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
   - NIJ Scientists prepare a funding recommendation to the Director based on...
     - Peer review input
     - Applicant past performance
     - Portfolio balance
     - Other considerations
   - Peer reviewers confer to reach consensus
   - 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
   - Denied
   - Approved
   - Award Decision
     - Denied
     - Awarded

3. IMPLEMENT RESEARCH
   - Through 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

4. POST-AWARD ACTIVITIES

5. EVALUATE RESEARCH RESULTS
   - External Evaluation
     - Peer review of final report
     - Field testing
   - Results from awards inform future funding opportunities and become part of the process of developing the program of research and agenda.
   - Internal Evaluation
     - Test technology/product
     - Internal evaluation of results

6. DISSEMINATE TO THE FIELD