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BJA FY 2026 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Formula Program

Grants.gov Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJA-2026-172690

Application Deadlines in Eastern Time (ET):

1. Complete SF-424 and submit in Grants.gov: **October 6, 2026, by 11:59 pm ET**
2. Submit full application in JustGrants: **October 13, 2026, by 8:59 pm ET**

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1. BASIC INFORMATION

Purpose of the Funding

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) is committed to advancing work that furthers the U.S. Department of Justice's (DOJ) mission to keep our country safe and secure and uphold the rule of law and protect the rights of American citizens. OJP provides federal leadership, funding, and other critical resources to directly support law enforcement, combat violent crime, protect American children, provide services to American crime victims, and address public safety challenges, including human trafficking and the opioid crisis.

This is a notice of funding opportunity (NOFO) for the **BJA FY 2026 Byrne State Crisis Intervention Formula Program**. This opportunity, as authorized by the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act of 2022, will provide funding for the creation or enhancement of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including extreme risk protection order (ERPO) programs, as well as mental health courts, drug courts, and veterans treatment courts.

For the purposes of this NOFO, "related programs or initiatives" refers to those programs or initiatives that have a direct connection to crisis intervention. Programs or initiatives that are solely focused on non-crisis intervention activities and have no reasonable relationship or rational connection to the intervention of a crisis would not be considered crisis intervention. Related programs or initiatives can include certain court-based programs, programs that deflect or divert individuals to behavioral health services, and gun safety programs. Such programs or initiatives can include, but are not limited to:

- Law enforcement crisis intervention
  - Specialized training for law enforcement, including crisis response and intervention training (CRIT), and overtime for officers to attend such training
  - Personnel, supplies, and other related costs for crisis intervention
- Court-based programming
  - Expand the capacity of existing drug, mental health, and veterans treatment courts
  - Prosecutor, pretrial, or court diversion programs
  - Embed clinicians in prosecutor, public defender, and/or courts agencies to provide screening, assessment, and referral to services
- Referrals to treatment for people in crisis
  - Assisted outpatient treatment
  - Civil commitment
  - Behavioral threat assessment programs and related training
  - Regional crisis call centers
  - Crisis receiving and stabilization facilities

  - Suicide prevention and intervention services
- ERPO programs
  - Training for judiciary and court staff, family members, law enforcement and first responders, social service providers, and clinicians on ERPO and ERPO proceedings

The **allocations by state for FY 2026 Byrne SCIP** can be found at: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/fy-2026-byrne-scip-allocations.pdf. These allocations represent the minimum amount available; FY 2026 allocations may increase depending on the number of eligible applications received and available funding. States should be aware of two **pass-through requirements** that may be incorporated into their FY 2026 Byrne SCIP allocation:

- **Local Pass-through Requirement**
- **Less Than $10,000 Pass-through Requirement**

States should be aware of specific **SCIP Program requirements** to include:

- Program and budget plan approval
- Authorization of subawards
- Evaluation, data collection, and required cooperation
- Mandatory requirements for ERPO programs

  ERPO programs must include, at a minimum:

  1. Pre-deprivation and post-deprivation due process rights that prevent any violation or infringement of the Constitution of the United States, including, but not limited to, the Bill of Rights and the substantive or procedural due process rights guaranteed under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as applied to the States and as interpreted by State courts and United States courts (including the Supreme Court of the United States). Such programs must include, at the appropriate phase, to prevent any violation of constitutional rights, and at minimum notice, the right to an in-person hearing, an unbiased adjudicator, the right to know opposing evidence, the right to present evidence, and the right to confront adverse witnesses.
  2. The right to be represented by counsel at no expense to the government.
  3. Pre-deprivation and post-deprivation heightened evidentiary standards and proof which mean not less than the protections afforded to a similarly situated litigant in Federal court or promulgated by the state's evidentiary body, and sufficient to ensure the full protections of the Constitution of the United States, including, but not limited to, the Bill of Rights and the substantive and procedural due process rights guaranteed under the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution of the United States, as applied to the states and as interpreted by state courts and United States courts (including the

Supreme Court of the United States). The heightened evidentiary standards and proof under such programs must, at all appropriate phases to prevent any violation of any constitutional right, at minimum, prevent reliance upon evidence that is unsworn or unaffirmed, irrelevant, based on inadmissible hearsay, unreliable, vague, speculative, and lacking a foundation.

4. Penalties for abuse of the program.

Byrne SCIP recipients who plan to use funding to support ERPO programs must submit a Certification Relating to Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 501(a)(1)(I)(iv) (Extreme-Risk Protection Order Programs) signed by a principal legal officer certifying that the extreme risk protection-order program to be funded satisfies each of the requirements above prior to the use of grant funds for ERPO programs.

States should refer to the Byrne SCIP FAQs for information on how SCIP allocations are calculated, on the pass-through requirements, and on these other program requirements.

See the Eligible Applicants section for eligibility details.

Funding Details

Announcement Type	Initial
Assistance Listing Number	16.738
Statutory Authority	Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339); 28 U.S.C. 530C.
Grants.gov Opportunity Number	O-BJA-2026-172690
Expected Total Amount of Funding	$143,477,347
Anticipated Number of Awards	56
Award Type(s)	Grant
Anticipated Award Amount	Up to $16,015,504
Expected Award Period(s)	36 months starting on October 1, 2026

Key Dates and Times

NOFO Release Date	August 27, 2026
SAM.gov Registration/Renewal	Begin the process by August 27, 2026, and no later than September 3, 2026
Step 1: Grants.gov Deadline	11:59 p.m. ET on October 6, 2026
Step 2: JustGrants Deadline	8:59 p.m. ET on October 13, 2026

See Questions? at the end of this NOFO for agency contact information.

2. ELIGIBILITY

Eligible Applicants

The types of entities that are eligible to apply are:

Government Entities

- State governments

3. PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

Statutory Authority

Bipartisan Safer Communities Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-159, 136 Stat. 1313, 1339); 28 U.S.C. 530C.

Agency Funding Priorities

In order to advance public safety and help meet its mission, OJP's priorities include:

a. Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations);
b. Combatting violent crime;
c. Supporting services to American citizens;
d. Protecting American children; and
e. Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Unallowable Activities: The following are certain unallowable costs and certain activities that are out of the program scope and will not be funded.

1. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that, directly or indirectly, violates (or promotes or facilitates the violation of) federal immigration law (including 8 U.S.C. § 1373) or impedes or hinders the enforcement of federal immigration law—including by failing to comply with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, give access to DHS agents, or honor DHS requests and provide requested notice to DHS agents.

2. Out of program scope is any program or activity, at any tier that violates any applicable Federal civil rights or nondiscrimination law. This includes violations that (1) indirectly violate the law, including by promoting or facilitating violations; or (2) unlawfully favor individuals in any race or protected group, including on a majority or minority, or privileged or unprivileged, basis, within a given area, population, or sector.
3. As specified in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, in Chapter 3.13, "Unallowable Costs" ("Legal Services for Aliens"), any obligations of funds, at any tier, under this award to provide (or to support the provision of) legal services to any removable alien or any alien otherwise unlawfully present in the United States shall be unallowable costs for purposes any award made under this notice, but the foregoing shall not be understood to apply: (1) to legal services to obtain protection orders for victims of crime; or (2) to immigration-related legal services that may be expressly authorized or required by any law, or any judicial ruling, governing or applicable to the award.

Goals and Objectives of This Funding Opportunity

Goal: Implement or enhance crisis intervention and related programs or initiatives to effectively intervene in gun violence and suicide.

Expected Outcomes

OJP expects recipients to submit deliverables and performance reports, as described below. Read the Application Resource Guide for more information. OJP will measure success by reviewing a recipient's submission of performance reports and data and the extent to which project implementation reflects progress toward the goals and objectives of this NOFO.

Deliverables

Recipients will be expected to submit the following:

- State Crisis Intervention Program Plan and Budget

Performance Reports

OJP requires recipients to submit regular performance reports that communicate progress toward achieving Program Goals and Objectives. Read information on performance reporting.

Award recipients will receive further guidance on post award reporting requirements.

4. APPLICATION CONTENTS AND FORMAT

Application Contents List

The table below lists the contents for your application. Refer to the DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist for application instructions.

Application Item	Submission Type
Step 1: Grants.gov	
Application for Federal Assistance: SF-424	Online Form
Step 2: JustGrants	
Standard Applicant Information	Online Form
Proposal Abstract	Text Box
Data Requested With Application • Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)	Online Form
Proposal Narrative	Attachment
Budget	Attachment
Other Budget/Financial Attachments • Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) • Consultant Rate (if applicable)	Attachment

Standard Applicant Information

Review and edit as needed the information imported from the SF-424 submitted in Grants.gov. Add ZIP codes for areas affected by the project.

Proposal Abstract

In JustGrants, enter a proposal abstract (limited to 2,000 characters) summarizing the proposed project. As abstracts for funded projects are public, do not include any personally identifying information (e.g., staff names). The abstract should include the following information:

- The name of the applicant's proposed project.
- The purpose of the proposed project (i.e., what the project will do and why it is necessary).
- Where the project will take place (i.e., the service area, if applicable).
- Who will be served by the project (i.e., who will be helped or have their needs addressed by the project).
- What activities will be carried out to complete the project.
- The subrecipient(s)/partner organizations or entities, if known.
- Deliverables and expected outcomes (i.e., what the project will achieve).

View an example of a proposal abstract.

Data Requested With Application

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status)

Review information on this questionnaire.

Proposal Narrative

Format of the Proposal Narrative

Submit the narrative as an attachment in JustGrants. The document should:

- Be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point size font.
- Have no less than one-inch margins.
- Have numbered pages.
- Not exceed 10 pages.

Sections of the Proposal Narrative

The Proposal Narrative must include the three sections listed below.

1. Description of the Need: What critical issue or problem is the applicant proposing to address with this project? Please include:

- The state's strategy/funding priorities for FY 2026 Byrne SCIP funds, the subgrant award process and timeline, and a description of the programs to be funded over the three-year grant period. Specifically note if the state intends to use funds to support ERPO program implementation.
- Describe any current activities related to Byrne SCIP and how this funding will be coordinated and supplement those activities, including activities being implemented with the Byrne SCIP funds from prior years.

2. Project Design and Implementation: How will the applicant implement project activities that meet the goals and objectives? Please include:

- A description of how the state will address the program, as relevant to the applicant’s proposed activities.
- A description of the anticipated funding strategy based on the allowable uses of funds and address the process for determining local pass-through subawards, where required, and an understanding that all subawards require specific prior approval from BJA post-award.

3. Capabilities and Competencies: What administrative and technical capacity and expertise does the applicant bring to successfully complete this project? Please include:

- A description of the applicant’s capacity to successfully implement a large-scale program.
- A description of the capabilities and competencies necessary to collect the statutorily required research and evaluation data and to coordinate with large scale evaluation studies.

Project Evaluations: An applicant that proposes to use award funds to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance on project evaluations.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget

Use the Budget Detail Separate Attachment (attach file in JustGrants) to submit the budget. Read information on budget preparation and JustGrants Application Submission Training.

- List each cost needed to implement the project under the appropriate cost category.
- Clearly name and describe each cost.
- Show the computation of each cost (e.g., cost per unit, number of units, and total cost).
- Enter narrative, as needed, to explain the cost calculations and connection to your project goals, objectives, and activities.
- Include only costs that are reasonable, allocable, and necessary to implement the project. They must be allowable under the funding statute and agency requirements.[1]

The following information specific to this funding opportunity will help you develop your project budget. The following items are funding restrictions for this NOFO:

- **Limitation on direct administrative costs:** Funds may not be used for direct administrative costs that exceed 10 percent of the total award amount. In addition, state administering agency direct administrative costs cannot be deducted from the minimum pass-through amounts and must only be deducted from the state share of funds.
- **Matching funds:** Absent specific federal statutory authority to do so, Byrne SCIP award funds may not be used to match other federal awards.
- **Prohibition of supplanting:** Funds may not be used to supplant state or local funds but must be used to increase the amounts of such funds that would, in the absence of federal funds, be made available.
- **Lobbying:** In general, as a matter of federal law, funds may not be used, either directly or indirectly, to support the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government. See 18 U.S.C. 1913. Recipients and subrecipients must comply with the provisions in 2 C.F.R. § 200.450 (Lobbying) and 18 U.S.C. 1913, as appropriate. Also, see Chapter 2.1 of the DOJ Grants Financial Guide for more specifics about restrictions on lobbying. Should any question arise as to whether a particular use of award funds would or

[1] See 2 C.F.R. Part 200, Subpart E and the DOJ Grants Financial Guide. Read information on unallowable costs that apply to all funding opportunities.

might fall within the scope of these prohibitions, the recipient is to contact BJA for guidance and may not proceed without the express prior written approval of BJA.

- **Unallowable costs:** In addition to the unallowable costs identified in the DOJ Grants Financial Guide, award funds may not be used for the following:
  - Prizes, rewards, entertainment, trinkets (or any type of monetary incentive)
  - Client stipends
  - Gift cards
  - Food and beverage
  - ERPO public awareness campaigns
- All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

Costs Associated With a Conference/Meeting/Training: An applicant that proposes to use award funds for activities related to a conference, meeting, training, or similar event should review the Application Resource Guide for information on prior approval, planning, and reporting costs for a conference/meeting/training.

Costs Associated With Language Assistance and Access: If an applicant proposes a program or activity that would deliver services or benefits to individuals, the costs of taking reasonable steps to provide meaningful access to those services or benefits for individuals with limited English proficiency may be allowable in specific grant programs. Costs to provide reasonable accommodation and facilitate language access for individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing may also be allowable in specific grant programs. See the Application Resource Guide for information on costs associated with language assistance

Budget/Financial Attachments

- **Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable):** If the budget includes indirect costs calculated using a current, federally approved indirect cost rate, upload your indirect cost rate agreement. Read information about indirect costs.
- **Consultant Rate (if applicable):** Read information on limits to consultant rates and whether you need to request approval to exceed those limits.

  Applicants to this funding opportunity are not required to provide this disclosure.

Additional Application Components

Attach these in JustGrants:

- **Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (if applicable):** Read information whether you may need to submit this statement.

Disclosures and Assurances

Read the disclosures and assurances and complete them in JustGrants:

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities
- Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (if applicable)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances
- DOJ Certifications
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification – DOJ High-Risk Grantees (if applicable)

5. SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

The DOJ Grant Application Submission Checklist provides instructions for how to submit your application by the deadlines. Executive Order (E.O.) 12372 (Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs) does apply to this funding opportunity: read the Application Resource Guide for details. Read OJP's policy for applicants to request late submission due to technical difficulties, severe weather, or natural or manmade disasters.

6. APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

OJP will review applications to ensure the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, achievable, and consistent with the goals of the funding opportunity. See the Application Resource Guide for information on the application review process for formula grants, including risk review, and the deciding official.

7. AWARD NOTICES

Read about the award notification process.

8. POST-AWARD REQUIREMENTS & ADMINISTRATION

Read the Application Resource Guide for more information about: standard award terms and conditions, administrative and national policy requirements, and post-award reporting requirements.

9. QUESTIONS?

NOFO Contact	Name: OJP Response Center Phone: 800-851-3420 or 202-353-5556 (TTY for hearing-impaired callers only) Email: OJP.ResponseCenter@usdoj.gov Hours: 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday
SAM.gov Help Desk	Website: sam.gov/help Hours: 8 a.m.–8 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday (closed federal holidays)

Grants.gov Help Desk	Phone: 800-518-4726 Email: support@grants.gov Website: grants.gov/support Hours: 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (closed federal holidays)
JustGrants Help Desk	Phone: 833-872-5175 Email: JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov Hours: 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ET, Monday–Friday and 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET on Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.