

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

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## **NEW COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT RESOURCE NOW AVAILABLE**

In April, the PSN TTA team released a new resource highlighting 16 community engagement initiatives from 9 PSN districts. The community engagement efforts highlighted in this resource represent a range of engagement types, such as resource-focused initiatives, public safety presentations, and community events.

This resource provides relevant points of contact for each initiative in case readers are interested in learning more about the efforts directly from the districts.

You can access the resource [here](#).

### **ADDITIONAL WEBINAR RESOURCE**

To learn more about community engagement, check out [this PSN recording](#) on Successful and Authentic Community Engagement!



# PSN TTA WEBINAR SPOTLIGHT

Below is a list of some of our favorite PSN TTA webinars grouped by PSN pillar. The four PSN pillars are Community Engagement, Prevention and Intervention, Focused and Strategic Enforcement, and Accountability.

## Community Engagement

- [Improving Services for Victims of Violence: The Homicide Support Group](#)
- [Engaging and Supporting Witnesses and Victims of Violence](#)
- [Successful and Authentic Community Engagement](#)

## Prevention and Intervention

- [Community Violence Intervention \(CVI\)](#)
- [Tackling Youth Violence](#)

## Focused and Strategic Enforcement

- [Collaboration Among Federal, State and Local Prosecutors on Violent Crime Cases \(Part 1\)](#)
- [Strategies for Improving Homicide and Nonfatal Shooting Clearance Rates](#)
- [Crime Gun Intelligence Centers and National Integrated Ballistic Information Network](#)
- [Strategic Planning for Violent Crime Reduction: The Role of Crime Analysis](#)
- [Recognizing and Investigating Emerging Firearm Crime](#)

## Accountability

- [What Works and Why? Using Data, Technology, and Research Partnerships to Reduce Violent Crime](#)
- [Meaningful Strategic Planning that Produces Results](#)

## WEBINARS

Opioid Affected Youth Initiative Webinar Series

Date:

May 9, 2023,  
1:00–3:00 p.m.  
EST

[Registration link](#)

Tribal Notification When Native Youth Are Involved in State or Local Juvenile Justice Systems

Date:

May 11, 2023,  
2:00–3:30 p.m.  
EST

[Registration link](#)

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## **GRANTS SPOTLIGHT BY JOAN BRODY: FINISHING THE FY 23 GRANT SEASON STRONG AND THINKING ABOUT FY 24**

By this time of year, I'm sure you have thought about applying for a lot of grants and may have even submitted a few applications. You will also notice that the pace of newly released grant solicitations is (thankfully!) slowing down. I know that grant deadlines are still coming up in the next four to six weeks, so don't let grant writing fatigue set in. Just remember, you will find out whether you won a grant award in only a few months, usually around September 30. Here are some last-minute tips to help you make it across the finish line while also building a strong foundation for FY24, which begins October 1, 2023.

**Tip # 1: Read through the remaining grant solicitations listed on U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) websites. These two website links below will contain most of the remaining FY23 grant funding opportunities:**

- <https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/current-funding-opportunities>
- <https://cops.usdoj.gov/grants>

If you have an internal grants working group, convene one last quick meeting to review remaining grant solicitations and identify any, even one, that might help you fulfill a need in your organization. And if you don't have an internal grants group, see Tip #2 below.

You can also send out an organization-wide email listing the selected final FY23 grant opportunities. I would ask a high-ranking member of your agency to forward your email through the chain of command so everyone knows your executive staff is supportive of this last push for new funding.



## **GRANTS SPOTLIGHT CONTINUED**

As the grant season winds down, naturally your grant writing energy may also be dropping. But maybe you will feel re-energized if you apply for a grant that may not receive as many applications. This will increase your competitiveness and your chance of winning an award.

**Tip #2:** Put together a list of internal subject matter experts who helped you with grants during the past few months. This is a quick and easy way to build the foundation for and launch an FY24 internal grants committee.

Next month, I will talk about developing a grant strategy to help you hone proactive grant-seeking approaches. A formal or informal internal grants committee will be key to helping you draft a grant strategy for applying for FY24 grants and implementing FY23 grant awards. Good Luck!

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