

# Research and Evaluation on Domestic Radicalization to Violent Extremism: Prevention and Intervention Demonstration Programs

Informational Webinar

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# Webinar Overview

- Background and goals of the solicitation
- Application expectations and requirements
- Recommendations
- Review process
- Application checklist

# Background

- Definition
- Brief history of NIJ's funding addressing domestic radicalization to violent extremism (DRVE)
- How NIJ's work fits into the broader Federal effort to prevent radicalization

# Solicitation Goals and Objectives

- This solicitation seeks to build knowledge and evidence related to strategies for effective prevention and intervention of domestic radicalization and violent extremism in the United States.
- The overall purpose of these programs is to reduce the likelihood that acts of violent extremism will occur.
- Primary mechanisms for accomplishing this purpose are empowering communities by educating practitioners and community members, sharing information, building trust, improving community-wide coordination, and taking action to support communities and individuals who are vulnerable to internal or external efforts to radicalize people toward violent extremism.

# Aims of the Solicitation

1. Support the replication and/or evaluation of existing programs focused on preventing and intervening in the process of radicalization to violent extremism.
2. Support the development and evaluation of community-based demonstration programs where no existing programs exist (hereafter referred to as “demonstration programs”)



# Community-Level Programs

- Primary prevention strategies that focus on reducing the likelihood of radicalization by working with broad groups, communities, or populations through such activities as antiviolence messaging and education
- Secondary prevention strategies that are directed at individuals who have been identified as being at high-risk for becoming radicalized
- Intervention strategies that are intended to aid the disengagement of radicalized individuals and/or de-radicalize those who have already adopted extremist ideologies, but are not engaged in planning or carrying out acts of violence

# Prevention and Intervention Areas

- Develop an understanding of the ways in which radicalization occurs in specific communities
- Build partnerships between local law enforcement, vulnerable communities, and faith-based organizations
- Leverage and coordinate with existing local resources for public safety and violence prevention
- Develop methods for individual-level risk assessment and intervention
- Provide professional development opportunities for local law enforcement and other practitioners
- Educate, inform and enhance communication

# Demonstration Projects Structure

- Action Research
- Successful proposals for demonstration programs will develop an intervention that:
  1. Specifies a theory of change
  2. Builds on evidence-based violence prevention interventions in related areas
  3. Identifies a rationale and strategy for selecting participants
  4. Articulates a strong “action research” approach for program development and evaluation



# Things to Consider for your Technical Narrative: Evaluation Projects

- Applications are expected to propose the most rigorous evaluation design appropriate for the research questions to be addressed.
- Evaluations may most appropriately focus on effectiveness, while others may address a wide range of research questions beyond effectiveness.
- NIJ encourages analysis of costs and cost/benefit.

# Things to Consider for your Technical Narrative: Demonstration Projects

- Propose an initial demonstration program model and research design
- Expect to see a team approach with close coordination
- 25% of funding supports research and 75% to implementation costs
- Two year projects
  - 6 months for planning with implementation to follow

# Solicitation Overview

- Cooperative Agreements (Collaborative partnership between NIJ and awardee)
- Up to a total of \$3.5 million available
- Individual awards of up to \$750,000 for 24-month project periods starting on January 1, 2017.
- Possibility for continuation funding

# Requirements

- SF-424
- Project abstract (250-400 words)
- Program narrative (30-page limit)
- Budget detail worksheet and budget narrative
- Indirect cost rate agreement
- Tribal authorizing resolution (if applicable)
- Applicant disclosure of high-risk status
- Applicant disclosure of pending applications
- Research and evaluation independence and integrity
- Financial management and system of internal controls questionnaire
- Disclosure of lobbying activities

# Recommendations: Statement of the Problem

- Purpose, goals, and objectives of your prevention or intervention program
- Awareness of state of current research in major areas as it relates to (1) NIJ's mission and DRVE research program and (2) the broader strategy for preventing violent extremism.
- Methodological and design overview

# Recommendations: Project Design and Implementation

- Proposed evaluation and program structure
- Address key methodological issues and level of scientific rigor
- For demonstration projects, identify key personnel and their roles

## Recommendations: Potential Impact

- Implications for DRVE and related criminal justice policy and practice in the United States
- Ability to advance understanding and prevention in DRVE field
- Potential for use of innovative, comprehensive, and rigorous research methods



# Selection Criteria

- Statement of the Problem (10%)
- Project Design and Implementation (50%)
- Potential Impact (20%)
- Capabilities/Competencies (20%)
- Budget
- Plan for Dissemination to Broader Audiences



# Internal Review Process

- Scan for Basic Minimum Requirements
- External review by subject matter experts
  - 2 technical reviews per application
  - 2 practitioner reviews per application
- Internal review by NIJ scientific staff and leadership
- All funding decisions are at the discretion of the NIJ Director

# Q&A



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