

The following is a CJIS GROUP summary of the titled Grant Program.

For complete information, refer to the official grant program announcement.

## Improving the Completeness of Firearm Background Checks through Enhanced State Data Sharing

Fiscal Year	Funding Source	Application Deadline	Budget/Appropriation
2013	DOJ	05/13/2013	\$12,500,000.00
<b>Program Overview</b>			
<p>The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), with the Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), is releasing this grant opportunity to improve and expand the data accessible to NICS at the time of a firearm background check to ensure lawful purchases. Funding priority will be directed to agencies whose proposals would achieve the most significant gains in (1) reporting completeness; (2) accuracy of information; and (3) inclusion of disqualifying data sets which are currently under-reported in the system. In addition, the program will enable expanded use of techniques for positive identification, including biometric identifiers such as fingerprints, to promote more effective identity matching and record linking. This one-time grant program will complement the ongoing NCHIP and NARIP programs by providing expanded resources and onsite support to address these priority issues, while sustaining existing operations and enhancement activities.</p>			
<b>Purpose Areas:</b>			
<p>The ultimate goal of the program is to improve the accuracy of firearm background checks. BJA is placing priority on projects that seek to improve data sharing efforts at the state, territory, and tribal levels that address critical and debilitating gaps in the current background check process. These identified gaps include mental health adjudications and involuntary commitments, as well as:</p>			
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Domestic violence protection orders</li> <li>2. Complete and timely court dispositions</li> <li>3. Felony and misdemeanor warrants</li> </ol>			
<b>Eligibility</b>			
<p>Eligibility to apply is determined by the specific funding category. In this solicitation, there are two funding categories:</p> <p><b>Category 1 - Implementation Grants:</b> Eligible applicants are state agencies with the ability and authority to implement data sharing and reporting as described in this solicitation. The preferred applicant is the BJA State Administering Agency (SAA). However, other state-level agencies may apply with the inclusion of a letter of support or other documentation from the SAA's office that demonstrates a commitment to coordinate activities statewide. BJA anticipates receiving no more than one application from each state in order to promote comprehensive strategies and multi-agency coordination. (BJA expects to make approximately 11 awards of no more than \$1,000,000 each)</p> <p><b>Category 2 (\$1.5M Available) - Technical Assistance:</b> Eligible applicants are for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations), and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education). For-profit organizations must agree to forgo any profit or management fee. (BJA expects to make one award of no more than \$1,500,000.)</p>			
<b>Applications</b>			
<p>Applicants must register with Grants.gov in order to submit an application. OJP encourages applicants to register several weeks before the application submission deadline. In addition, OJP urges applicants to submit applications 72 hours prior to the application due date. The deadline to apply for funding under this announcement is 11:59 p.m. ET on <b>May 13, 2013</b>.</p>			
<b>Documents</b>		<b>Links</b>	
 Firearm Background Check Solicitation 2013.pdf		<a href="http://www.grants.gov">Bureau of Justice Assistance Grants.gov</a>	

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