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# What Is the Office of Justice Programs (OJP)?

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

## Office of Justice Programs

**BJA** - Bureau of Justice Assistance

**BJS** - Bureau of Justice Statistics

**NIJ** - National Institute of Justice

**OVC** - Office for Victims of Crime

**OJJDP** - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

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

# Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) – Formula

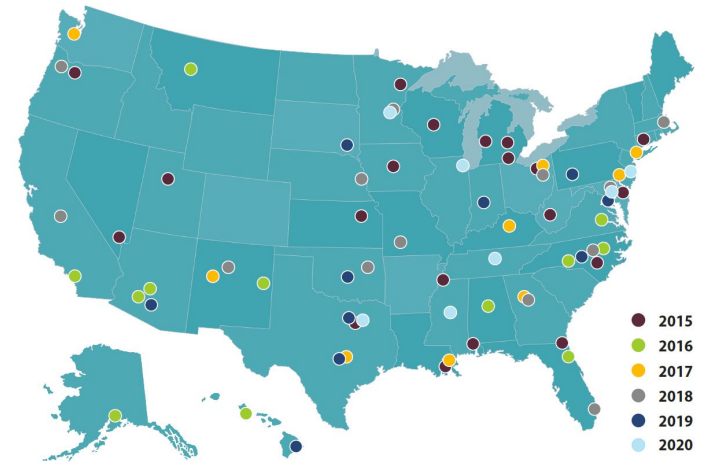
- JAG is OJP’s flagship grant program and the leading source of federal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions. Eight broad purpose areas:
  - 1) Law enforcement programs
  - 2) Prosecution and court programs
  - 3) Prevention and education programs
  - 4) Corrections & community corrections
  - 5) Drug treatment and enforcement programs
  - 6) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement
  - 7) Crime victim and witness programs (non-compensation)
  - 8) Mental health programs (and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams)
- FY 2021 Opportunities
  - Estimated Total Funding Available for Local JAG: Up to \$113,000,000
  - Estimated Total Funding Available for State JAG: Up to \$175,000,000

# Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)

- Support inventorying, testing, and tracking sexual assault kits.
- Access necessary training.
- Engage in multidisciplinary policy development, implementation, and coordination.
- Improve practices related to investigation, prosecution, and victim engagement and provide support in connection with evidence and cases resulting from the testing process.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
  - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 40
  - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$1,200,000

# SAKI Grantees

- Program launched in 2015 and funded annually
- Currently 70 SAKI Grantee sites across 44 states
- \$240 million awarded to date



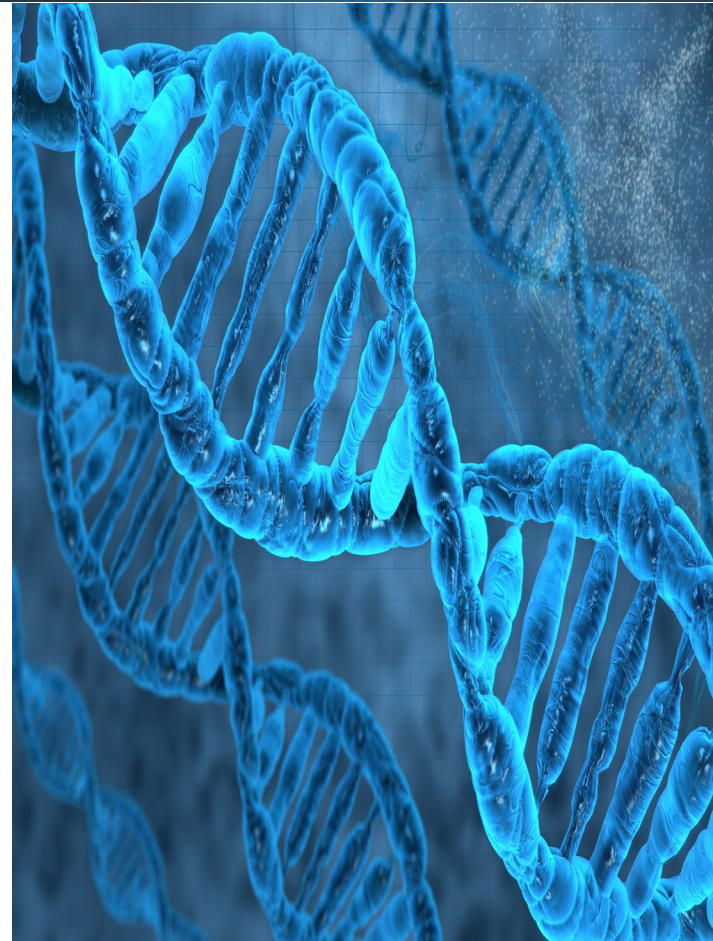
# SAKI Accomplishments

From September 2015 to June 2020 \*

- ◇ **130,719** kits inventoried
- ◇ **71,491** kits sent for testing
- ◇ **62,151** kits tested to completion
- ◇ **23,465** DNA profiles uploaded to CODIS
- ◇ **11,021** CODIS hits
- ◇ **1,500** CODIS hits to serial sex offenders
- ◇ **5,603** CODIS hits to serial violent offenders
- ◇ **14,226** investigations
- ◇ **1,521** cases charged
- ◇ **862** convictions \*\*

\* Cumulative performance metrics are updated quarterly based on state and local level reports. Therefore they do not reflect real-time data.

\*\* This number also includes plea agreements.



# SAKI Funding

## Can Be Used For Any Cold Case With A Sexual Component:

- Sexual Assaults
- Sexually Motivated Homicides
- Identification of Jane/John Does who were victims of sexually motivated homicides (including exhumations)

**If you are assisting on a case and the agency needs funding for testing, please check with our team for possible opportunities.**



# Other FY 2021 Forensic Funding Opportunities

- **DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction Program (formula)**
  - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 136
  - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$5,000,000
- **Prosecuting Cold Cases using DNA Program**
  - Estimated Number of Awards: 11
  - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$500,000
- **The Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Competitive Program (“Coverdell”)**
  - Estimated Number of Awards: 9
  - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$165,000
- **Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence**
  - Estimated Number of Awards: 8
  - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$500,000
- **The Strengthening the Medical Examiner-Coroner System Program**
  - Estimated Number of Awards: 12
  - Estimated Average Amount: Up to \$165,000



# Innovative Prosecution Solutions for Combatting Violent Crime (Smart Prosecution)

- Project assist offices effectively adjust to the growing amount of cases, evidence and the subsequent intricacies of the investigation and prosecution of crimes, particularly cyber, human trafficking, gun and drug crimes.
- IPS supports the use of technology, intelligence, and data analytics in innovative ways that enable prosecutors to focus resources on the people and places associated with high concentrations of criminal activity.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
  - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 22
  - Award Amount: Up to \$350,000

# Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program

- The Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program supports state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies to investigate and prosecute unsolved homicide cold case murders suspected of having been racially motivated, including support for victims' families and stakeholders impacted by these cases. Funds are limited to violations of civil rights statutes resulting in death that occurred no later than December 31, 1979.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
  - Estimated Number of Awards: 6
  - Estimated Award Available: Up to \$2,945,000

# Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)

- Project Safe Neighborhoods is designed to create safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in crime associated with gang and gun violence.
- The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies engaged in a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney in each district.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
  - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 93
  - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$350,000

# Crime Gun Intelligence Centers (CGICs)

- The Local Law Enforcement Crime Gun Intelligence Center (CGIC) Integration Initiative, administered by BJA in partnership with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), is a competitive grant program that provides funding to state, local, and tribal government entities that are experiencing precipitous increases in gun-related violent crime.
- The purpose of this initiative is to support local and tribal jurisdictions' capacity to work with their ATF partners to utilize intelligence, technology, and community engagement to swiftly identify unlawfully used firearms and their sources, and effectively prosecute perpetrators engaged in violent crime.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
  - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 7
  - Estimated Award – Average Amount: Up to \$700,000

# Body-Worn Cameras (BWCs)

- The intent of the program is to fund the purchase or lease of BWCs and deployment of BWC pilot, full-implementation, or expansion programs as one tool in a law enforcement agency's comprehensive problem-solving approach to improve officer safety, enhance evidentiary values, improve accountability and transparency, and promote mutual trust.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
  - Estimated Number of Awards: 55
  - Estimated Award – Depending on size of agency and BWC proposed : From \$10,000 and up to \$2,000,000

Body Worn Camera Tool Kit- <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/bwc>

# Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Site-Based Program (COSSAP)

- Supports effective local, state, and tribal responses to illicit substance use and misuse in order to reduce overdose deaths, promote public safety, and support access to treatment and recovery services throughout the criminal justice system.
- 1) Pre-booking or post-booking treatment alternative-to-incarceration programs that serve individuals at high risk for overdose or substance abuse.
  - 2) Law enforcement and other first responder diversion programs.
  - 3) Education and prevention programs to connect law enforcement agencies with K-12 students.
  - 4) Embedding social services with law enforcement in order to rapidly respond to drug overdoses where children are affected.
  - 5) Comprehensive, real-time, regional information collection, analysis, and dissemination.

# COSSAP *(continued)*

- 6) Naloxone for law enforcement and other first responders.
- 7) Identifiable and accessible drug take-back programs.
- 8) Evidence-based treatment, such as medication-assisted treatment (MAT), as well as recovery support services, including transitional or recovery housing and peer recovery support.
- 9) Family court programming to prioritize and expedite treatment and recovery services to individuals at high risk for overdose. Funds may be used to purchase naloxone, as well as pay for staff (law enforcement, first responder, treatment, evaluators, peer recovery services), data analytics, and recovery supports, such as housing (up to 30 percent of funds), transportation, and training.

- **FY 2021 Opportunities**

- Category 1:** State Based: Estimated Number of Awards: 10 / Average Award Amount: \$3,000,000

- Category 2:** Local Site Based: Estimated Number of Awards: 100 / Average Award Amount: Up to \$1000,000

# Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP)

- JMHCP supports innovative cross-system collaboration to improve responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
  - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 60
  - Average Amount: Up to \$550,000



# Tribal Civil and Criminal Legal Assistance Program

- The TCCLA Program provides civil and criminal legal assistance to low-income individuals, Indian tribes, and tribal justice systems to support the development and enhancement of tribal justice systems and access to those systems. Funding supports 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that provide legal assistance services to eligible individuals pursuant to federal poverty guidelines and federally recognized Indian tribes; and to tribal justice systems to provide legal aid and indigent defense services to tribal communities.
- FY 2021 Opportunities
  - Estimated Number of Awards: 2 or more
  - Estimated Award – up to \$600,000

# John R. Justice Grant Program

- The John R. Justice (JRJ) Program assists states and territories in providing loan repayment assistance for local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to extended employment in those roles. By assisting in the recruitment and retention of qualified attorneys, the program helps to fulfill the Department's mission to enhance the criminal justice system.
- FY 2021 Opportunities:
  - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 56
  - Estimated Average State Award Amount: Up to \$35,147

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

## [Law Enforcement-Mental Health Collaboration Support Center](#)

Offers training and resources to communities to improve their law enforcement responses to people with behavioral health conditions or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

## [Prosecutor-Led Diversion Toolkit](#)

This newly developed webpage shares with prosecutors the importance of behavioral health diversion programs and discusses some of the best practices to consider when developing them. <https://www.diversiontoolkit.org/planning-a-pld>

[Behavioral Health Diversion Interventions](#) brief and accompanying [court](#) and [jail](#) fact sheets, outline the key components of effective system-wide diversion strategies and help criminal justice agencies and their partners take steps to implement these programs.

# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES (cont.)

## Law Enforcement Mental Health Center Assessment Tool

The [PMHC Self-Assessment Tool](#), which helps law enforcement agencies and their behavioral health partners assess their progress towards implementing high-quality partnership-based interventions.

## Police-Mental Health Collaboration (PMHC) Toolkit

The police mental health collaboration toolkit is a one stop, online and mobile resource for law enforcement to plan, improve and enhance their responses to people with mental illness. [www.bja.gov/pmhc](http://www.bja.gov/pmhc)

## AEquitas

Provides no cost training and technical assistance on a wide range of topics related to the investigation and prosecution of violent crime as well as innovative projects and approaches that can be used by prosecutors. To explore their publications and resources available please go to: <https://innovativeprosecutionsolutions.org/>

# What's Next

- Expected Solicitation Release Dates: Rolling
- Application Submission Deadlines: Usually open for at least 60 days; some may be open longer.
- Have recently extended deadlines
- Build knowledge on JustGrants

# FY 2021 Resources for Funding Opportunities

The [Department of Justice Program Plan](https://grantsnet.justice.gov/programplan/html/Solicitations.htm) (<https://grantsnet.justice.gov/programplan/html/Solicitations.htm>) is a tool to help applicants and grantees find funding opportunities (solicitations) that address their criminal, juvenile, and civil justice needs. The plan provides summary details on the funding opportunities that DOJ agencies are expecting to release in the current fiscal year

# FY 2021 Resources for Funding Opportunities

**BJA's website**

<https://www.bja.gov>

**OJP Grant Funding Resources**

<https://www.ojp.gov/funding>

**Grants.gov**

[www.Grants.gov](http://www.Grants.gov)

**Office of Justice Programs – Award Data**

<https://ojp.gov/funding/Explore/OJPAwardData.htm>

**NIJ's [CrimeSolutions.gov](http://www.CrimeSolutions.gov)**

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# Become a peer reviewer

- If you are interested in becoming a peer reviewer, please submit an up-to-date resume or curriculum vitae, including a valid email address, to: [BJAreviewer@ojp.usdoj.gov](mailto:BJAreviewer@ojp.usdoj.gov).
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