

## **FY 2009 National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement Competitive Grant Program Funding Results**

### **Scope of Program:**

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY2009 National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement Competitive Grant Program solicitation. Funded under the Edward Byrne Memorial Competitive Grant Program (Byrne Competitive Program), the Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, and the Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Assistance Program (Category VII only), the purpose of this program is to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, specifically focused on funding national efforts to enhance law enforcement in nine major categories: 1) Small Agency Homicide Investigation: Metro Squad Approach; 2) Executive Session on Law Enforcement Leadership; 3) Employing Returning Vets as Police Officers; 4) Interstate Corridor Consortiums; 5) National Officer Safety Training and Technical Assistance; 6) National Homicide Closure Demonstration Project; 7) Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Assistance Program; 8) Technology Impact on Law Enforcement; and 9) Liaison Initiative to Leverage Lessons Learned from Agencies Abroad.

Applicants were limited to national, regional, state, or local public and private entities, including for-profit (commercial) and nonprofit organizations, faith-based and community organizations, institutions of higher education, tribal jurisdictions, and units of local government that support national initiatives to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system. Applications that were not national in scope or did not respond to the identified categories were not considered for funding under this solicitation. The solicitation for funding opened on May 27, 2009 and closed on June 25, 2009.

### **Review Process:**

BJA is committed to ensuring a fair and consistent process for awarding grants. BJA reviews applications to make sure that the information presented is reasonable, understandable, measurable, and achievable, as well as consistent with program and legislative requirements, as stated in the solicitation. Applications are initially screened to determine whether the applicants meet all eligibility requirements. Only applications submitted by eligible applicants that met all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) were evaluated, scored, and rated by a peer review panel. A peer reviewer is an expert in the field of the subject matter of a given solicitation. The peer review panelists for this solicitation included both external subject matter experts, as well as federal government employees. Peer reviewers' ratings and any resulting recommendations are advisory only. In addition to peer review ratings, considerations may include, but are not limited to, underserved populations, geographic and topical diversity, strategic priorities, past performance, fiscal integrity and financial capability of applicants, and available funding. Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final grant award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, Office of Justice Programs.

### **Funding Sought and Awarded:**

BJA received 53 applications under the Enhancing Law Enforcement solicitation, seeking a total of \$24,792,278 in funding. BJA made 13 awards for a total of \$4,553,948 in funding.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 25 percent of the applications.

### **Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:**

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email notification will include written comments from the peer reviewers about the applicant's submission, if the applicant was eligible and submitted a responsive application. These comments will be sent to the Authorized Representative on the application. If your organization does not receive the comments, contact BJA at [AskBJA@usdoj.gov](mailto:AskBJA@usdoj.gov).

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement</a> (Category I: Small Agency Homicide Investigation)	Institute for Intergovernmental Research	FL	\$300,000.00
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement</a> (Category II: Executive Session on Law Enforcement Leadership)	St. Petersburg College	FL	\$600,000.00
	Police Executive Research Forum	DC	\$357,989.00
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement</a> (Category III: Employing Returning Vets as Police Officers)	The International Association of Chiefs of Police, Inc	VA	\$200,000.00
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement</a> (Category IV: Interstate Corridor Consortiums)	Rutgers State University of New Jersey	NJ	\$249,453.00
	Northwestern State University	LA	\$250,000.00
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement</a> (Category V: National Officer Safety Training and Technical Assistance)	County of Fairfax	VA	\$100,000.00
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement</a> (Category VI: National Homicide Closure Demonstration Project)	International Association of Chiefs of Police	VA	\$299,990.00
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement</a> (Category VII: Missing Alzheimer's Disease Patient Assistance Program)	Alzheimer's Disease And Related Disorders Association	IL	\$266,807.00
	International Association of Chiefs of Police	VA	\$351,413.00
	Project Lifesaver Inc	VA	\$890,088.00
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement</a> (Category VIII: Technology Impact on Law Enforcement)	Drakontas LLC	NJ	\$488,615.00
<a href="#">National Initiatives: Enhancing Law Enforcement</a> (Category IX: Liaison Initiative to Leverage Lessons Learned from Agencies Abroad)	RAND Corporation	CA	\$199,593.00
<b>Awards: 13</b>	<b>Total Funding:</b>		<b>\$4,553,948.00</b>