**U.S. Department of Justice** Office of Justice Programs Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention



The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u>, <u>Office of Justice Programs</u>, <u>Office of Juvenile Justice and</u> <u>Delinquency Prevention</u>, is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the OJJDP FY 2007 Solicited National Juvenile Justice Programs. This program will provide support to programs that have a national scope and national impact on combating juvenile delinquency, reducing the victimization of children, and improving the juvenile justice system. This program furthers the Department's mission by fostering innovations and advancements in juvenile justice related practice at the local, state and tribal government levels, as authorized by the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. 5665-5667.

# OJJDP FY 2007 Solicited National Juvenile Justice Programs

## Eligibility

Applicants are limited to agencies and organizations that have received an invitation to apply under this program. Applicants should confirm that this program solicitation is the one listed on their invitation letter before applying. All other applications will not be processed.

(See "Eligibility," page 3)

## Deadline

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. E.T., on [enter date] 2007.

(See "Deadline: Application," page 3)

## **Contact Information**

For assistance with the requirements of this solicitation, contact [enter contact data].

This application must be submitted through <u>OJP's Grants Management System (GMS)</u>. The funding opportunity number is OJJDP-2007-1546. For technical assistance with submitting the application, call the Grants Management System Support Hotline at 1–888–549–9901.

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## OJJDP FY 2007 Solicited National Juvenile Justice Programs CFDA # 16.XXX

#### Overview

The purpose of the OJJDP FY 2007 Solicited National Juvenile Justice Programs is to provide support to programs that have a national scope and national impact on combating juvenile delinquency, reducing the victimization of children, and improving the juvenile justice system and support OJJDP's mission to provide national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization.

## Registration

Applicants must register with GMS prior to applying. The <u>GMS</u> registration deadline is 8:00 p.m. E.T., XXX.

### **Deadline: Application**

The due date for applying for funding under this announcement is 8:00 p.m. E.T., [enter date], 2007.

## Eligibility

Applicants are limited to agencies and organizations that have received an invitation to apply under this program. Applicants should confirm that this program solicitation is the one listed on their invitation letter before applying. All other applications will not be processed.

**Faith-Based and Other Community Organizations:** Consistent with President George W. Bush's Executive Order 13279, dated December 12, 2002, and 28 C.F.R. Part 38, it is DOJ policy that faith-based and other community organizations that statutorily qualify as eligible applicants under DOJ programs are invited and encouraged to apply for assistance awards to fund eligible grant activities. Faith-based and other community organizations will be considered for awards on the same basis as other eligible applicants and, if they receive assistance awards, will be treated on an equal basis with all other grantees in the administration of such awards. No eligible applicant or grantee will be discriminated for or against on the basis of its religious character or affiliation, religious name, or the religious composition of its board of directors or persons working in the organization.

Faith-based organizations receiving DOJ assistance awards retain their independence and do not lose or have to modify their religious identity (e.g., removing religious symbols) to receive assistance awards. DOJ grant funds, however, may not be used to fund any inherently religious activity, such as prayer or worship. Inherently religious activity is permissible, although it cannot occur during an activity funded with DOJ grant funds; rather, such religious activity must be

separate in time or place from the DOJ-funded program. Further, participation in such activity by individuals receiving services must be voluntary. Programs funded by DOJ are not permitted to discriminate in the provision of services on the basis of a beneficiary's religion.

Applicants are encouraged to review the Civil Rights Compliance section under "Additional Requirements" in this announcement.

## **Program-Specific Information**

The purpose of the OJJDP FY 2007 Solicited National Juvenile Justice Programs is to provide support to programs that have a national scope and national impact on combating juvenile delinquency, reducing the victimization of children, and improving the juvenile justice system. OJJDP funds should be used to implement a program strategy and develop a sustainability plan for continuing project activities when the award period ends. OJJDP will offer funding to organizations that provide program activities in support of OJJDP's mission to "[provide] national leadership, coordination, and resources to prevent and respond to juvenile delinquency and victimization."

#### • Purpose

The purpose of this program is to foster innovations and advancements in juvenile justice and child protection related practice at the national level, as part of OJJDP's overall effort to support programs that enhance juvenile justice, child protection, and delinquency prevention. The agency is interested in proposals that enlist diverse multidisciplinary agency and community involvement in solving problems and delivering services by using one of the following methodologies:

- Innovative approaches that have yet to be tested through experimental research, but merit consideration because their relevance to public policy, practice, or theory may facilitate their practical application nationwide. Such innovations may incorporate results from quasiexperimental studies, multivariate analyses, and practitioner experience.
- Advancements in the applicant's present program practices intended to address a new or continuing juvenile justice or child protection problem and foster improvements in efficiency, practical application, flexibility, cost effectiveness, operational standards, partnershipbuilding and service delivery.

#### • Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables

The goal of this program is to advance juvenile justice, child protection, and/or delinquency prevention by expanding the knowledge base of juvenile justice, child protection, and/or prevention practices and demonstrating practical implications for juvenile and child protection policy and practice.

Applicants are encouraged to use the most appropriate and rigorous methodologies feasible for demonstrating promising advancements and innovative approaches in framing their project's goals and objectives.

Proposals should contain a description of all products that will be derived from the project. In addition to the required semi-annual progress reports in the Grants Management System (GMS), each grantee will be required to produce a final report, suitable for publication. Applicants are also encouraged to identify additional deliverables, such as articles in refereed journals.

## **Award Information**

Awards under this program will range from \$500,000 to \$3 million for a period of up to 5 years.

All awards are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by law. It is anticipated that any awards that may be made under this solicitation should be awarded no later than September 30, 2007.

Match Requirement: Match is not required for this program.

### **Performance Measures**

To assist in fulfilling the Department's responsibilities under the Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA), P.L. 103–62, applicants who receive funding under this solicitation must provide data that measures the results of their work. To ensure compliance with GPRA, OJJDP will require grantees to collect and report data which measure the results of the program implemented with this grant.

The following performance measures are required, given the specific type of program funded. Based on the grantee's program type, the grantee should select the performance measures below that reflect the grantee's program goals and objectives.

Objective	Performance Measures	Data Grantee Provides
The program objectives will depend upon the specific project funded. Generally, most projects can be classified into one or more of the following categories:	These will differ, depending on the specific program goals and objectives. Examples are below.	OJJDP is developing an online reporting system so that grantees will be able to submit data to OJJDP electronically.
Direct Service Prevention Program. Examples of	Direct Service Program (Prevention/Intervention)	Direct Service Program (Prevention/Intervention)
objectives may include prevention of delinquency risk behaviors, improvement in family functioning, or prevention of child victimization (including abuse and neglect). <b>Direct Service Intervention</b> <b>Program.</b> Examples of objectives may include intervening with delinquent youth or status offenders and/or system-involved families.	Number of program youth and/or families served.	Number of program youth and/or families served.
	Number of service hours completed by program youth and/or families.	Number of service hours completed by program youth and/or families.
	Percent of program youth who offend or reoffend (arrested/rearrested).	Number of program youth who offend or reoffend, compared to number of program youth served.
	Percent of program youth and/or families exhibiting desired change in targeted behaviors (depends on specific behavior targeted and might include substance use, antisocial behavior, school attendance, gang involvement, etc.).	Number of program youth and/or families exhibiting desired change in targeted behaviors, compared to number of program youth served.
Systems Improvement Project (includes training and technical assistance). Examples of objectives may include to enhance organizational capacity, improve program quality, and improve system effectiveness through provision of training and/or technical assistance.	Systems Improvement project	Systems Improvement project
	Number of program materials developed.	Number of program materials developed.
	Number of planning activities conducted.	Number of planning activities conducted.
	Percent of program staff trained.	Number of program staff trained, compared to total number of program staff.
	Number of youth and/or families with whom a best/research practice was used.	Number of youth and/or families with whom a best/research practice was used.

## **How To Apply**

**Grants Management System Instructions**. Applications must be submitted through the online Grants Management System (GMS). Applicants should begin the process early, especially if this is the first time they have used the system. Each application requires a separate GMS registration. For a step-by-step guide, visit <u>www.ojp.gov/funding/Masterjobaids.pdf</u>. For additional information, call the GMS Help Desk at 1–888–549–9901.

**CFDA Number.** The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this solicitation is 16.541, titled "OJJDP FY 2207 Earmark Programs," and the funding opportunity number is OJJDP-2007-1546.

A DUNS number is required. The Office of Management and Budget requires that all businesses and nonprofit applicants for federal funds include a DUNS (Data Universal Numeric System) number in their application for a new award or renewal of an award. Applications without a DUNS number are incomplete. A DUNS number is a unique nine-digit sequence recognized as the universal standard for identifying and keeping track of entities receiving federal funds. The identifier is used for tracking purposes and to validate address and point of contact information. The DUNS number will be used throughout the grant life cycle. Obtaining a DUNS number is a free, simple, one-time activity. Obtain one by calling 1–866–705–5711 or by applying online at <u>www.dunandbradstreet.com</u>. Individuals are exempt from this requirement.

### What an Application Must Include

#### Standard Form-424

Applicants must complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF–424), a standard form that most federal agencies use, following the instructions it provides.

#### **Program Narrative**

Applicants must submit a program narrative that presents a detailed description of the purpose, goals, objectives, strategies, design, and management of the proposed program. The program narrative must be double spaced, use a standard 12-point font (Times New Roman is preferred), have 1-inch margins, and not exceed 25 pages. (Please number pages "1 of 25," "2 of 25," and so forth.) Applications that do not adhere to the required format may be deemed ineligible.

The program narrative must address the following selection criteria: (1) statement of the problem/program narrative, (2) impact/outcomes and evaluation, (3) project/program design and implementation, and (4) capabilities/competencies. The connections between and among each of these sections should be clearly delineated. For example, the goals and objectives should derive directly from the problems to be addressed. Similarly, the project design section should clearly explain how the program's structure and activities will accomplish the goals and objectives identified in the previous section.

#### • Statement of the Problem/Program Narrative

Applicants must clearly describe the need for their project and how funding would advance juvenile justice, child protection, and/or delinquency prevention by expanding the knowledge base of juvenile justice and child protection practices and demonstrating practical implications for juvenile justice and child protection policy and practice. In this section, applicants must clearly state whether their intent is to use an innovative approach or advance their present practice (see "Purpose," page 5).

#### • Impact/Outcomes and Evaluation

Applicants must describe the goals of the proposed project and identify its objectives. When formulating the project's goals and objectives, applicants should be cognizant of the performance measures that will be required of successful applicants.

**Goals.** Applicants should provide a broad statement, written in general terms, that conveys the program's intent to change, reduce, or eliminate the problem described. This section of the program narrative must outline the specific goals of the project.

**Program Objectives.** Applicants should explain how the program will accomplish its goals. Objectives are specific, quantifiable statements of the desired results of the program, and they should be clearly connected to the problems identified in the preceding section. The objectives should be measurable.

**Performance Measures.** Award recipients are required to collect and report data in support of performance measures (see "Performance Measures," page 6). Recipients' assistance in obtaining this information will facilitate future program planning and will allow OJP to provide Congress with measurable results associated with federally funded programs. Performance measures must reflect the specific problems, goals and objectives, and design (see "Project/Program Design and Implementation" below) associated with this grant.

#### • Project/Program Design and Implementation

Applicants must describe the specific strategies that will be used to implement the proposed program. Applicants should develop a program design that will facilitate the gathering of data on the required performance measures.

This section of the program narrative should describe what applicants propose to do and how they intend to do it. Applicants should identify the program's target population and explain how the strategy will achieve the goals and objectives identified in the previous section.

This section should be detailed and describe how the project will operate throughout the duration of the funding period. Applicants are encouraged to select evidence-based practices for their programs. This section must also discuss plans for sustainability, i.e., how the program will continue to operate beyond the period of the OJJDP grant award.

Applicants should include a logic model that graphically illustrates how the chosen performance measures are related to the specific problems, goals, and program activities. Sample logic models are available at <u>ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grantees/performance.html</u>.

Applicants must describe the specific strategies that will be used to implement the proposed program. Applicants should develop a project design that will facilitate the gathering of data on the required performance measures.

Design elements should follow directly from the project's goals and objectives, and the data to be collected should clearly support these ends. The applicant should describe the program components and the program implementation strategy in detail and demonstrate how research and evaluation studies validate the approach.

In addressing project design, applicants should consider the following questions:

- What is the problem?
- What does the applicant propose and does it intend to do it?
- o What other agencies and resources will the applicant involve?
- How will the applicant know if its approach works?
- What are the costs and cost benefits of implementing the strategy?
- What are the applicant's plans for sustaining the program or strategy past the ending of this funding?

In addition to the narrative description of the project design, applicants must also submit a timeline or milestone chart that indicates major tasks in the proposed design, assigns responsibility for each major task, and plots completion of these tasks by month or quarter for the period of the award. This timeline/milestone chart should be submitted as a separate attachment as stipulated in "Other Attachments," page 12.

#### Capabilities/Competencies

Applicants should also demonstrate the organizational capacity to complete the work described in the preceding section. The applicant should include a description of any similar projects it has undertaken previously. This section should also demonstrate the applicant's knowledge and experience related to juvenile justice and delinquency prevention.

Applicants must describe the roles and responsibilities of project staff and explain the program's organizational structure and operations. Applicants must demonstrate the existence of a management structure that will support the achievement of the project's goals and objectives in an efficient and cost-effective manner. In particular, applicants must ensure that the tasks delineated in the project timeline are adequately staffed. If additional staff will be hired to complete the project, the applicant should identify the selection criteria.

Applicants must support the description of their organizational and management capability by providing resumes of key personnel as stipulated in "Other Attachments," page 11.

As stipulated in "Eligibility," page 3, eligible organizations and collaboratives must show evidence of operation for at least 1 year. To validate this requirement, applicants should include the following information in this section:

- o Organizational mission statement of the organization or collaborative.
- o Background information about the organization or collaborative (e.g., date founded, names and titles of principals, etc.).
- o Funding sources over the past 12 months.
- o Description of planning activities carried out for the proposed program.
- Letters of cooperation. Where appropriate, applicants should provide letters of support or commitment or memoranda of understanding (MOUs) from involved agencies and programs. Before an applicant receives an award, OJJDP may require applicant to submit a signed MOU. If an applicant fails to submit the document upon request, OJJDP will eliminate the applicant from consideration for an award.

#### **Budget and Budget Narrative**

Applicants must provide a budget that: (1) is complete, allowable, and cost effective in relation to the proposed activities; (2) shows the cost calculations demonstrating how the applicant arrived at the total amount requested; and (3) provides a brief supporting narrative to link costs with project activities. Applicants must submit a budget that includes a detailed worksheet itemizing all costs and a narrative explaining and justifying each budget item. All funds listed in the budget will be subject to audit.

#### Budget Detail Worksheet

The worksheet should provide the detailed computation for each budget line item. The worksheet must list the cost of each item and show how the cost was calculated. For example, costs for personnel should show the annual salary rate and the percentage of time devoted to the project for each employee paid through grant funds. The budget detail worksheet should present a complete and detailed itemization of all proposed costs. A Budget Detail Worksheet template is available at <a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget.pdf">www.ojp.usdoj.gov/Forms/budget.pdf</a>.

• Budget Narrative

The narrative should describe each budget item and relate it to the appropriate project activity. It should closely follow the content of the budget detail worksheet and provide justification for all proposed costs. In the budget narrative, the applicant should explain how fringe benefits were calculated, how travel costs were estimated, why particular items of equipment or supplies must be purchased, and how overhead or indirect costs (if applicable) were calculated. The budget narrative should justify the specific items listed in the budget detail worksheet (particularly, supplies, travel, and equipment) and demonstrate that all costs are reasonable.

**Indirect Cost Rate Agreement:** Applicants should attach a copy of their current federally approved indirect cost rate negotiated agreement, if indirect cost has been included in the budget. Applicants that do not have a federally negotiated indirect cost rate and wish to establish one, can submit a proposal to their cognizant federal agency. Generally, the cognizant federal agency is the agency that provides the preponderance of direct federal funding. This can be determined by reviewing an organization's schedule of federal financial assistance. If DOJ is your cognizant federal agency, obtain information needed to submit an indirect cost rate proposal at www.ojp.usdoj.gov/oc/indirectcosts.htm.

#### **Other Attachments**

Applicants must submit the following materials as attachments to their application. While these attachments are not assigned specific point values, peer reviewers will consider relevant items when rating applications. For example, reviewers will consider résumés when assessing "Capabilities/Competencies." Peer reviewers will not consider any additional information other than that specified below.

Annualized project timeline containing each project goal, related objective, activity, expected completion date, and responsible person or organization. Please do not use actual calendar months/years in your timeline; instead prepare the timeline using "Year 1," "Month 1," etc. (See "Sample Project Timelines" at <u>ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/grantees/timelines.html</u>.)

- Résumés of all key personnel.
- Job descriptions outlining roles and responsibilities for all key positions.
- Letters of cooperation. Where appropriate, applicants should provide letters of support or commitment or memoranda of understanding (MOUs) from involved agencies and programs. Before an applicant receives an award, OJJDP may require applicant to submit a signed MOU. If an applicant fails to submit the document upon request, OJJDP will eliminate the applicant from consideration for an award.
- Sample informed consent forms, if appropriate.

**Geographic Information.** To help the Office of Justice Programs develop a geographic information system (GIS) strategic planning capacity, applicants must provide the following two

items of information on the geographic area served by the funded activity ("service area") in the formats specified below:

• **Physical address.** If the mailing address is a P.O. Box, specify the physical address of the location where services are to be provided. If the mailing address is in a rural area with no street address, include the nearest street intersection. If the program has multiple service areas, include the required information for each.

(example with street address) ABC Associates 123 First Street Shrewsbury, PA 17361 (example with no street address) ABC Associates First Street and Holiday Drive Shrewsbury, PA 17361

• Map and street description. Please provide a road map (with local detail) with the service area clearly depicted. The map should be marked with information identifying the grant application it is tied to, including applicant name, application number, and contact name and phone number. Also include a written description of streets bounding the service area. If GIS files are available, they can be e-mailed to OJJDP via Dennis Mondoro at Dennis.Mondoro@usdoj.gov.

## **Additional Requirements**

Successful applicants must agree to comply with additional requirements prior to receiving grant funding, including the following:

- Civil Rights Compliance
- Confidentiality and Human Subjects Protections regulations
- Anti-Lobbying Act
- Financial and Government Audit Requirements
- National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) Compliance
- DOJ Information Technology Standards
- Single Point of Contact Review
- Non-Supplanting of State or Local Funds
- Criminal Penalty for False Statements
- <u>Compliance with Office of the Comptroller Financial Guide</u>
- Suspension or Termination of Funding

- Non-Profit Organizations
- Government Performance and Results Act (GPRA)
- Rights in Intellectual Property

OJJDP strongly encourages every applicant to review the information pertaining to these additional requirements prior to submitting their application. Additional information for each can be found at <a href="https://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm">www.ojp.usdoj.gov/funding/otherrequirements.htm</a>.