

SFY 2026

**JOINT APPLICATION –
BYRNE JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT (JAG)
STATE CRISIS INTERVENTION (SCIP)
RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT (RSAT)
PROJECT SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS (PSN)**

APPLICATION INFORMATION

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SFY 2026 SOLICITATION SUMMARY

The Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) is the State Administering Agency for several criminal justice and drug control enhancement grant programs that provide funds to state and local units of government. For state fiscal year 2026 the ODCP will utilize a combined application process for the Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG), State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP), Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT), and Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) programs.

The SFY 2026 application process will involve a two-part process including a brief written application including an abstract narrative and budget submitted through www.iowagrants.gov and a virtual interview

via Microsoft Teams. This process is a change from ODCP's past application processes. Please carefully review the application instruction and contact the ODCP with questions.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The written component must be received by the Office of Drug Control Policy **by 4:30 p.m. March 5, 2025**. The written component will be submitted through www.iowagrants.gov.

The second component is an applicant interview. Interviews will be offered to applicants determined to be eligible and viable. Interviews are tentatively scheduled to take place **March 24th – April 15th**.

ODCP CONTACTS

For questions regarding the application process contact Dennis Wiggins at (515)805-4141 or wiggins@dps.state.ia.us.

Iowa Office of Drug Control Policy

<https://dps.iowa.gov/bureaus-iowa-department-public-safety/iowa-office-drug-control-policy>

GENERAL GRANT PROGRAM INFORMATION

Byrne Justice Assistance Grant Program (JAG)

The Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program, provides financial assistance to support a broad range of activities to prevent and control crime and to improve the criminal justice system. The JAG program places an emphasis on violent crime, drug offenses, serious offenders, and justice system improvement. The [Iowa Byrne-JAG Strategy](#) is available for review on the ODCP website.

Funding for this solicitation is available through Iowa's Byrne-Justice Assistance Grant allocation. Approximately \$1,900,000 will be committed through this competitive grant process for use in State Fiscal 2026. Of the JAG program funds, federal guidelines currently require a minimum of 63% to be passed through to local jurisdictions and a maximum of 37% to be passed to state agencies.

JAG funding can be used to support programs within these federally approved "Program Purpose Areas":

- Law Enforcement
- Prosecution & Courts
- Prevention & Education
- Corrections/Community Corrections
- Behavioral Health Services
- Planning & Evaluation
- Technology Improvement
- Crime Victim & Witness Services
- Extreme Risk and Protective Orders
- Specialty Courts

Examples of Program Responses to address these purpose areas include, but are not limited to:

- Multi-jurisdictional drug enforcement task forces
- Promoting data driven policy development
- Diversion to treatment for low-risk non-violent alcohol and other drug-addicted offenders

- Providing case management resources for community-based offenders receiving treatment services
- Using intelligence systems to increase law enforcement effectiveness
- Jail-based treatment programs
- Criminal justice training opportunities
- Crime lab enhancements that reduce the turnaround time for evidence analysis
- Linking corrections and partners to enhance client compliance with conditions of probation/parole
- Intensive supervision programs for drug and other high-risk probation/parole clients
- Assisting offender transition from jail/prison to the community
- Increasing treatment resources for juvenile or adult offenders
- Providing substance/crime-free supervised transitional housing
- Community-based programs for co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders
- Mental health services to increase public safety/wellbeing
- Anti-drug/crime coalitions programs which establish environmental prevention strategies and activities
- Specialty court programming
- Prevention programs with local community coalition participation
- Providing information to the public on emerging drugs
- Prevention and development services targeting high-risk youth and their parents
- Integrating substance use prevention services with other programs
- Addressing underage and binge drinking
- Improving early identification of substance use issues in high-risk populations
- Innovative programs that improve the operational effectiveness of the justice system

Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)

The Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP) Formula Grant Program, provides financial assistance to support a broad range of activities to strengthen community efforts to prevent, respond to, and reduce gun and violent crime in Iowa.

Funding for this solicitation is available through Iowa's Byrne State Crisis Intervention allocation. Approximately \$1,100,000 will be committed through this competitive grant process. Of the SCIP program funds, federal guidelines require a minimum of 40% to be passed through to local jurisdictions.

For purposes of coordinating Iowa's SCIP initiative, the ODCP Bureau Chief convened the Iowa Crisis Intervention Advisory Board (ICIAB). The ICIAB identified behavioral health as the top priority area for Iowa's SCIP funding awards, with an emphasis on youth programming. Funding will be prioritized to projects that support the broad goals outlined in the [2024 Iowa Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program Plan](#).

The Board specifically identified the following as potential project responses to implement SCIP gun violence reduction objectives:

- Mental health partnerships
- Crisis centers
- Co-responder projects
- Specialty courts
- Jail diversion
- Mobile crisis units
- Community programs
- Youth diversion
- Community responses to methamphetamine
- Gun violence intervention
- Behavioral threat assessment programs and related training
- Other innovative state and local programming

Note: This list represents Possible Program Responses and is not intended to be an exhaustive list.

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program (RSAT)

The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) program provides funding to units of government in developing and implementing residential substance use disorder treatment programs in state and local correctional and detention facilities. RSAT programs provide individual and group treatment activities for offenders and must meet the following requirements: Correctional facility - last between 6 and 12 months or Jail – last at least 3 months; be provided in residential treatment facilities set apart from the general correctional population; focus on the substance abuse problems of the inmate; include drug/alcohol testing of participants including periodic and randomized testing; and develop the inmate's cognitive, behavioral, social, vocational, and other skills to solve substance abuse and related problems.

Funding for this solicitation is available through Iowa's Residential Substance Abuse Treatment allocation. Approximately \$275,000 will be committed through this competitive grant process for use in State Fiscal 2026. Of the RSAT program funds, federal guidelines currently require a minimum of 10% be passed through to local jurisdictions and a maximum of 90% to be passed to state agencies.

Project Safe Neighborhoods Grant Program (PSN)

The Project Safe Neighborhoods program is a federal grant program designed to address violent crime with an emphasis on gun and gang-related crime. The PSN program provides funding to each of the 94 US Attorney districts to facilitate a coordinated response to the most critical violent crime problem in each district.

Each of the U.S. Attorneys have established district PSN workgroups that develop a PSN grant action plan to establish funding priorities for this grant award. The U.S. Attorneys for Iowa have identified the Iowa Department of Public Safety, Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) as the fiscal agent for the PSN program in the Northern and Southern Districts of Iowa.

The ODCP, in cooperation with the U.S. Attorney's Offices, offers a competitive Project Safe Neighborhood funding opportunity. Through this funding opportunity, financial assistance is available to promote safe neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime, including, but not limited to, addressing criminal gangs, and the felonious possession and use of firearms. The PSN program supports coordination, cooperation, and partnerships of local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies, and the communities they serve in a unified approach coordinated with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

Funding for this opportunity is available through of Iowa's Project Safe Neighborhoods award. Approximately \$82,000 will be committed in the Northern District and approximately \$107,000 will be committed in the Southern District.

Iowa Northern District PSN Priority Activities

The US Attorney, Northern District of Iowa has identified the following Priority Activities for this solicitation. Priority funding will be provided to projects which employ strategies that positively affect these broadly targeted activities:

- Youth-serving organizations/agencies toward the operation/support of prevention programming, including critical thinking classes, mentoring initiatives and/or other programs aimed at promoting protective factors and positive youth development
- Mental health/social services assistance for at-risk individuals
- Crime prevention training, de-escalation training, and community policing training for law enforcement officers
- Gang task forces including enforcement and prevention activities
- Equipment, services, and technology for law enforcement

The U.S. Attorney's PSN Task Force has identified Black Hawk County/Waterloo as an area of priority based on violent crime data. Applications serving Black Hawk County/Waterloo will receive priority

consideration in the review process.

Iowa Southern District PSN Priority Activities

The US Attorney, Southern District of Iowa has identified the following Priority Activities for this solicitation. Priority funding will be provided to projects which employ strategies that positively affect these broadly targeted activities:

- Equipment, services, and technology for law enforcement
- Violent crime project or program that has long-term effects
- Violent crime project or program that focuses upon a specific geographical location that has demonstrated an extraordinary amount of gun violence in comparison to the rest of the district
- Violent crime project or program that has the greatest geographical effect. (beneficial for multiple law enforcement jurisdictions)
- Project or programs which provide effective violent crime prevention.
- Crime prevention training, de-escalation training
- Gang task forces including enforcement and prevention activities

The U.S. Attorney's PSN Task Force has identified Scott County/Davenport and Polk County/Des Moines as areas of priority based on violent crime data. Applications serving Scott County/Davenport or Polk County/Des Moines will receive priority consideration in the review process.

GRANT APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Eligible Applicants

Those eligible to receive grant funds from ODCP include state and local units of government, Indian tribes, faith-based organizations, and nonprofit entities. A local unit of government is defined as a city, county, town, township, or other general-purpose political subdivision of a state and includes Indian tribes that perform law enforcement functions as determined by the Secretary of the Interior. A city or county must be the legal applicant and recipient on behalf of city and county departments. Iowa faith-based and nonprofit organizations are eligible to receive grant funding, but **application must be made through a state or local unit of government**. For purposes of the application, Iowa school districts, public universities, and community colleges are considered eligible applicants.

Application Technical Assistance

An online pre-application workshop is scheduled for January 22nd at 9:30 a.m. [Register for the webinar here](#). Participation in the webinar is encouraged but not required.

Individual technical assistance related to applying to the Office of Drug Control Policy can be arranged by contacting Dennis Wiggins at 515-805-4141 or wiggins@dps.state.ia.us.

Application Process

For this solicitation, applications will include two components. A written component consisting of an abstract and budget will be submitted through Iowa's grant management system at www.iowagrants.gov. This component will undergo a review by ODCP staff to determine eligibility and viability. Applications determined to be both eligible and viable will be invited to participate in a thirty-minute application interview with a grant review team.

Application interviews will be scheduled by the Office of Drug Control Policy. The Project Director identified in the application will be notified of the interview date/time. Applicant interviews will be conducted virtually via Microsoft Teams.

Applications should meet the requirements of one or more of the grant programs involved in this solicitation. The ODCP reserves the right to determine the source of funding utilized to support applications submitted through this solicitation.

Applicants should use the funding opportunity titled SFY 2026 JAG/SCIP/RSAT/PSN in www.iowagrants.gov.

Each project requires a separate grant application.

Applications are public record. Do not include confidential information.

Grant funds will be issued to successful grant recipients on a reimbursement basis.

All requests must adhere to your agency's approved policies and procedures.

Application Deadline

Applications will consist of two components.

The first part of the application, the written component, must be received by ODCP through Iowa's grant

management system (www.iowagrants.gov) by **4:30 p.m. March 5, 2025**.

**Note: Registration with www.iowagrants.gov is required prior to submitting an application. Registration may take several business days to complete. Do not wait until the last minute to begin your application. Difficulty with registration will not be an appealable hardship.*

The second part of the application, interviews, will tentatively take place **March 24th – April 15th**. Reasonable efforts will be made to accommodate special requests related to the interview date/time. Scheduling decisions will be solely the responsibility of the ODCP. Applicants are responsible for connectivity to the virtual Teams meeting.

“New” and “Continuation” Grantees

In completing this application, new projects will be those projects that have not previously received funding from ODCP or did not receive grant funds during the current grant period. Continuation projects are those that are currently receiving grant funds from ODCP.

The Office of Drug Control Policy has different expectations for new applicants and those applying for continuation funding. For new applicants, the emphasis is on the need for, and the quality of, the proposed project, including anticipated community impact. For continuation applicants, the emphasis is on demonstrating measurable results. The application narrative and the interview questions will reflect this difference.

Continuation applications should request no more than **105%** of their current approved budget. Continuation project applicants who have or anticipate significant changes to their project which requires additional funding shall complete the application as a new applicant to provide additional detail and justification for the requested increase.

Evidence-Informed and Innovative Programs/Practices

The Office of Drug Control Policy emphasizes the importance of the use of data and evidence in policymaking and programming. Applicants should document and describe, to the extent possible, a data/evidence-focused response to specific crime and substance use problems in their grant applications. Applicants are encouraged to propose initiatives that use sound criminal justice principles and innovation to create strategies that are effective, economical, and sustainable in response to one or more of the priorities listed above.

For more information about evidence-based programs, as outlined by the U.S. Department of Justice, go to www.crimesolutions.gov.

Forty-Eight Month Funding Limitation

ODCP imposes a 48-month eligibility limit on Byrne JAG and SCIP-funded projects that are not multi-jurisdictional drug task forces. Drug task forces were exempted from the limit by the original Byrne grant program, and ODCP continues the exception for them under Byrne JAG.

Cash Match

The RSAT grant program requires a 25% cash match.

The Byrne JAG, SCIP, and PSN grant programs do not require a cash or in-kind match.

Sustainability Plan

New applicants are required to describe a sustainability plan.

Non-Supplanting

The applicant assures that federal funds provided under these grant programs will not be used to supplant or replace any other funding sources. The funds must supplement and increase the total funds that would have otherwise been allocated to the project without federal funding.

Allowable and Unallowable Expenses

The following lists are a general guide. For specific questions about eligibility, please contact the ODCP.

Allowable Expenses Include:

- Personnel costs
- Equipment
- Operating expenses
- Building rental
- Training (may require prior approval by the ODCP & the U.S DOJ, Bureau of Justice Assistance)
- Overtime
- Supplies
- Travel (out-of-state travel requires prior approval)
- Professional services (requires prior approval by the ODCP)

Unallowable Expenses Include:

- Drones
- Land acquisition
- Construction
- Bonuses or commissions
- Travel or compensation for federal employees
- Military-type equipment
- Lobbying
- Fundraising
- Food (except travel-related per diem)
- Entertainment
- Participation incentives/gifts
- Projects for which a dedicated fund source is available
- Replacement of equipment or supplies that expire or require routine or scheduled replacement
- Continuation or stopgap funding for projects initiated with other grant funding
- DARE Personnel
- Canines
- Weapons
- Ammunition
- Bulletproof Vests
- Tasers
- Basic law enforcement equipment
- Vehicles
- Vape detectors
- Harm reduction programs that support “less harmful” drug use and/or criminal activity

Grant Period

Grants will be awarded by the Office of Drug Control Policy for a one-year period beginning July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Grant payments are completed on a reimbursement basis. All projects awarded grant funds must complete and submit regular expenditure report forms requesting federal reimbursement, and quarterly progress reports. Financial and progress reporting will be submitted through www.iowagrants.gov. Grantees may be required to use an electronic transfer for payments.

Grant Review and Scoring

Applications for this solicitation will be completed in a two-part process. A written application consisting of an abstract and budget will be submitted through Iowa's grants management system at www.iowagrants.gov.

The written component of each application will undergo a review by ODCP staff to determine eligibility and viability. Applications determined to be both eligible and viable will be invited to participate in an applicant interview with the ODCP grant review team. The grant review team will include a combination of ODCP staff and experienced peer advisors. All eligible applications will be evaluated using the criteria described below and included in the application kit.

Eligibility:

- Applicant agency is an eligible unit of government
- Project activities meet the program requirements of one or more of the solicitation grant programs
- Project activities are allowable expenses

Viability:

- Receive at least 65% of the available points for the written component of the application

Part I - Written Application (Submitted through www.iowagrants.gov) Criteria/Scoring:

Budget:

Appropriateness of budgeted expenditures and justification.

New Applicant (10 points)

- The budget is appropriate and adequate for the project.
- The budget is clear and precise - there are no miscellaneous or unexplained expense.
- Proposed budget supplements - does not supplant existing efforts/budgets.
- The budget line items have been prioritized.
- Sustainability plan is clear and achievable

Continuation Applicant (5 points)

- The budget is appropriate and adequate for the project. (Limit to 105% of current budget)
- The budget is clear and precise - there are no miscellaneous or unexplained expense.
- Proposed budget supplements - does not supplant existing efforts/budgets.
- The budget line items have been prioritized.

Project Abstract:

Clear descriptive summary of the project.

New Applicants (10 points)

- Grantee described the need/problem to be addressed by the project.
- Grantee described the key activities of the proposed project.
- Grantee described the expected outcomes of the project.

Continuation Applicant (15 points)

- Grantee described the need/problem to be addressed by the project.
- Grantee described the key activities of the proposed project.
- Grantee described the expected outcomes of the project.

Letters of Commitment/Support

New Applicants (0 points)

- Required letters of commitment/support outlining joint/collaborative efforts between agencies, OR copies of formal agreements between agencies and jurisdictions are provided.

Part II - Applicant Interview (via virtual Teams meeting) Criteria/Scoring:

Problem Statement/Need Assessment

Demonstrated need for the project in the area to be served.

New Applicant (30 points)

Continuation Applicant (10 points)

Interview Question - What problem do you plan to address and how is your project going to address it?

Review Criteria:

- The particular drug or violent crime problem is described and supported with adequate data.
- The need for this particular project/approach is described. Proposed project is based on sound principles.

Project Administration/Coordination

Implementation, administration, and key personnel involved in the proposed project.

New Applicant (10 points)

Continuation Applicant (N/A)

Interview Question - What are the key elements of the proposed project and how does it fit with existing efforts in the community?

Review Criteria:

- The key elements, agencies, personnel or intricate parts that make up the project are described.
- The implementation plan is complete, reasonable, and achievable.
- Coordination and cooperation with other criminal justice, substance abuse, school, and community agencies as appropriate.

Project Evaluation/Outcomes

The extent to which the applicant is able to track and maintain program performance data/information to measure its success and demonstrate its impact on Iowans.

New Applicant (15 points)

Interview Question - What are the expected outcomes and how will you demonstrate success?

Review Criteria:

- Performance indicators (criteria) are clearly defined and relative to the project.
- The expected impact/outcomes of the project on the identified problem(s) is described and clear.
- The project is an innovative and/or evidence-informed response to substance abuse/crime issues.

Continuation Applicant (50 points)

Interview Questions –How has this project impacted the stated problem in your community? How do you measure/demonstrate success? Why should we continue to fund this project?

Review Criteria:

- Project activity sufficiently addresses the needs/problems as described in the Abstract.
- Project performance indicators demonstrate significant grant funded activity.
- The project has demonstrated a significant impact on the community/problem.
- The description of the impact includes measurable outcomes/impact supported with adequate data.
- The project is an innovative and/or evidence-informed response to substance abuse/crime issues.

Reviewer Assessment and Recommendations

Overall impressions and recommendations of grant review team.

New Applicant (25 points)

Continuation Applicant (20 points)

Review Criteria:

- The proposal is a good presentation of the project.
- The project has a high potential for success.
- The project represents a good financial investment.
- The project is consistent with the solicitation priorities.
- The proposal is innovative and/or is consistent with sound criminal justice principles.
- Letters of support (new grantees)

Application Integrity

The applicant shall promote effectiveness, efficiency, and accountability. The applicant must serve the public in an ethical and transparent manner, including operating professionally, truthfully, fairly, and with integrity and accountability to uphold public trust.

The ODCP reserves the right to verify the contents of the application and any assertions, reporting, attestations, and submissions to the ODCP or any other governmental agency. If the ODCP determines the applicant has provided false, misleading, or inaccurate information to the ODCP or another governmental agency the application may be disqualified.

Solicitation Updates

The ODCP may make changes to the solicitation requirements, extend the due date, cancel or re-release the solicitation for any reason. Changes to the solicitation will be noted in the funding opportunity description in www.iowagrants.gov as well as on the cover page of the application instructions, also posted as an attachment in the funding opportunity in www.iowagrants.gov.

Those who have initiated a grant application in www.iowagrants.gov at the time of the change will be notified via e-mail of the change. The notice will be sent to the individual identified as the project officer in the application.

Grant Award Process

The following criteria shall be considered by the Office of Drug Control Policy (ODCP) in awarding federal JAG funds to applicants in Iowa:

- Availability of federal funds.
- Eligibility of applicant, based on U.S. Department of Justice guidelines.
- Priorities described in this solicitation.
- Prior measurable performance/effectiveness of programs, including those previously receiving federal funding through the Office of Drug Control Policy. Prior performance includes, but is not limited to, demonstrable program and financial management, program impact, and quality/timeliness of reporting.
- Data-based and/or evidence-informed merit of the proposal.

ODCP reserves the right to accept minor deviations from application requirements if such deviations are determined by the ODCP to be non-substantive.

Appeals

Grant awards will be made on or around June 1, 2025. Preliminary notices will be sent to those individuals identified as project director in the applications. Any applicant whose proposal has been filed according to instructions contained herein, and who is aggrieved by the awards made, may request an appeal within ten working days of the date of the notification of preliminary awards, based only on a showing that the instructions governing the grant selection process have not been properly applied. Such appeal can be made as provide in [Iowa Administrative Rule 661-10.301 et seq.](#)