

# 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 task forces 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 TTA team at [psntta@cna.org](mailto:psntta@cna.org).

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## **PSN SPOTLIGHT: DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA'S OMAHA 360 INITIATIVE**

The Omaha 360 initiative was created in 2009 by the Empowerment Network, a group made up of nonprofits, neighborhood associations, churches, and law enforcement to address gun violence. Its core strategy of "collaboration, prevention, intervention, enforcement, reentry and support services" is supported by weekly and monthly moderated meetings. These meetings keep the community and partners informed about city crime statistics and help mobilize resources to respond to factors that contribute to violence, such as lack of housing, education, and employment. Omaha 360 has been credited with building trust among the community and its various partners, and contributing to the steady reductions in gun violence that have occurred since its founding.

You can read more about Omaha 360 [here](#).



## PSN TTA ENGAGEMENT PROFILE: NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO

The Northern District of Ohio has actively taken advantage of TTA opportunities to enhance its PSN efforts. The US Attorney’s Office (USAO) for the Northern District of Ohio established the Northern Ohio Violent Crime Consortium (NOVCC) in 2007 to reduce violent crime through a coordinated and effective intelligence-led, data-driven, multijurisdictional, and multiagency strategy. The partnership engages federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies; universities; and subject matter experts to develop and implement core activities. Training is a key objective of the NOVCC.

“We couldn’t be happier with the support received from TTA. TTA has been excellent to work with, and in helping to identify superb training solutions for our District. We have been able to rely on TTA’s expertise and professionalism in providing training to our law enforcement partners, which provides opportunities for them to learn new methods, techniques and best practices in the ongoing effort to reduce violent crime. With so many agencies facing tough budgetary environments, collaboration with TTA is now more important than ever.” – Thomas Weldon, Supervisory Law Enforcement Coordinator, USAO, Northern District of Ohio

Access the full profile [here](#).

### WEBINARS

**New Opportunities to Implement the National Guidelines for Post-Conviction Risk and Needs Assessment**

Date:

March 7, 2023,  
2:30–4:00 pm  
EST

[Registration link](#)

**FY 2023 Project Safe Neighborhoods Formula Grant Program**

Date:

March 9, 2023,  
1:00–2:00 pm EST

[Registration link](#)

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## GRANTS SPOTLIGHT: WRITING TIPS & BODY WORN CAMERA FUNDING

I often get asked, “What is your #1 grant writing tip?” My answer is always the same: “Follow the directions.” In other words, provide all the information you are asked to include and you will get a higher score. Yes, it is that simple! In the meantime, here are some additional related tips.

- Print and read the ENTIRE grant solicitation or request for proposal (RFP).
- Highlight information that you are required to include in your proposal.
- After you complete a first draft, go back and make sure you addressed all the highlighted areas.
- Organize your proposal narrative by adding headings that guide reviewers.
- Include placeholder pages for missing information so you don’t forget to add it later.
- Even though it is not typically required, add an introductory paragraph to let the reviewer know what you are proposing to do from the moment they start reading your proposal.
- Do the abstract/executive summary last; often, your introduction can become your abstract.

For more grant writing tips, please contact Gentry Schaffer at [schafferg@cna.org](mailto:schafferg@cna.org) to watch an on-demand webinar that includes more grant writing tips.



## **GRANTS SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED**

### **March Grant Spotlight: Behavioral Health + Body-Worn Camera Funding Opportunities**

**1. FY 2023 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program | Bureau of Justice Assistance (ojp.gov)** – supports law enforcement–behavioral health cross-system collaboration to improve public health, safety, and outcomes for individuals with mental health or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders.

Grants.gov deadline: April 24, 2023

JustGrants deadline: May 1, 2023

Anticipated Award Cap: \$550,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 30

**2. FY 2023 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program | Bureau of Justice Assistance (ojp.gov)** – supports behavioral health cross-system collaboration for other public safety partners, not just law enforcement.

Grants.gov deadline: March 21, 2023

JustGrants deadline: March 28, 2023

Anticipated Award Cap: \$550,000

Anticipated Number of Awards: 30

**3. FY 2023 Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program | Bureau of Justice Assistance (ojp.gov)** – develop, implement or expand comprehensive programs in response to the overdose crisis and the impacts of use and misuse of opioids, stimulants, or other substances.

Grants.gov deadline: March 21, 2023

JustGrants deadline: March 28, 2023

Anticipated Award Range: \$1M to \$1.6M (\$7M for statewide applications)

Anticipated Number of Awards: 72

**4. FY 2023 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies | Bureau of Justice Assistance (ojp.gov)** – There are new BWC program categories this year, so please take a closer look. Grants.gov deadline: April 4, 2023

JustGrants on April 11, 2023

Anticipated Award Range: Up to \$2M

Anticipated Number of Awards: 51

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# VIRTUAL DOJ-BJA FORENSIC GENETIC GENEALOGY TRAINING

March 29, 2023

SAKI TTA, on behalf of the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA), will be hosting a virtual training on Forensic Genetic Genealogy (FGG) on **Wednesday, March 29th, 2023**. The FBI Investigative Genealogy (IG) team will be leading this 1-day training which will serve as an updated refresher course to the 3-day event held in Spring 2022.

This training will provide an opportunity for all applicable BJA-funded grantees and non-funded jurisdictions to discuss best practices, identify approaches to common challenges, and collaborate with partners to further the successful implementation of FGG into their investigative workflows.

## Course highlights include:

- An introduction to the FBI's Investigative Genealogy Program.
- Demonstrations of applicable tools in GEDmatch PRO™ and FTDNA.
- A discussion on how to identify matches, estimate relationships between matches and determine which matches' trees should be built.
- A session on reference and surreptitious collections.

## Prerequisite Information

Those interested in attending this 1-day course **must** meet one of the following requirements:

- Attended the 3-day DOJ-BJA Virtual FGG training that was held on March 29 - April 1, 2022. The certificate received from last year's event will be required as proof of attendance.
- Completion of the online archived DOJ-BJA Virtual FGG training. Please note, due to law enforcement sensitivities, the FBI presentations held during the 3-day live event were not recorded and thus, are not available as part of this archived version. The archived training will serve as a general overview of the FGG process and will provide the necessary foundation for the upcoming 1-day refresher course. The archived training is entitled "OVCCC: Forensic Genetic Genealogy Training" and can be found here: <https://academy.sakitta.org/>. Certificate of completion will be required for proof of attendance.

This training is open for all applicable BJA grant programs; however the meeting will be limited to 500 participants. Each jurisdiction is encouraged to carefully review the event agenda and be intentional when selecting attendees.

This training **will not be archived** and must be viewed live.

Certificates of attendance will be distributed to those in attendance for the full training. Attendance will be tracked using Zoom. Attendees must be logged in with their unique Zoom link to receive their certificate of attendance.

**Register Here!**  
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