

# Violence Against Women Research Consortium

Informational Webinar

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# Webinar Overview

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

# Background

- Brief history of NIJ's funding in violence against women
- NIJ Compendium of Research on Violence Against Women
- Research Consortium will support continued research and evaluation in addition to traditional solicitations

## Goal of Solicitation

To fund an interdisciplinary research consortium on violence against women to support ongoing NIJ efforts and programs on intimate partner and domestic violence, sexual violence, teen dating violence, and stalking.



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# Solicitation Overview

- Cooperative Agreement
- Proposed timeline of 48-60 months
- Up to \$5 million available
- Possibility for continuation funding
- Collaborative partnership between NIJ and awardee

# Expectation of Proposed Work: Research

- Combination of projects
  - Short-term, quick turn-around projects
  - Long-term projects
- Targeted research plan developed collaboratively with NIJ at start of award
- Projects directly assigned by NIJ

# Expectation of Proposed Work: Evaluation

- Support for new and ongoing multi-site evaluation and demonstration projects as needed
- Evaluation of new and emerging programs or practices
- Development of applied evaluation materials

# Expectation of Proposed Work: Scholarship & Dissemination

- Systematic reviews and meta-analyses
- Scholarly journal articles, special issues, book chapters, NIJ products
- Webinars, web-based publications, practice and trade journal articles
- Meetings, working groups, conference presentations

# Expectations for Proposed Research Team: Infrastructure

- Interdisciplinary core team of research faculty
- Designated project director or co-directors leading the core faculty
- Single institution housing Consortium, but subcontracts expected
- Ability to quickly staff up or down
- Signed letters of commitment for at minimum of 1-year post-funding start date for core faculty members
- Adjunct faculty list subject to NIJ approval and not required at time of application submission

# Expectations for Proposed Research Team: Knowledge and Skills

## Content Area and Methodological Expertise

Teen Dating Violence	Qualitative Research Methods
Sexual Violence	Quantitative Research Methods
Intimate Partner and Domestic Violence	Program Evaluation
Stalking	Statistical Programming and analyses
Criminal Justice System	Instrumentation and survey design

# 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
- CVs/Resumes of Key Personnel



# Requirements, continued

- Program narrative should include:
  - Detailed communication plan, including monthly progress reports and annual in-person meeting with NIJ
  - Information on infrastructure such as:
    - Applicant's ability to increase or reduce capacity
    - Ability to manage subcontracts
    - Ability to produce and disseminate products
  - Evidence of knowledge on major categories of violence against women

# Recommendations: Writing the Narrative

- Differs from past NIJ solicitations, but still requires similar structure
  - Statement of the problem
  - Project Design and Implementation
  - Potential Impact
  - Capabilities and Competencies
- We will walk through each section...



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# Recommendations: Statement of the Problem

- Purpose, goals, and objectives of your research consortium
- Awareness of state of current research in major areas as it relates to NIJ's mission and VAW research program
- Methodological and research gaps
- Some tips: Articles on NIJ's program, NIJ products, summary/review articles

# Recommendations: Project Design and Implementation

- Proposed research and program structure
- Ability to address key methodological areas of interest
- Ability to address wide-range of VAW topics
- Ability to address wide-range of tasks

## Recommendations: Potential Impact

- Implications for VAW and related criminal justice policy and practice in the United States
- Ability to advance understanding and evidence in VAW field
- Potential for use of innovative, comprehensive, and rigorous research methods (and advancing their use in the VAW field)

# Recommendations: Capabilities and Competencies

- Comprehensive overview of core faculty members
  - Qualifications
  - Experience
  - Understanding and knowledge of one or more VAW areas
  - Methodological skills and abilities
- Communication/partnership plans among core faculty members
- Roles and responsibilities of core faculty
- Additional information on applicant's ability to manage the consortium

# Selection Criteria

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



# Internal Review Process

- Scan for Basic Minimum Requirements
- Internal review by subject matter experts
  - 2-3 technical reviews per application
  - 2-3 practitioner reviews per application
- Internal review by NIJ scientific staff and leadership
- All funding decisions are at the discretion of the NIJ Director.

# Application Checklist – See page 32 of the solicitation

## Application Checklist

### Violence Against Women Research Consortium

This application checklist has been created to assist in developing an application.

#### What an Applicant Should Do:

##### *Prior to Registering in Grants.gov:*

- \_\_\_ Acquire a DUNS Number (see page 23)
- \_\_\_ Acquire or renew registration with SAM (see page 24)

##### *To Register with Grants.gov:*

- \_\_\_ Acquire AOR and Grants.gov username/password (see page 24)
- \_\_\_ Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Biz POC (see page 24)

##### *To Find Funding Opportunity:*

- \_\_\_ Search for the funding opportunity on Grants.gov (see page 24)
- \_\_\_ Download Funding Opportunity and Application Package (see page 24)
- \_\_\_ Sign up for Grants.gov [email](#) notifications (optional) (see page 23)
- \_\_\_ Read [Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov](#)
- \_\_\_ Read OJP policy and guidance on "conference" approval, planning, and reporting available at [ojp.gov/financialguide/DOJ/PostawardRequirements/chapter3.10a.htm](#) (see page 10)

##### *After Application Submission, Receive Grants.gov Email Notifications That:*

- \_\_\_ (1) Application has been received
- \_\_\_ (2) Application has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors (see page 24)

##### *If no Grants.gov receipt, and validation or error notifications are received:*

- \_\_\_ Please refer to the section: Experiencing Unforeseen Grants.gov Technical Issues (see page 25)

#### General Requirements:

- \_\_\_ Review the [Solicitation Requirements](#) in the OJP Funding Resource Center.

#### What an Application Should Include:

- \_\_\_ Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (see page 12)
- \_\_\_ Project Abstract (if applicable) (see page 12)
- \_\_\_ Program Narrative (see page 13)
- \_\_\_ Budget Detail Worksheet (see page 17)
- \_\_\_ Budget Narrative (see page 17)
- \_\_\_ Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see page 18)
- \_\_\_ Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) (see page 19)
- \_\_\_ Applicant Disclosure of High-Risk Status (see page 19)
- \_\_\_ Appendices (see page 15)
- \_\_\_ Additional Attachments
  - \_\_\_ Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications (see page 19)
  - \_\_\_ Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see page 20)
- \_\_\_ Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see page 22)
- \_\_\_ Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (see page 22)
- \_\_\_ Employee Compensation Waiver request and justification (if applicable) (see page 10)

# Q&A



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# Contact Information

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