NIJ’S RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROCESS: GRANTS AND COOPERATIVE AGREEMENTS

1. IDENTIFY NEEDS THROUGH STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT
- Congressional and Administration priorities
- NIJ priorities
- Available funding
- State of knowledge assessment

2. DEVELOP RESEARCH AGENDA
- NIJ issues solicitation
- Applications received in response
- NIJ scientists review for:
  - Fulfillment of Basic Minimum Requirements
  - Responsiveness to solicitation
- Peer reviewers confer to reach consensus

3. IMPLEMENT RESEARCH
- Applicant notified
- Denial filed in OJP's Grants Management System (GMS)

4. POST-AWARD ACTIVITIES
- NIJ scientists prepare a funding recommendation to the Director based on:
  - Peer review input
  - Applicant past performance
  - Portfolio balance
  - Other considerations
- Award decision

5. EVALUATE RESEARCH RESULTS
- NIJ Director makes award decisions based on:
  - Input from NIJ scientists
  - Planned scholarly products
  - Peer review input
  - Proposed budgets
  - Applicant past performance
  - Research independence and integrity
  - Strategic priorities
  - Available funding

6. DISSEMINATE TO THE FIELD
- Throughout the life of the award, NIJ provides:
  - Performance and progress monitoring
  - Site visits and desk audits
  - Scientific collaboration and input
  - Review and processing of award changes
  - NEPA review and guidance
  - Human Subjects and Privacy review and guidance

Results from awards inform future funding opportunities and become part of the process of developing the program of research and agenda.