

PSN TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Monthly Newsletter



Thank you for following our monthly Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) bulletin. The monthly bulletin highlights TTA and resources provided to PSN teams and local law enforcement agencies. TTA requests can be made online [here](#). If you have questions regarding TTA, please contact your regional TTA liaison or the PSN TTA team at psntta@cna.org.

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RECENT WEBINAR ALERT! TRAUMA-INFORMED RESPONSES TO GUN VIOLENCE

This well-attended webinar featured speakers from the National Center for the Prevention of Community Violence and from our partners at the National Center for Victims of Crime and the National District Attorneys Association. Gun violence has far-reaching consequences in our communities, often leaving those it touches traumatized. A trauma-informed approach acknowledges the negative effects that trauma has on people’s lives and aims to prevent retraumatization. This webinar explored effective and practical strategies for criminal justice professionals when working with victims and survivors of gun violence and highlighted the importance of strong collaboration and communication.

[Watch the webinar recording here!](#)



HIGHLIGHTING THE NATIONAL PUBLIC SAFETY PARTNERSHIP'S VIRTUAL ACADEMY

BJA's National Public Safety Partnership offers a virtual academy that provides specialized training to law enforcement and public safety professionals working to reduce violence in their communities. These interactive, virtual courses are available **nationwide at no cost** to requesting law enforcement professionals. Below is a list of available courses:

- GunStat: A Data Driven Approach to Address Gun Violence
- Navigating NIBIN Leads via the GETS System
- Machine Gun Conversion Devices
- Ghost Guns: Identifying and Tracing Privately Made Firearms
- Law Enforcement Guide to Crime Guns
- Crime S.C.E.N.E. Excellence: Navigating the Initial Response to a Violent Crime Scene
- Three Dimensions of Constitutional Policing

[Learn more about the courses and register for the academy here!](#)

WEBINARS

BJA Grantee Training Series:
Introduction to BJA Performance Measures and Reporting
Date: January 8, 1:00–2:30 p.m. EST
[Registration Link](#)

BJA Grantee Training Series:
Managing Your Award
Date: January 16, 1:00–2:30 p.m. EST
[Registration Link](#)

Victim Advocate and Mental Health Partnerships Peer Consultation Forums
Date: January 23, 3:00–4:30 p.m. EST
[Registration Link](#)

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GRANTS SPOTLIGHT BY JOAN BRODY: FORMING A 2025 GRANTS WORKING GROUP

Dear Grant Seekers,

It is almost grant season 2025! The US Department of Justice Program Plan and some fiscal year 2025 grant solicitations are projected to be released in the next month or so. It is an ideal time to reconvene or form a new internal grants working group in your agency. Every year, public safety agencies anticipate grant funding opportunities in the following subject areas. Other categories may also be available, but this is a good list to kick things off. Please note that some subject matter experts (SMEs) cover multiple areas.

1. Technology
2. Domestic Violence/Elder Abuse
3. Youth
4. Behavioral/Mental Health
5. Training
6. Patrol
7. Homeland Security
8. Research and Evaluation
9. Community Engagement
10. Crime Analysis
11. Crime Lab
12. Cyber Crime/Financial Crime

I recommend that you identify a working group lead or coordinator who can help convene your internal grants working group or committee. They can invite SMEs, schedule meetings, and help write a FY 2025 grant strategy or wish list.



GRANTS SPOTLIGHT, CONTINUED

You will want the SMEs assigned to each subject area to be mid-level personnel. If working group members are too high on the organizational chart, they won't have time to attend meetings or work on grant approaches. Ideally, you want someone who is working with, and in, the community but high enough in rank to have experience and knowledge about command staff priorities.

Finally, during or soon after you hold your first grants meeting, invite the chief or agency head to stop by to discuss their priorities and thank everyone for their time and participation. Even just a five-minute drop in will inspire your grants team and show them how important their work is to your agency.

Please reach out with questions anytime,

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