

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

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

National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP)

Fiscal Year	Funding Source	Application Deadline	Budget/Appropriation
2015	DOJ	04/20/2015	\$48,000,000.00
Program Overview			
<p>The goal of the NCHIP grant program is to improve the nation's safety and security by enhancing the quality, completeness, and accessibility of criminal history record information and by ensuring the nationwide implementation of criminal justice and noncriminal justice background check systems. Achieving this goal is contingent on accomplishing four objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> providing direct financial and technical assistance to states and tribes to improve their criminal records systems and other related systems in an effort to support background checks; ensuring the infrastructure is developed to connect criminal history records systems to the state record repository or appropriate federal agency record system and ensuring records are accessible through the Federal Bureau of Investigation's (FBI) records systems; providing the training and technical assistance needed to ensure that records systems are developed and managed to conform to FBI standards, and appropriate technologies, while ensuring that contributing agencies adhere to the highest standards of practice with respect to privacy and confidentiality; and using systematic evaluation and standardized performance measurement and statistics to assess progress made in improving national records holdings and background check systems. 			
Eligibility			
<p>The NCHIP application must be submitted by the agency designated by the governor to administer the NCHIP program or a federally recognized Indian tribe. States and tribes may choose to submit applications as part of a multi-state consortium, multi-tribe consortium, or other entity. In such cases, please contact your BJS program manager for further information.</p>			
Match Requirement			
<p>Federal funds awarded under this program may not cover more than 90% of the total costs of the project. Applicants must identify the source of the 10% non-federal portion of the total project costs and how they will use match funds. If a successful applicant's proposed match exceeds the required match amount, and OJP approves the budget, the total match amount incorporated into the approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit. (Match is restricted to the same uses of funds as allowed for the federal funds.) Applicants may satisfy this match requirement with either cash or in-kind services.</p>			
Applications			
<p>All applications are due to be submitted and in receipt of a successful validation message in Grants.gov by 11:59 time p.m. eastern time on April 20, 2015.</p>			
Documents		Links	
 2015 NCHIP Solicitation.pdf		NCHIP Program 2015 NCHIP Solicitation Grants.gov	

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