

FY 2009 Smart Policing: Evidence-Based Law Enforcement Initiative Funding Results

Scope of Program:

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce the release of funding results for the FY2009 Smart Policing: Evidence Based Law Enforcement Program solicitation. The purpose of this program is to build upon offender-based and place-based policing by replicating evidence-based practices, and to encourage exploration of new, unique solutions to public safety problems. Applicants were invited to submit a proposal under one of the following categories 1) "Smart Policing" Demonstration Initiative, or 2) Evidence-based Policing Training and Technical Assistance (T&TA) Program. The solicitation for funding was released on June 8, 2009 and closed on June 30, 2009. Eligible organizations under T&TA 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. Eligible organizations under the demonstration initiative grants were limited to state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies.

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 meet all other requirements (such as timeliness, proper format, and responsiveness to the scope of the solicitation) will be 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. 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 five applications for the T&TA category seeking a total of \$2,799,283 in funding. BJA made one Training and Technical Assistance award of \$699,283 to CNA Corporation to develop and deliver training, provide technical assistance to site-based grantees, and to collaborate with research partners.

BJA received 18 applications for the demonstration initiative category, seeking a total of \$6,733,298 in funding. BJA made 10 demonstration initiative awards for a total of \$3,992,622 in funding.

Based upon the level of funding available, BJA made awards to approximately 56 percent of the site-based applications.

Feedback and Technical Assistance for Unfunded Applicants:

Applicants who did not get funding under the solicitation will receive written notification. The email 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.

Solicitation	Grantee	State	Award Amount
Smart Policing: Evidence-Based Law Enforcement Initiative (Category I: Demonstration)	City of Boston	MA	\$500,000.00
	City of Lansing	MI	\$299,988.00
	City of Los Angeles	CA	\$499,959.00
	City of Memphis	TN	\$500,000.00
	City of Philadelphia	PA	\$500,000.00
	City of Reno	NV	\$293,640.00
	City of Savannah	GA	\$300,000.00
	City of Winston-Salem	NC	\$299,050.00
	Glendale Police Department	AZ	\$299,985.00
	Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office	FL	\$500,000.00
Smart Policing: Evidence-Based Law Enforcement Initiative (Category II: Training and Technical Assistance)	The CNA Corporation	VA	\$699,283.00
Awards: 11	Total Funding:		\$4,691,905.00