applicant will maximize cost effectiveness of grant expenditures. The budget narrative should demonstrate cost effectiveness in relation to potential alternatives and the objectives of the project.³

Review Process

BJA reviews an application to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with the solicitation requirements.

The following five paragraphs in this solicitation expressly modify the “Application Review Information” provisions in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide. An applicant is to follow the guidance in these five paragraphs instead of the guidance stated under the “Application Review Information” heading in the Guide.

Peer reviewers will review the applications submitted under this solicitation that meet basic minimum requirements. For purposes of assessing whether an application meets basic minimum requirements and should proceed to further consideration, OJP screens applications for compliance with those requirements. Although specific requirements may vary, the following are common requirements applicable to all solicitations for funding under OJP programs:

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.
- The application must request funding within programmatic funding constraints (if applicable).
- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.
- The application must include all items necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

³ Generally speaking, a reasonable cost is a cost that, in its nature or amount, does not exceed that which would be incurred by a prudent person under the circumstances prevailing at the time the decision was made to incur the costs.

For a list of the application elements that MUST be included in the application submission in order for an application to meet the basic minimum requirements, see [“What an Application Should Include”](#) under Section D. Application and Submission Information.

Peer review panels will evaluate, score, and rate applications that meet basic minimum requirements. BJA may use internal peer reviewers, external peer reviewers, or a combination, to assess applications on technical merit using the solicitation’s review criteria. An external peer reviewer is an expert in the subject matter of a given solicitation who is not a current DOJ employee. An internal reviewer is a current DOJ employee who is well versed or has expertise in the subject of this solicitation. Peer reviewers’ ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only, but are considered carefully.

Other important considerations for BJA include geographic diversity, strategic (programmatic and policy) priorities (specifically including, but not limited to, those mentioned above relating to addressing specific challenges that rural communities face, high-poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties, demonstrable potential enhancement to public safety in one or more federally designated Qualified Opportunity Zones, and enhancing criminal justice and public safety through award conditions regarding cooperation with federal law enforcement, noninterference with federal law enforcement, and/or nondisclosure of federal law enforcement information), available funding, and the extent to which the Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative accurately explain project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles.

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant that has one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the nonpublic segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

Important note on FAPIIS: An applicant, at its option, may review and comment on any information about itself that currently appears in FAPIIS and was entered by a federal awarding agency. OJP will consider any such comments by the applicant, in addition to the other information in FAPIIS, in its assessment of the risk posed by the applicant.

Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may take into account not only peer review ratings and BJA recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in this section.

F. Federal Award Administration Information

Please see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the following:

[Federal Award Notices](#)

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions, and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations (including applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance).

For additional information on these legal requirements, see the “Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

General Information About Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in [Section A. Program Description](#), any recipient of an award under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

Required reports. Recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual progress reports, final financial and progress reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. (In appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.)

See the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measures data.

G. Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see page 2.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see page 2.

H. Other Information

Please see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) for information on the following:

[Freedom of Information and Privacy Act \(5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a\)](#)

[Provide Feedback to OJP](#)

Appendix A: Performance Measures Table

Objective	Performance Measure(s)	Data Recipient Provides
<p>Collect and analyze data, and identify the barriers to addressing the category-specific criminal justice system challenges.</p> <p>Use data and intelligence to focus resources on the problems, perpetrators, and places associated with the barriers to addressing the category-specific criminal justice system inefficiency and cost drivers.</p>	<p>Percent of grantees using data to inform project activities</p>	<p>Which group or groups are responsible for conducting data analysis for your project?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff within the award recipient agency • External partners whose contributions are funded by this grant award • External partners whose contributions are not funded by this grant award <p>Since the beginning of the grant program, please list the data types used in the analysis.</p> <p>Since the beginning of the grant program, how has data analysis been used to inform project/agency leadership or project initiatives?</p>
<p>Engage stakeholders across the justice system (e.g., law enforcement, court administrators, judges, jails, treatment providers) to diagnose and develop coordinated responses to the category-specific challenges.</p> <p>Foster effective and consistent collaboration with justice system agencies to improve strategic and tactical system operations.</p>	<p>Percent of grantees actively collaborating with stakeholders across the justice system</p>	<p>During the reporting period, indicate which partners are actively engaged with your grant-funded program:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law enforcement • Court administrators Judges • Prosecutors • Treatment providers • Community/faith-based organizations • Other <p>Please list the coordinated responses identified by the stakeholders and the challenges those responses are targeting.</p>
<p>Test, establish, and/or expand innovative ideas and evidence-based strategies to address the category-specific criminal justice system challenges.</p>	<p>Increase in the use of targeted strategies aimed at criminal justice system challenges identified through the program</p> <p>Percent of grantees using evidence-based responses</p>	<p>Describe the initiatives tested to address the targeted challenges.</p> <p>Of those tested, which initiatives were fully implemented to address the targeted challenges.</p> <p>Of those that were tested, were any initiatives expanded (i.e., statewide or organizationwide).</p> <p>Were any of those initiatives based on evidence-based models? If so, are they being implemented as designed (i.e., with fidelity)?</p>

Appendix B: Application Checklist
Justice Reinvestment Initiative: Reducing Violent Crime
by Improving Justice System Performance

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application.

What an Applicant Should Do:

Prior to Registering in Grants.gov:

- Acquire a DUNS Number (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Acquire or renew registration with SAM (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

To Register with Grants.gov:

- Acquire AOR and Grants.gov username/password (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Biz POC (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

To Find Funding Opportunity:

- Search for the Funding Opportunity on Grants.gov (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Select the correct Competition ID (see pages 12–13)
- Access Funding Opportunity and Application Package (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Sign up for Grants.gov email [notifications](#) (optional) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#)
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at [ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm](#) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

After Application Submission, Receive Grants.gov Email Notifications That:

- (1) application has been received,
- (2) application has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

If No Grants.gov Receipt, and Validation or Error Notifications are Received:

- Contact NCJRS regarding technical difficulties (see page 2)

Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

- Review the “[Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2020 Awards](#)” in the [OJP Funding Resource Center](#).

Scope Requirement:

- The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of \$1,000,000.

Eligibility Requirement:

Eligible applicants are limited to states, territories, local units of government, state and local courts, and federally recognized Indian tribes (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior)

What an Application Should Include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> The following items are critical application elements required to pass Basic Minimum Requirements review. An application that OJP determines does not include the application elements that must be included in the application submission in order for the application to meet the basic minimum requirements, will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration. | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Narrative | (see page 9) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budget Detail Worksheet including Budget Narrative | (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Timeline/Task Plan | (see page 12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients | (see page 12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Position Descriptions for Key Roles | (see page 12) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Letters of Support | (see page 12) |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) | (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intergovernmental Review | (see page 9) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Project Abstract | (see page 9) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) | (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) | (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire | (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) | (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications | (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) | (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide) |

- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))

Additional Attachments:

- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#))
- Documentation of rural challenges (if applicable) (see page 11)
- Documentation of high-poverty areas or persistent poverty counties (if applicable) (see page 11)
- Documentation of enhanced public safety in federally designated Qualified Opportunity Zones (if applicable) (see page 11)
- Certifications regarding enhancing criminal justice and public safety through law-enforcement-related award conditions (if applicable) (see page 11)
- Certification regarding Cooperation with Federal Law Enforcement (if applicable) (see pages 11 and 21)
- Certification regarding Noninterference with Federal Law Enforcement (if applicable) (see pages 12 and 28)
- Certification regarding Nondisclosure of Federal Law-Enforcement Information (if applicable) (see pages 12 and 33)

Appendix C

Certification Regarding Cooperation with Federal Law Enforcement

I am an authorized official of the State or local government applicant entity named below and I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant. I understand that the Department will rely upon this certification as a material representation in any decision regarding an award to the applicant. On behalf of the State or local government applicant named below, and in order to receive priority consideration for its application, I certify to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), the following:

1. The State or local government applicant entity named below operates at least one correctional facility (that is, operates at least one "*place for the confinement or rehabilitation of offenders or individuals charged with or convicted of criminal offenses*" (34 U.S.C. 10251(a)(7))).
2. The applicant agrees to comply with the following four award conditions (or conditions substantially to the same effect) if it is selected to receive an award made by OJP under this solicitation:

CONDITION 1: Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: Interrogation of certain aliens

SCOPE. This condition applies with respect to the "program or activity" that is funded (in whole or in part) by this award, as of the date the recipient accepts this award, and throughout the remainder of the period of performance for the award. Its provisions must be among those included in any subaward (at any tier).

1. Noninterference with statutory law enforcement access to correctional facilities

Consonant with federal law enforcement statutes and regulations -- including 8 U.S.C. 1357(a), under which certain federal officers and employees "have power without warrant ... to interrogate any alien or person believed to be an alien as to his right to be or to remain in the United States," and 8 C.F.R. 287.5(a), under which that power may be exercised "anywhere in or outside the United States" -- within the funded program or activity, no State or local government entity, -agency, or -official may interfere with the exercise of that power to interrogate "without warrant" (by agents of the United States acting under color of federal law) by impeding access to any State or local government (or government-contracted) correctional facility by such agents for the purpose of "interrogat[ing] any alien or person believed to be an alien as to his [or her] right to be or to remain in the United States."

2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions (e.g., training) designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

4. Rules of construction

A. For purposes of this condition:

(1) The term "alien" means what it means under section 101 of the Immigration and Nationality Act (INA) (see 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(3)), except that, with respect to a juvenile offender, it means "criminal alien."

(2) The term "juvenile offender" means what it means under 28 C.F.R. 31.304(f) (as in effect on Jan. 1, 2020).

(3) The term "criminal alien" means, with respect to a juvenile offender, an alien who is deportable on the basis of—

(a) conviction described in section 237(a)(2) of the INA (see 8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(2)), or

(b) conduct described in section 237(a)(4) of the INA (see 8 U.S.C. 1227(a)(4)).

(4) The term "conviction" means what it means under section 101 of the INA (see 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(48)). (Adjudication of a juvenile as having committed an offense does not constitute "conviction" for purposes of this condition.)

(5) The term "correctional facility" means what it means under the title I of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 (see 34 U.S.C. 10251(a)(7)) as of January 1, 2020.

(6) The term "impede" includes taking or continuing any action, or implementing or maintaining any law, policy, rule, or practice, that—

(a) is designed to prevent or to significantly delay or complicate, or

(b) has the effect of preventing or of significantly delaying or complicating.

(7) "State" and "local government" include any agency or other entity thereof (including any public institution of higher education), but not any Indian tribe.

(8) A "public" institution of higher education is defined as one that is owned, controlled, or directly funded (in whole or in substantial part) by a State or local government. (Such a public institution is considered to be a "government entity," and its officials to be "government officials.")

(9) "Program or activity" means what it means under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (see 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4a).

B. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, any public institution of higher education,

or any other entity (or individual) to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to OJP, before award acceptance.

CONDITION 2: No use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: Interrogation of certain aliens

SCOPE. This condition applies as of the date the recipient accepts this award, and throughout the remainder of the period of performance for the award. Its provisions must be among those included in any subaward (at any tier).

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2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions (e.g., training) designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

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(9) "Program or activity" means what it means under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (see 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4a).

B. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, any public institution of higher education, or any other entity (or individual) to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to OJP, before award acceptance.

CONDITION 3: Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: Notice of scheduled release

SCOPE. This condition applies with respect to the "program or activity" that is funded (in whole or in part) by the award, as of the date the recipient accepts the award, and throughout the remainder of the period of performance. Its provisions must be among those included in any subaward at any tier.

1. Noninterference with "removal" process: Notice of scheduled release date and time

Consonant with federal law enforcement statutes -- including 8 U.S.C. 1231 (for an alien incarcerated by a State or local government, a 90-day "removal period" during which the federal government "shall" detain and then "shall" remove an alien from the U.S. "begins" no later than "the date the alien is released from ... confinement"; also, the federal government is expressly

authorized to make payments to a "State or a political subdivision of the State ... with respect to the incarceration of [an] undocumented criminal alien"); 8 U.S.C. 1226 (the federal government "shall take into custody" certain criminal aliens "when the alien is released"); and 8 U.S.C. 1366 (requiring an annual report to Congress on "the number of illegal alien[felons] in Federal and State prisons" and programs underway "to ensure the prompt removal" from the U.S. of removable "criminal aliens") -- within the funded program or activity, no State or local government entity, -agency, or -official (including a government-contracted correctional facility) may interfere with the "removal" process by failing to provide -- as early as practicable (see para. 4.C. below) -- advance notice to DHS of the scheduled release date and time for a particular alien, if a State or local government (or government-contracted) correctional facility receives from DHS a formal written request pursuant to the INA that seeks such advance notice.

2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions (e.g., training) designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

4. Rules of construction

A. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, or any other entity or individual to maintain (or detain) any individual in custody beyond the date and time the individual otherwise would have been released.

B. Applicability

(1) Current DHS practice is ordinarily to request advance notice of scheduled release "as early as practicable (at least 48 hours, if possible)." (See DHS Form I-247A (3/17)). If (e.g., in light of the date DHS made such request) the scheduled release date and time for an alien are such as not to allow for the advance notice that DHS has requested, it shall NOT be a violation of this condition to provide only as much advance notice as practicable.

(2) Current DHS practice is to use the same form for a second, distinct purpose -- to request that an individual be detained for up to 48 hours AFTER the scheduled release. This condition does NOT encompass such DHS requests for detention.

C. Both the "Rules of Construction" and the "Important Note" set out in the "Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: Interrogation of certain aliens" award condition are incorporated by reference as though set forth here in full.

CONDITION 4: No use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: Notice of scheduled release

SCOPE. This condition applies as of the date the recipient accepts the award, and throughout the remainder of the period of performance. Its provisions must be among those included in any subaward at any tier.

1. No use of funds to interfere with "removal" process: Notice of scheduled release date and time

Consonant with federal law enforcement statutes -- including 8 U.S.C. 1231 (for an alien incarcerated by a State or local government, a 90-day "removal period" during which the federal government "shall" detain and then "shall" remove an alien from the U.S. "begins" no later than "the date the alien is released from ... confinement"; also, the federal government is expressly authorized to make payments to a "State or a political subdivision of the State ... with respect to the incarceration of [an] undocumented criminal alien"); 8 U.S.C. 1226 (the federal government "shall take into custody" certain criminal aliens "when the alien is released"); and 8 U.S.C. 1366 (requiring an annual report to Congress on "the number of illegal alien[felons] in Federal and State prisons" and programs underway "to ensure the prompt removal" from the U.S. of removable "criminal aliens") -- no State or local government entity, -agency, or -official (including a government-contracted correctional facility) may use funds under this award to interfere with the "removal" process by failing to provide -- as early as practicable (see para. 4.C. below) -- advance notice to DHS of the scheduled release date and time for a particular alien, if a State or local government (or government-contracted) correctional facility receives from DHS a formal written request pursuant to the INA that seeks such advance notice.

2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions (e.g., training) designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

4. Rules of construction

A. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, or any other entity or individual to maintain (or detain) any individual in custody beyond the date and time the individual otherwise would have been released.

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Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Name of State or Local Government Applicant Entity

Appendix D

Certification Regarding Noninterference with Federal Law Enforcement

I am an authorized official of the State or local government applicant entity named below and I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant. I understand that the Department will rely upon this certification as a material representation in any decision regarding an award to the applicant. On behalf of the State or local government applicant named below, and in order to receive priority consideration for its application, I certify to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), the following:

The applicant agrees to comply with the following four award conditions (or conditions substantially to the same effect) if it is selected to receive an award made by OJP under this solicitation:

CONDITION 1: Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance

1. With respect to the "program or activity" funded in whole or part under this award (including any such program or activity of any subrecipient at any tier), throughout the period of performance, no State or local government entity, -agency, or -official may prohibit or in any way restrict-- (1) any government entity or -official from sending or receiving information regarding citizenship or immigration status to/from DHS; or (2) a government entity or -agency from sending, requesting or receiving, or exchanging information regarding immigration status to/from/with DHS, or from maintaining such information. Any prohibition (or restriction) that violates this condition is an "information-communication restriction" under this award.

2. The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with the requirements of this condition.

3. Allowable costs. Compliance with these requirements is an authorized and priority purpose of this award. To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) that the recipient, or any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education, incurs to implement this condition.

4. Rules of Construction

A. For purposes of this condition:

(1) "State" and "local government" include any agency or other entity thereof (including any public institution of higher education), but not any Indian tribe.

(2) A "public" institution of higher education is defined as one that is owned, controlled, or directly funded (in whole or in substantial part) by a State or local government. (Such a public

institution is considered to be a "government entity," and its officials to be "government officials.")

(3) "Program or activity" means what it means under title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (see 42 U.S.C. 2000d-4a).

(4) "Immigration status" means what it means under 8 U.S.C. 1373 and 8 U.S.C. 1644; and terms that are defined in 8 U.S.C. 1101 mean what they mean under that section 1101, except that "State" also includes American Samoa.

(5) "DHS" means the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

B. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, any public institution of higher education, or any other entity (or individual) to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to OJP, before award acceptance.

CONDITION 2: No use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance

1. Throughout the period of performance, no State or local government entity, -agency, or -official may use funds under this award (including under any subaward, at any tier) to prohibit or in any way restrict-- (1) any government entity or -official from sending or receiving information regarding citizenship or immigration status to/from DHS; or (2) a government entity or -agency from sending, requesting or receiving, or exchanging information regarding immigration status to/from/with DHS, or from maintaining such information. Any prohibition (or restriction) that violates this condition is an "information-communication restriction" under this award.

2. The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with the requirements of this condition.

3. Allowable costs. Compliance with these requirements is an authorized and priority purpose of this award. To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) that the recipient, or any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education, incurs to implement this condition.

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A. For purposes of this condition:

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(5) "DHS" means the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

B. Nothing in this condition shall be understood to authorize or require any recipient, any subrecipient at any tier, any State or local government, any public institution of higher education, or any other entity (or individual) to violate any federal law, including any applicable civil rights or nondiscrimination law.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any questions about the meaning or scope of this condition should be directed to OJP, before award acceptance.

CONDITION 3: Authority to obligate award funds contingent on noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; unallowable costs; notification

1. If the recipient is a "State," a local government, or a "public" institution of higher education:

A. The recipient may not obligate award funds if, at the time of the obligation, the "program or activity" of the recipient (or of any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education) that is funded in whole or in part with award funds is subject to any "information-communication restriction."

B. In addition, with respect to any project costs it incurs "at risk," the recipient may not obligate award funds to reimburse itself if -- at the time it incurs such costs -- the program or activity of the recipient (or of any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education) that would be reimbursed in whole or in part with award funds was subject to any information-communication restriction.

C. Any drawdown of award funds by the recipient shall be considered, for all purposes, to be a material representation by the recipient to OJP that, as of the date the recipient requests the drawdown, the recipient and each subrecipient (regardless of tier) that is a State, local government, or public institution of higher education, is in compliance with the award condition entitled "Noninterference (within the funded 'program or activity') with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance."

D. The recipient must promptly notify OJP (in writing) if the recipient, from its requisite monitoring of compliance with award conditions or otherwise, has credible evidence that indicates that the funded program or activity of the recipient, or of any subrecipient at any tier that is either a State or a local government or a public institution of higher education, may be subject to any information-communication restriction. In addition, any subaward (at any tier) to a subrecipient that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education must require prompt notification to the entity that made the subaward, should the subrecipient have such credible evidence regarding an information-communication restriction.

2. Any subaward (at any tier) to a subrecipient that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education must provide that the subrecipient may not obligate award funds

if, at the time of the obligation, the program or activity of the subrecipient (or of any further such subrecipient at any tier) that is funded in whole or in part with award funds is subject to any information-communication restriction.

3. Absent an express written determination by DOJ to the contrary, based upon a finding by DOJ of compelling circumstances (e.g., a small amount of award funds obligated by the recipient at the time of a subrecipient's minor and transitory non-compliance, which was unknown to the recipient despite diligent monitoring), any obligations of award funds that, under this condition, may not be made shall be unallowable costs for purposes of this award. In making any such determination, DOJ will give great weight to evidence submitted by the recipient that demonstrates diligent monitoring of subrecipient compliance with the requirements set out in the "Noninterference ... information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance" award condition.

4. Rules of Construction

A. For purposes of this condition "information-communication restriction" has the meaning set out in the "Noninterference ... information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance" condition.

B. Both the "Rules of Construction" and the "Important Note" set out in the "Noninterference ... information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance" condition are incorporated by reference as though set forth here in full.

CONDITION 4: Authority to obligate award funds contingent on no use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; unallowable costs; notification

1. If the recipient is a "State," a local government, or a "public" institution of higher education:

A. The recipient may not obligate award funds if, at the time of the obligation, the "program or activity" of the recipient (or of any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education) that is funded in whole or in part with award funds is subject to any "information-communication restriction."

B. In addition, with respect to any project costs it incurs "at risk," the recipient may not obligate award funds to reimburse itself if -- at the time it incurs such costs -- the program or activity of the recipient (or of any subrecipient at any tier that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education) that would be reimbursed in whole or in part with award funds was subject to any information-communication restriction.

C. Any drawdown of award funds by the recipient shall be considered, for all purposes, to be a material representation by the recipient to OJP that, as of the date the recipient requests the drawdown, the recipient and each subrecipient (regardless of tier) that is a State, local government, or public institution of higher education, is in compliance with the award condition entitled "No use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance."

D. The recipient must promptly notify OJP (in writing) if the recipient, from its requisite monitoring of compliance with award conditions or otherwise, has credible evidence that indicates that the funded program or activity of the recipient, or of any subrecipient at any tier

that is either a State or a local government or a public institution of higher education, may be subject to any information-communication restriction. In addition, any subaward (at any tier) to a subrecipient that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education must require prompt notification to the entity that made the subaward, should the subrecipient have such credible evidence regarding an information-communication restriction.

2. Any subaward (at any tier) to a subrecipient that is a State, a local government, or a public institution of higher education must provide that the subrecipient may not obligate award funds if, at the time of the obligation, the program or activity of the subrecipient (or of any further such subrecipient at any tier) that is funded in whole or in part with award funds is subject to any information-communication restriction.

3. Absent an express written determination by DOJ to the contrary, based upon a finding by DOJ of compelling circumstances (e.g., a small amount of award funds obligated by the recipient at the time of a subrecipient's minor and transitory non-compliance, which was unknown to the recipient despite diligent monitoring), any obligations of award funds that, under this condition, may not be made shall be unallowable costs for purposes of this award. In making any such determination, DOJ will give great weight to evidence submitted by the recipient that demonstrates diligent monitoring of subrecipient compliance with the requirements set out in the "No use of funds to interfere ... information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance" award condition.

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Signature

Date

Printed Name

Title

Name of State or Local Government Applicant Entity

Appendix E

Certification Regarding Nondisclosure of Federal Law-Enforcement Information

I am an authorized official of the State or local government applicant entity named below and I have the authority to make this certification on behalf of the applicant. I understand that the Department will rely upon this certification as a material representation in any decision regarding an award to the applicant. On behalf of the State or local government applicant named below, and in order to receive priority consideration for its application, I certify to the Office of Justice Programs ("OJP"), U.S. Department of Justice ("USDOJ"), the following:

The applicant agrees to comply with the following two award conditions (or conditions substantially to the same effect) if it is selected to receive an award made by OJP under this solicitation:

CONDITION 1: Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: No public disclosure of certain law-enforcement-sensitive information

SCOPE. This condition applies with respect to the "program or activity" that is funded (in whole or in part) by the award, as of the date the recipient accepts this award, and throughout the remainder of the period of performance. Its provisions must be among those included in any subaward (at any tier).

1. Noninterference: No public disclosure of federal law-enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield

Consistent with the purposes and objectives of federal law enforcement statutes and federal criminal law (including 8 U.S.C. 1324 and 18 U.S.C. chs. 1, 49, 227), no public disclosure may be made of any federal law-enforcement information in a direct or indirect attempt to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection any fugitive from justice under 18 U.S.C. ch. 49, or any alien who has come to, entered, or remains in the United States in violation of 8 U.S.C. ch. 12 -- without regard to whether such disclosure would constitute (or could form a predicate for) a violation of 18 U.S.C. 1071 or 1072 or of 8 U.S.C. 1324(a).

2. Monitoring

The recipient's monitoring responsibilities include monitoring of subrecipient compliance with this condition.

3. Allowable costs

To the extent that such costs are not reimbursed under any other federal program, award funds may be obligated for the reasonable, necessary, and allocable costs (if any) of actions (e.g., training) designed to ensure compliance with this condition.

4. Rules of construction

A. For purposes of this condition--

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(2) the term "federal law-enforcement information" means law-enforcement-sensitive information communicated or made available, by the federal government, to a State or local government entity, -agency, or -official, through any means, including, without limitation-- (1) through any database, (2) in connection with any law enforcement partnership or -task-force, (3) in connection with any request for law enforcement assistance or -cooperation, or (4) through any deconfliction (or courtesy) notice of planned, imminent, commencing, continuing, or impending federal law enforcement activity;

(3) the term "law-enforcement-sensitive information" means records or information compiled for any law-enforcement purpose; and

(4) the term "public disclosure" means any communication or release other than one-- (a) within the recipient, or (b) to any subrecipient (at any tier) that is a government entity.

B. Both the "Rules of Construction" and the "Important Note" set out in the "Noninterference (within the funded "program or activity") with federal law enforcement: information-communication restrictions; ongoing compliance" award condition are incorporated by reference as though set forth here in full.

CONDITION 2: No use of funds to interfere with federal law enforcement: No public disclosure of certain law-enforcement-sensitive information

SCOPE. This condition applies as of the date the recipient accepts this award, and throughout the remainder of the period of performance. Its provisions must be among those included in any subaward (at any tier).

1. No use of funds to interfere: No public disclosure of federal law-enforcement information in order to conceal, harbor, or shield

Consistent with the purposes and objectives of federal law enforcement statutes and federal criminal law (including 8 U.S.C. 1324 and 18 U.S.C. chs. 1, 49, 227), no funds under this award may be used to make any public disclosure of any federal law-enforcement information in a direct or indirect attempt to conceal, harbor, or shield from detection any fugitive from justice under 18 U.S.C. ch. 49, or any alien who has come to, entered, or remains in the United States in violation of 8 U.S.C. ch. 12 -- without regard to whether such disclosure would constitute (or could form a predicate for) a violation of 18 U.S.C. 1071 or 1072 or of 8 U.S.C. 1324(a).

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