

U.S. Department of Justice
Office of Justice Programs
Bureau of Justice Assistance



RECOVERY ACT



The U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' (OJP) Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) is pleased to announce that it is seeking applications for funding under the Recovery Act State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program: Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the United States.

On February 17, 2009, President Obama signed into law the landmark American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (the "Recovery Act"). As one of its many elements, the Recovery Act provides the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) with funding for grants to assist state, local, and tribal law enforcement (including support for hiring), to combat violence against women, to fight internet crimes against children, to improve the functioning of the criminal justice system, to assist victims of crime, and to support youth mentoring. DOJ is committed to working with our national, state, local and tribal partners to ensure this funding invests in the American workforce.

Specifically, under this solicitation, BJA will be making awards to provide assistance and equipment to local law enforcement along the Southern border to combat criminal narcotics activity.

Recovery Act: State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program: Combating Criminal Narcotics Activity Stemming from the Southern Border of the United States Competitive Grant Announcement

Eligibility

For categories I, II, and III, applicants are limited to: **(A)** state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies located in the Southern border region, or **(B)** authorized state, local or tribal law enforcement agencies applying on behalf of High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) combating criminal narcotics activity stemming from the Southern border (see also "HIDTA Eligibility").

For Category IV only, applicants are limited to: **(A)** state, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies located in the Southern border region; and national organizations; institutions of higher education; faith-based, community, and regional organizations that provide assistance and equipment to local law enforcement located in the Southern border region, or **(B)** authorized state, local or tribal law enforcement agencies applying on behalf of High-Intensity Drug Trafficking Areas (HIDTA) combating criminal narcotics activity stemming from the Southern border.

HIDTA Eligibility:

In order for a HIDTA to apply for funding under Categories I-IV, the Director of the HIDTA must authorize a designee from a participating state, local, or tribal law enforcement agency to apply on behalf of the HIDTA. The Director must sign a statement which expressly authorizes the designee to apply on behalf of the HIDTA. BJA will consider applications from multiple law enforcement agencies located within the same HIDTA. This signed statement must be attached as part of the application (see "Attachment 5," page 18).

In further defining the term "criminal narcotics activity," all criminal narcotic drug activity stemming from areas south of the southern geographic land border of the United States (i.e., Mexico, Central and South America) are included as origination points. Consequently, HIDTAs within the distribution chain for drugs stemming from these areas are also included.

For purposes of this solicitation:

1. The "Southern border" (or "Southern border region") of the United States is limited to the southern geographic land border of the United States, which includes, and is limited to, the following states: California, Arizona, New Mexico, and Texas.
2. State and local law enforcement agencies include state and local prosecutors, parole, probation, and community corrections agencies.

(See "Eligibility," page 2)

Deadline

Registration with OJP's Grants Management System is required prior to application submission.

Applicants must obtain a DUNS number from Dun and Bradstreet prior to application submission. Applicants must register with the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database.

(See "Deadline: Registration," page 2)

All applications are due by 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time on April 17, 2009.

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