

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

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

National Instant Criminal Background Check System Act Record Improvement Program (NARIP)

Fiscal Year	Application Deadline	Budget/Appropriation
2012	05/14/2012	\$5,000,000.00

Program Overview

NARIP is intended to improve the completeness, automation, and transmittal of records used by the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS) to state and federal systems. Such records include criminal history records, records of felony convictions, warrants, records of protective orders, convictions for misdemeanor involving domestic violence and stalking, drug arrests and convictions, records of mental health adjudications, and others, which may disqualify an individual from possessing or receiving a firearm under federal law. Helping states, state court systems, and tribes to automate these records will also reduce delays for law-abiding gun purchasers.

BJS is emphasizing the need for applicants to focus their efforts on making information on persons prohibited from possessing firearms for mental health reasons accessible to NICS. Therefore, recipients of funds must agree to use a significant portion of awarded funds to make such records accessible to NICS.

A grant to a state, territory, or Indian tribe may only be used to—

- supply accurate and timely information to the Attorney General concerning the identity of persons who have a federally prohibiting mental health adjudication or commitment;
- create electronic systems, that provide accurate and up-to-date information directly related to checks under the NICS, including court disposition and corrections records;
- assist states in establishing or enhancing their own capacities to perform NICS background checks;
- supply accurate and timely information to the Attorney General concerning final dispositions of criminal records to databases accessed by NICS;
- supply accurate and timely court orders and records of misdemeanor crimes of domestic violence for inclusion in federal and state law enforcement databases used to conduct NICS background checks;
- collect and analyze data needed to demonstrate levels of state compliance with the NIAA; and
- maintain the required relief from disabilities program in accordance with the NIAA (however, by statute not less than 3 percent and no more than 10 percent of each grant shall be used for this purpose).

The amounts granted shall be used by the state court system only to implement -

- assessments, as necessary, of the capabilities of state courts to automate and transmit arrest and conviction records, court orders, and mental health adjudications or commitments to federal and state record repositories; and
- policies, systems, and procedures to automate and transmit arrest and conviction records, court orders, and mental health adjudications or commitments to federal and state record repositories.

Eligibility

Eligible applicants are limited to: (a) the agency designated by the Governor to administer the National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP); (b) the state or territory central administrative office or similar entity designated by statute or regulation to administer federal grant funds on behalf of the jurisdiction's court system; or (c) federally recognized Indian tribal government.

Match Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match. However, if a successful application proposes a voluntary match amount, the match amount incorporated into the OJP-approved budget becomes mandatory and subject to audit.

Applications

Registration with Grants.gov is required prior to application submission.
All applications are due by 11:59 p.m. eastern time on May 14, 2012

Documents

 NARIP Solicitation 2012.pdf

Links

Bureau of Justice Statistics Web Site
Grants.gov