

The Edward Byrne Memorial Competetive Grant Program

Program Information

Authorization (040):

American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, Public Law 111-5 (the "Recovery Act"); Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2008.

Objectives (050):

To improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, assist victims of crime (other than compensation), youth mentoring, and activities pertaining to crime prevention, control, or reduction, or the enforcement of the criminal law, including, but not limited to, police efforts to prevent, control, or reduce crime or to apprehend criminals, including juveniles, activities of courts having criminal jurisdiction, and related agencies (including but not limited to prosecutorial and defender services, juvenile delinquency agencies and pretrial service or release agencies), activities of corrections, probation, or parole authorities and related agencies assisting in the rehabilitation, supervision, and care of criminal offenders, and programs relating to the prevention, control, or reduction of narcotic addiction and juvenile delinquency.

In addition to fulfilling the program-specific purposes, projects funded under the Recovery Act should be designed to further one or more of the general purposes of the Recovery Act, which are to preserve and create jobs and promote economic recovery; to assist those most impacted by the recession; to provide investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances in science and health; to invest in transportation, environmental protection, or other infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits; and to stabilize State and local government budgets, in order to minimize and avoid reductions in essential services and counterproductive State and local tax increases. For additional information on Office of Justice Programs' Recovery Act Grant Programs, please visit the OJP website at <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/recovery/>.

Types of Assistance (060):

Cooperative Agreements; Project Grants

Uses and Use Restrictions (070):

The Byrne Competitive Recovery Program helps improve the capacity of criminal justice systems, assist victims of crime (other than compensation), provide youth mentoring, and focuses efforts on programs that emphasize more comprehensive community approaches; programs that stimulate the economy (i.e., workforce development); and other factors that impact economic conditions, and provides resources to improve the capacity of state and local criminal justice systems. The 2009 Recovery Act – Byrne Competitive funding will focus on evidence-based and data-driven programs in the following areas: (1) preventing and reducing violent crime; (2) providing for funding of neighborhood-based probation and parole officers, as a compliment to the COPS program; (3) reducing mortgage fraud and crime related to vacant properties; (4) hiring of civilian law enforcement (support personnel); (5) enhancing forensic and crime scene investigations; (6) improving resources and services for victims of crime; and (7) supporting problem-solving courts; and (8) national training and technical assistance partnerships.

In addition, a percentage of this funding may be available to fund projects that conduct evaluation or research related to the overall objectives of the program. To the extent (if any) that this Recovery Act program permits recipients to use funds for construction, renovation, or related projects, the recipient should be aware that special restrictions may be applicable under particular sections of the Recovery Act. For example, see section 1605 of the Recovery Act (Buy American), section 1606 (wage rate requirements), section 1602 (preference for quick-start activities), and section 1554 (special contracting rules). Recipients should also be aware of the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act.

Under the Recovery Act, funds may not be used by any State or local government, or any private entity, for any casino or other gambling establishment, aquarium, zoo, golf course, or swimming pool.

Additional government-wide guidance that applies to Recovery Act programs may become available that could affect proposal narratives, time lines, budget requests, certifications and other matters, including appropriate uses of funds and restrictions on uses of funds. Interested applicants are encouraged to regularly check the OJP website for further information and updates. All recipients of any funding under the Recovery Act will be required to follow any and all applicable provisions of government-wide guidance that may be issued pursuant to the Recovery Act, even if that guidance is not reflected in this CFDA posting.

Eligibility Requirements (080)

Applicant Eligibility (081):

See Index.

Beneficiary Eligibility (082):

see Index.

Credentials/Documentation (083):

The applicant must submit a completed Application for Federal Assistance (Standard Form 424), including signed assurances that it will comply with statutory and administrative requirements.

By certifying on-line, the authorizing signing official is also assuring that all federal certifications and assurances are being met. The certification and assurance forms (Assurances, OJP Form 4000/3 and Certifications Regarding Lobbying, Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements, OJP Form 4061/6) are provided on-line to allow applicants to review and accept them electronically. This program is excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A-87.

Application and Award Process (090)

Preapplication Coordination (091):

The standard application form (SF-424), as furnished by the federal agency in accordance with 28 CFR Part 66 (Common Rule), must be used for this program. Environmental impact information is not required for this program. This program is excluded from coverage under E.O. 12372.

Application Procedures (092):

This program is excluded from coverage under OMB Circular No. A-102. OMB Circular No. A-110 applies to this program. The standard application forms, as furnished by the federal agency and required by the Common Rule, must be used for this program. This program is also subject to the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-110. All applications must be submitted electronically through the online, Internet-based Grants Management System (GMS) at:

<http://grants.ojp.usdoj.gov/>. Applications or supplemental materials received by facsimile or postal mail will not be accepted

Award Procedure (093):

All applications will be peer reviewed. The BJA Director will then make award recommendations to OJP's Assistant Attorney General, who will make a final determination. Successful applicants are notified via GMS. Upon approval by the Assistant Attorney General, letters and an award package are sent to the grantee. One copy of the grant award must be signed by duly authorized representative and returned to the Office of the Chief Financial Officer.

Deadlines (094):

Contact the headquarters or regional office, as appropriate, for application deadlines.

Range of Approval/Disapproval Time (095):

Application deadlines as specified by the Bureau of Justice Assistance are included with the application instructions, which are posted on the Office of Justice Programs website.

Range of approval/disapproval time varies for competitive programs.

Appeals (096):

See 28 CFR Part 18.

Renewals (097):

Not Applicable.

Assistance Consideration (100)

Formula and Matching Requirements (101):

This program has no statutory formula.

This program has no matching requirements.

This program does not have MOE requirements.

Length and Time Phasing of Assistance (102):

Contingent upon program goals and objectives, generally 24 months. See the following for information on how assistance is awarded/released: No information provided.

Post Assistance Requirements (110)

Reports (111):

To fulfill the requirements of the Recovery Act and assist in fulfilling the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act of 1993 (GPRA), Public Law 103-62, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation must provide data that measures the results of their work.

Pursuant to the Recovery Act, certain financial and programmatic progress reports are required (including performance measure data) to be submitted by each recipient of funds to OJP within 10 calendar days of the end of each calendar quarter, throughout the life of the grant. Reports should be submitted beginning July 10, 2009. No cash reports are required. Progress reports

are not applicable. Expenditure reports are not applicable. Performance monitoring is not applicable.

Audits (112):

In accordance with the provisions of OMB Circular No. A-133 (Revised, June 27, 2003), "Audits of States, Local Governments, and Non-Profit Organizations," nonfederal entities that expend financial assistance of \$500,000 or more in Federal awards will have a single or a program-specific audit conducted for that year. Nonfederal entities that expend less than \$500,000 a year in Federal awards are exempt from Federal audit requirements for that year, except as noted in Circular No. A-133. Payments and transactions are subject to audits by the Government Accountability Office, Department of Justice's Office of the Inspector General, state or local government auditors, and auditors from independent public accounting firms. Jurisdictions must

Records (113):

Grantee must keep complete records on the disposition of funds. Although Recovery Act funds may be used in conjunction with other funding as necessary to complete projects, tracking and reporting of Recovery Act funds must be separate, to meet the reporting and other requirements of the Recovery Act and other applicable law. There can be no commingling of funds.

Financial Information (120)

Account Identification (121):

15-0402-1-1-754.

Obligations (122):

(Project Grants) FY 09 \$223,527,568; FY 10 est \$0; and FY 11 est \$0

Range and Average of Financial Assistance (123):

Varies.

Program Accomplishments (130):

Fiscal Year 2012: No Current Data Available Fiscal Year 2013: No Current Data Available Fiscal Year 2014: No Current Data Available

Regulations, Guidelines, and Literature (140):

Office of Justice Programs' Financial Guide (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/financialguide/index.htm) and post award instructions (www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/pdfs/post_award_instructions.pdf) are applicable.

Costs will be determined in accordance with 2 CFR Part 225 for State and local governments and 2 CFR Part 230 for nonprofit organizations.

Information Contacts (150)

Regional or Local Office (151) :

None.

Headquarters Office (152):

Bureau of Justice Assistance, Department of Justice, 810 Seventh Street, N.W., Washington, District of Columbia 20531 Email: byrne.discretionary@usdoj.gov Phone: 202-616-6500 or 1-866-859-2647.

Website Address (153):

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA>

Related Programs (160):

Not Applicable.

Examples of Funded Projects (170):

Fiscal Year 2012: No Current Data Available Fiscal Year 2013: No Current Data Available Fiscal
Year 2014: No Current Data Available

Criteria for Selecting Proposals (180):

See solicitation for selection criteria and required elements.