



# Grants for Law Enforcement



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# Officer Under Fire

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## Company

Officer Under Fire, LLC is a team comprised of law enforcement and military trainers. President and Founder, Daniel Spsychalski is a veteran police officer who invented the Perpetrator Range Training System after an on-duty police shooting. After reviewing the shooting, Daniel saw a need to have more realistic firearms training for law enforcement. Officer Under Fire's mission was to create firearms training which served trainees lessons in the shooting range. From a training standpoint, we strive to always mirror reality for the recreation of real-life incidents by making scenarios that are realistically stressful and safe while taking fire the range. 'Taking fire' being that our Perpetrator™, human-like target shoots training projectiles, making training scenarios, both offensive and defensive simultaneously. From this base foundation, Officer Under Fire, LLC has been dedicated to elevating the training of police, military and high level security professionals.

## Product

The Perpetrator™ is a portable range target system that is human-like in appearance, movement and function to be used in any indoor range and many outdoor ranges. The Perpetrator was designed to fight back in the range in a very human-like and tactical manner; taking bullets from real weapons, side-stepping, while firing back at trainees in a threatening, yet safe manner. The training projectiles fired upon trainees are marking or non-marking (reusable) rounds fired at 250 feet per second. The following weapons may be used in our system: duty, back-up, off-duty, rifle, shotgun, or other less lethal weapon. Provide a shield of training for your officers and reduce agency training liabilities.

## Operation

A certified Officer Under Fire Instructor Operator and a certified Officer Under Fire Safety Officer may conduct scenarios. Upon delivery, we will train your firearms instructors to safely run our system in your range for ongoing range training.

*Operator:* undergoes full system operational training. An *Operator* can execute safe activation and de-activation of the Perpetrator. In the range, the *Operator*, 'drives' Perpetrator Target System in range via remote control from rear of range or in the range ready room. The *Operator* 'sees' from the Perpetrator Camera view point displayed on a laptop computer screen in real time. A sighting weapon indicator is displayed onscreen and unit movement in all directions including twisting and weapon elevates up and down via a one-handed joystick. The Active Arm™ may be moved up or down via joystick as well for the application of decision based scenario training. Scenarios are video recorded onto the dedicated laptop for instant replay after training is completed.

Safety Officer: is certified through Officer Under Fire, LLC to ensure that trainees undergoing Perpetrator Range Training are kept safe at all times. The Safety Officer stays with the trainee in the range at all points of scenarios with special attention given to the trainee maintaining proper weapon discipline (example: finger off of the trigger/muzzle discipline-not pointing the weapon towards anything that should not be shot) by keeping the firearm pointed downrange at all times.

## **Simulations**

Traditional simulated training weapons do not come close to shooting a real weapon firing real ammunition. There is no comparison to firing a simulated weapon that fires a lightweight paint-bullet-type round at 350 feet per second, vs. a real duty weapon, firing live, heavy lead bullets at 1000+ feet per second. This comparison relates to firing a .22 caliber pistol vs. firing a .40 caliber pistol. The end result is a drastic energy impact difference upon the shooter's hand, not to mention the audible explosion of real gunfire, coupled with muzzle blast.

Other simulation systems often rely upon a video screen. A video screen is a two-dimensional object and years of television and video game conditioning have taught us that it is not real and therefore we do not feel adequately threatened or stressed in training.

### **Overcoming the Resistance to Killing - Lieutenant Colonel Dave Grossman, Author**

*Targets were formerly two-dimensional silhouettes, but in recent years both the military and police forces have been changing to mannequin-like, three-dimensional, molded plastic targets; photo realistic targets; and actual force-on-force encounters against live adversaries utilizing the paint pellet projectile training systems. These are key refinements in the conditioning process, since it is crucial that the discriminative stimulus used in training be as realistic as possible in its simulation of the actual stimulus if the training is to be transferred to reality in a life-and-death situation.*

The Perpetrator™ is a realistic training system that prepares officers to respond quickly and accurately when in the field.

## **Liability**

Our Officer Under Fire® Training fulfills U.S. Federal Court rulings mandating police firearms training to include:

- Stress induced training
- Officer moving while shooting
- Officer shooting at a moving target
- Decision based training; shoot/don't shoot

## **Video**

During live-fire scenario engagements, the Perpetrator video records your officers' range training from the offender's viewpoint. Officers can watch their training video, see their errors and correct their tactical errors. The Perpetrator video footage can then be added to the agency's training files.

## **Decision-based**

Our Active Target Arm™ is a remote-operated target body arm that moves up and down allowing it's hand to hold interchangeable objects such as mock handguns, cell phones, knife or other objects commonly encountered in real life. The OUF Instructor can create decision based training scenarios by raising the arm up while holding a handgun to simulate a lethal threat. Or perhaps the Perpetrator's arm will rise up while holding a cell phone. How many of your officers will shoot the cell phone wielding subject? You can now test, confirm and document your that your officer are receiving adequate firearms training.

## Sighting

While providing decision-based training via our patent pending Active Arm, our system also fires training projectiles that are guided by the OUF Instructor, utilizing our target acquisition system. Our system has fast and slow tracking targeting to put the Perpetrator's sights onto trainees in the range whether they are very close quarters or downrange. Target tracking is capable whether stationary or on the move. The training weapon also has elevation movement which allows the Perpetrator to put rounds onto a trainee whether he is standing, kneeling or prone position.

## Movement

The Perpetrator™ moves in nine directions: forward, reverse, side-stepping left and right, diagonal four ways, and rotation left and right. Other range robots do not have this human-like capable movement. This allows our robot to instantly side-step from cover and shoot at trainees in a very human-like and tactical manner. Other robots must rotate towards the desired direction or travel.

**To provide a shield of training for your officers and to reduce agency training liabilities, please consider Officer Under Fire® Perpetrator Range Training. Training services and equipment options are available upon request.**

# Grant Search Information

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When searching for grants to purchase the Perpetrator™ 1000 or training, persistence and creativity will be key. Funders include government agencies, corporations, foundations, and individuals. Each funder will have their own chosen focus and method of application.

**The Federal Government:** All grants are posted at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) . Federal grants frequently have short turnaround times and can be extremely lengthy. Often the entire application can be completed and submitted on line. Start the process early!

Some federal money is designated to the states or local governments to dole out. There may be a central contact point within the state. Contact your state agencies to get up to date information.

**State Grants:** Each state department will have its own way of announcing and distributing

grants. You can often get on email alert lists so that you will be one of the first to hear.

Federal and State grants frequently come back around. If you miss the deadlines ask to be alerted before the next one.

Also at all levels of government there are discretionary funds. There is not any announcement – contact your officials directly. Ask what the process is.

**Corporate Grants:** Money donated by companies. These can be whatever the company wants to do at a given time. Look on company web sites and look for the pages on charitable contributions or grants. Small to mid size corporations may not have a formal grant or funding process in this case write a strong proposal letter.

Look around your community for businesses. Often giving is at the local level and not announced on the larger corporate websites. Contact them directly to see if they can help support your purchase.

**Foundations:** Companies or individuals may form Foundations. Foundations may ask for a letter or a full application.

**United Way:** United Way is a nationwide funder of non-profits. There may be a branch in your town or county. They fund projects that affect the community in which their branch is located. United Way accepts applications once a year. They frequently require an in person presentation. They also expect strong accounting of fund and the demographics of the populations served.

**Community Organizations/Church:** Check with your community leaders and your church if you have a local project. Groups such as lodges, chambers, or social groups may be a source of funding or sponsorship. Often they expect you to present your request in person as well as a written proposal.

**Individuals:** You never know who you may meet. Wealthy individuals can be a source of money or contacts. A well written, emotional plea or a proposal may do the trick. A face to face meeting could also create a connection. When cultivating a list of individuals who will give to your project you can be as detailed or relaxed as you wish. An entire industry has been created on Prospecting for Philanthropists. Often requesting money from an individual is as simple as writing a letter of introduction.

## **Resources to find funders**

### **Grants.gov**

<http://grants.gov>

### **The Foundation Center**

<http://foundationcenter.org>

### **The Gransmanship Center**

<http://www.tgci.com/>

## The Donors Forum

[http://www.donorsforum.org/s\\_donorsforum/index.asp](http://www.donorsforum.org/s_donorsforum/index.asp)

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Once you have identified potential funders, check the application for eligibility, deadlines and amount of funding. (More ideas in the Tip Section)

**Eligibility** is extremely important. If you do not match the requirements think about potential partners. Who does fit? Can you work with them in applying for the grant.

**Deadlines** are set in stone. Applications even a minute late are tossed in the trash.

**Amount** of the funding is not always straight forward. Check when the award made, sometime times funding is a reimbursement. Is a match required? A match is a portion of the award that you will need to get from other sources. Is the amount of the funding enough to cover all of your costs.

Write a clear proposal explaining your need for the Perpetrator™ 1000 or training.

Contact the Officer Under Fire, LLC if you need assistance.

# Grant Opportunities

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The following list will give you some options and ideas of potential funding. Funders change focus, requirements and be sure to check the current parameters.

## **OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS (OJP)**

- **Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program** provides funds to help States and local governments control and prevent drug abuse, crime, and violence and to help improve the criminal justice system. Can be used to provide additional personnel, equipment, facilities, and training.
- **Bulletproof Vest Partnership Program**
- **National Motor Vehicle Title Information System (NMVTIS)**
- **Project Safe Neighborhoods**
- **Support For Adam Walsh Act Implementation Grant Program**
- **Weed and Seed**

Application is made through state or local agencies. To find out if your state has funds go to <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/saa/index.htm>

## **FEMA**

### **State Homeland Security Program (SHSP)**

Provides funds to build capabilities at the state and local levels and to implement the goals and objectives. Funds are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention-oriented planning, organization, training, exercise, and equipment activities, including those activities which support the development and operation of fusion centers.

### **Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)**

The UASI program focuses on enhancing regional preparedness in major metropolitan areas. Funds are dedicated towards law enforcement terrorism prevention-oriented planning, organization, training, exercise, and equipment activities, including those activities which support the development and operation of fusion centers.

<http://www.fema.gov/government/grant/hsgp/index.shtm#0>

## **COMMUNITY ORIENTED POLICING SERVICES (COPS)**

COPS awards millions of dollars every year to help community policing keep America safe. This section archives COPS grant announcements, each of which explains the amount of funding awarded and the programs through which it was distributed. For more information, please contact the COPS Office Response Center by telephone at 800.421.6770 or by email [askCOPSRC@usdoj.gov](mailto:askCOPSRC@usdoj.gov).

<http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/Default.asp?Item=46>

## **BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE (BJA)**

<http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/programs/index.html>

**BJA Program Initiatives Overview** [http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/about/BJA\\_Prog\\_Init.pdf](http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/about/BJA_Prog_Init.pdf)

- **The Anti-Gang Initiative** supports new and expanded anti-gang prevention and enforcement efforts under the Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN) Initiative. Program funding will enhance PSN task force efforts to combat gangs by building on the effective strategies and partnership developed under PSN. Through the development of district-wide comprehensive anti-gang strategies, the U.S. Attorney in each of the 94 federal judicial districts will partner with local law enforcement and others in the PSN task force to pattern strategies after PSN's five essential elements: partnerships, strategic planning, training, outreach, and accountability.

For details, contact James Chavis, BJA Senior Policy Advisor, at 202-307-0688 or [james.chavis@usdoj.gov](mailto:james.chavis@usdoj.gov).

- **Bulletproof Vest Partnership (BVP) Program**

The BVP Program helps protect the lives of public safety officers by assisting state, local, and tribal governments in equipping their officers with armor vests. The program pays up to 50 percent of the cost of each vest purchased by applicants. Eligible law enforcement officers include police officers, sheriff's deputies, correctional officers, parole and probation agents, prosecutors, and judicial officials. Applicants may select and purchase any ballistic- or stab-resistant vest that meets the National Institute of Justice's applicable standards.

For details, contact Joseph Husted, Program Analyst, at 202-353-4411 or [joseph.husted@usdoj.gov](mailto:joseph.husted@usdoj.gov).

- **Counter-Terrorism**

BJA supports the State and Local Anti-Terrorism Training (SLATT) Program, an initiative that teaches law enforcement about counter-terrorism measures that work at the community level. In addition, working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Law Enforcement Training Center, Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys, and other federal agencies, BJA, on behalf of OJP, coordinates counter-terrorism training efforts nationwide to avoid duplication, meet emerging needs, and ensure consistent and appropriate training information. This effort is supported by the Counter-Terrorism Training and Resources for Law Enforcement web site.

For details, contact Michael Medaris, BJA Senior Policy Advisor, at 202-616-8937 or [michael.medaris@usdoj.gov](mailto:michael.medaris@usdoj.gov).

- **Denial of Federal Benefits (DFB) Program**

DFB provides state and federal courts—as part of the sentencing process—with the ability to deny all or selected federal benefits to individuals convicted of drug trafficking or drug possession. The DFB sanction can be imposed in combination with other sanctions, and courts have the option to deny all or some benefits and determine the length of the denial period based on the nature of the crime. When denial of benefits is part of a sentence, the court notifies the

BJA DFB Clearinghouse, which in turn informs the U.S. General Services Administration, which publishes the names of individuals denied benefits in the *Lists of Parties Excluded From Federal Procurement or Nonprocurement Programs*, commonly referred to as the Debarment List. For details, contact the DFB Clearinghouse at 301-937-1542 or [DFB@ojp.gov](mailto:DFB@ojp.gov).

- **Drug Courts**

The Drug Court Program provides financial and technical assistance to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and Indian tribal governments to develop and implement treatment drug courts that effectively integrate substance abuse treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over nonviolent, substance-abusing offenders.

For details, contact Tim Jeffries, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202-616-7385 or [timothy.jeffries@usdoj.gov](mailto:timothy.jeffries@usdoj.gov).

- **Federal Surplus Real and Related Property Program**

The Federal Surplus Real and Related Property Program facilitates the no-cost public benefit conveyance of suitable federal land and buildings, as determined by the U.S. Attorney General, to state and local governments for correctional facility use and law enforcement purposes. Eligible applicants generally include state and local governments.

For details, contact Maria Pressley-Berry, Senior Special Projects Manager, at 202-353-8643 or [maria.pressley@usdoj.gov](mailto:maria.pressley@usdoj.gov).

- **Gang Resistance Education And Training (G.R.E.A.T.) Program**

The G.R.E.A.T. Program is a school-based, law enforcement officer-instructed classroom curriculum administered by BJA in cooperation with DOJ's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The program's primary objective is prevention and is intended as an immunization against delinquency, youth violence, and gang membership. G.R.E.A.T. lessons focus on providing life skills to students to help them avoid engaging in delinquent behavior and violence to solve problems.

For details, contact David Adams, BJA Senior Policy Advisor, at 202-514-5309 or [david.adams@usdoj.gov](mailto:david.adams@usdoj.gov).

- **Human Trafficking**

In partnership with the Office for Victims of Crime, BJA administers the Law Enforcement Task Forces and Services for Human Trafficking Victims initiative. The overall goals of this program are to: (1) continue to enhance law enforcement's ability to identify and rescue victims of human trafficking, (2) provide law enforcement with the resources and training to identify and rescue victims of trafficking, and (3) ensure that comprehensive services are available wherever trafficking victims are found. BJA currently funds 32 local and state law enforcement anti-trafficking task forces across the country.

For details, contact Deborah Meader, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202-305-2601 or [Deborah.Meader@usdoj.gov](mailto:Deborah.Meader@usdoj.gov); or David Adams, BJA Senior Policy Advisor, at 202-514-5309 or [David.Adams@usdoj.gov](mailto:David.Adams@usdoj.gov).

- **Indian Alcohol and Substance Abuse Program (IASAP)**

The IASAP provides funding and technical assistance to federally recognized tribal governments to plan, develop, implement, or enhance tribal justice strategies involving alcohol and crime, as well as substance abuse. Key objectives of IASAP include: (1) establishing a multidisciplinary advisory team to plan, implement, and monitor the proposed strategy; (2)

identifying, apprehending, and prosecuting individuals who illegally transport, distribute, and use alcohol and controlled substances in tribal communities; (3) preventing and reducing alcohol- and substance abuse-related crimes, traffic fatalities, and injuries; (4) increasing coordination among all levels of government, law enforcement, the tribal criminal justice system, and tribal support services; and (5) integrating federal, state, tribal, and local services and culturally appropriate treatment for offenders and their families.

For details, contact Tim Jeffries, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202–616-7385 or [Timothy.Jeffries@usdoj.gov](mailto:Timothy.Jeffries@usdoj.gov).

- **Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program**

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program will increase public safety by facilitating collaboration among the criminal justice, juvenile justice, and mental health and substance abuse treatment systems to increase access to services for offenders with mental illness. The Program encourages early intervention for system-involved individuals with mental illness; provides new and existing mental health courts with various treatment options; maximizes diversion opportunities for nonviolent offenders with mental illness and co-occurring disorders; promotes training for justice and treatment professionals on criminal justice processes and mental health and substance abuse issues; and facilitates communication, collaboration, and the delivery of support services among justice professionals, treatment and related service providers, and governmental partners.

For details, contact Rebecca Rose, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202–305–0726 or [rebecca.rose@usdoj.gov](mailto:rebecca.rose@usdoj.gov).

- **Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)**

The primary purpose of the PDMP is to enhance the capacity of regulatory and law enforcement agencies to collect and analyze controlled substance prescription data through a centralized database administered by an authorized state agency. The program assists states as they plan, implement, or enhance a PDMP. PDMPs: (1) build a data collection and analysis system at the state level; (2) enhance existing programs' abilities to analyze and use collected data; (3) facilitate national evaluation efforts; (4) encourage the exchange of information and collected prescription data among states; (5) assess the efficiency and effectiveness of programs; and (6) enhance collaborations with law enforcement, prosecutors, treatment professionals, the medical community, and pharmacies.

For details, contact Rebecca Rose, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202–305–0726 or [rebecca.rose@usdoj.gov](mailto:rebecca.rose@usdoj.gov).

- **Prison Industry Enhancement Certification Program (PIECP)**

Under PIECP, BJA certifies that local or state prison industry programs meet all the necessary requirements to be exempt from federal restrictions on prisoner-made goods in interstate commerce. The program places inmates in realistic work environments, pays them prevailing wages, and gives them a chance to develop marketable skills that will increase their potential for rehabilitation and meaningful employment on release.

For details, contact Julius Dupree, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202–514–1928 or [julius.dupree@usdoj.gov](mailto:julius.dupree@usdoj.gov).

- **Prisoner Reentry Initiative (PRI)**

PRI strengthens urban communities characterized by large numbers of returning, nonviolent prisoners. With the support of several federal agencies, PRI is designed to reduce recidivism by helping returning inmates find work and access other critical services in their communities. BJA will award grants to state agencies to provide pre-release assessment, programming and

services, transition planning, and post-release supervision and coordination of services for prisoners returning to communities served by complementary U.S. Department of Labor grants to faith- and community-based organizations. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services also will assist in the design and implementation of the initiative regarding substance abuse and mental health treatment.

For details, contact Thurston Bryant, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202-514-8082 or [thurston.bryant@usdoj.gov](mailto:thurston.bryant@usdoj.gov).

- **Project Safe Neighborhoods (PSN)**

PSN is a nationwide network designed to create safer neighborhoods by reducing gun violence and gun crime, and sustaining that reduction. The program's effectiveness is based on the cooperation of local, state, and federal agencies in a unified offensive led by the U.S. Attorney (USA) in each of the 94 federal judicial districts. Each USA is responsible for establishing a collaborative PSN task force of federal, state, and local law enforcement and other community members to implement PSN initiatives within the district.

For details, contact Jon Faley, BJA Division Chief, at 202-514-2350 or [jonathan.faley@usdoj.gov](mailto:jonathan.faley@usdoj.gov).

- **Protecting Inmates and Safeguarding Communities Program**

The Protecting Inmates and Safeguarding Communities Program is a result of the Prison Rape Elimination Act of 2003 and is designed to support states' efforts to prevent and eliminate prisoner rape between inmates in state and local prisons, jails, and law enforcement lockup facilities and to safeguard the communities where inmates return.

For details, contact Julius Dupree, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202-514-1928 or [julius.dupree@usdoj.gov](mailto:julius.dupree@usdoj.gov).

- **Public Safety Officers' Benefits (PSOB) Program**

A unique partnership effort of the U.S. Department of Justice; local, state, and federal public safety agencies; and national organizations, the PSOB Program provides death, education assistance, and disability benefits to those eligible for the program. BJA's PSOB Office is responsible for reviewing and processing hundreds of cases each year and works with national law enforcement and first-responder groups to educate public safety agencies regarding the program and offers support to families and colleagues of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and first responders.

For details, contact Valerie Neal, BJA Senior Benefits Specialist, at 1-888-744-6513 or [Valerie-neal@usdoj.gov](mailto:Valerie-neal@usdoj.gov).

- **Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program**

RSAT assists states and local governments to develop and implement substance abuse treatment programs in state and local correctional and detention facilities and to create and maintain community-based aftercare services for offenders. RSAT enhances the capability of states and units of local government to provide residential substance abuse treatment for incarcerated inmates; prepares offenders for their reintegration into the communities from which they came by incorporating reentry planning activities into treatment programs; and assists offenders and their communities through the reentry process through the delivery of community-based treatment and other broad-based aftercare services.

For details, contact Ania Dobrzanska, BJA State Policy Advisor, at 202-353-2155 or [ania.dobrzanska@usdoj.gov](mailto:ania.dobrzanska@usdoj.gov).

- **Southwest Border Prosecution Initiative (SWPI)**

In 1994, jurisdictions in Arizona, California, New Mexico, and Texas began entering into agreements with their U.S. Attorneys, whereby county attorneys would prosecute certain drug smuggling cases. Under SWPI, funds are appropriated to reimburse the state and county prosecution and detention of federally referred criminal cases. Any southwest border county or state government that prosecuted or detained defendants in federally referred criminal cases is eligible to apply.

For details, contact Joseph Husted, Program Analyst, at 202-353-4411 or [joseph.husted@usdoj.gov](mailto:joseph.husted@usdoj.gov).

- **State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP)**

SCAAP provides federal payments to states and localities that incurred correctional officer salary costs for incarcerating undocumented criminal aliens who have at least one felony or two misdemeanor convictions for violations of state or local law, and who are incarcerated for at least 4 consecutive days during the reporting period.

For details, contact Joseph Husted, Program Analyst, at 202-353-4411 or [joseph.husted@usdoj.gov](mailto:joseph.husted@usdoj.gov).

- **Statewide Automated Victim Information Notification (SAVIN) Program**

The SAVIN Program protects crime victims from further victimization and ensures their legal rights are honored by providing them with timely and accurate information to fully participate in the judicial process while maintaining total anonymity. SAVIN programs increase victim safety, meet legislative requirements, and minimize the costs associated with keeping victims informed throughout the criminal justice process.

For details, contact Alissa Huntoon, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202-305-1661 or [Alissa.Huntoon@usdoj.gov](mailto:Alissa.Huntoon@usdoj.gov).

- **Tribal Courts Assistance Program (TCAP)**

TCAP helps develop new tribal courts, improves the operations of existing tribal courts, and provides funding for technical assistance and training of tribal court staff.

For details, contact Danica Szarvas-Kidd, BJA Policy Advisor, at 202-305-7418 or [Danica.Szarvas-Kidd@usdoj.gov](mailto:Danica.Szarvas-Kidd@usdoj.gov).

## TARGET CORPORATION

Law Enforcement Grant Program provides funding to law enforcement agencies across the country. Target & BLUE grants are awarded to programs and initiatives that support:

- Crime Prevention
- **Law Enforcement Training and Education**
- Youth Programs

Grants average between \$250 and \$2,000. Grant applications will be accepted from February 1 through April 30. <http://sites.target.com/site/en/company/page.jsp?contentId=WCMP04-031891>

***Funding from organizations like the NRA may take some creativity and partnering within your community.***

## **NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION FOUNDATION**

The NRA funds the following:

- To promote, advance and encourage firearms and hunting safety.
- To educate individuals, including the youth of the United States, with respect to firearms and firearms history and hunting safety and marksmanship, as well as with respect to other subjects that are of importance to the well-being of the general public.
- To conduct research in furtherance of improved firearms safety and marksmanship facilities and techniques.
- To support activities of the National Rifle Association of America, but only to the extent that such activities are in furtherance of charitable, educational or scientific purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or any similar provision subsequently enacted.
- To engage in any other activity that is incidental to, connected with, or in advancement of the foregoing purposes and that is within the scope of allowable purposes under 26 U.S.C. §501(c)(3).

<http://www.friendsofnra.org/National.aspx?cid=86>

## **The National Tactical Officers Association**

Provide life saving equipment to SWAT teams that may not otherwise be able to afford it. Contact them about adding the Perpetrator™ 1000 to their list.

<http://ntoa.org/site/grants/>

## **BNSF Foundation**

Funds Civic\_services including organizations with are concerned with the environment, as well as local community issues such as crime prevention, parks and recreation, diversity and community development.

<http://www.bnsffoundation.org/>

## **The MetLife Foundation Community-Police Partnership Awards**

- Neighborhood Revitalization Awards: Two first place monetary awards of \$25,000 each and four runner up awards of \$15,000 will recognize exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yields crime reduction as well as economic development outcomes.
- Special Strategy Awards: Five monetary awards of \$15,000 each recognize exemplary collaboration between community groups and police that yield significant public safety outcomes in one or more of the following areas: Applied Technology, Aesthetics and Greenspace, Improvements, Diversity Inclusion & Integration, Drug Market Disruption, Gang Prevention & Youth Safety, Senior & Safety

<http://www.metlife.com/about/corporate-profile/citizenship/metlife-foundation/apply-for-grants.html>

## **Penny Harris Foundation**

Assists with funding for K9 Training, Placement and Grant Programs. (Dogs need to be equally comfortable under fire)

<http://www.pennyharrisfoundation.org/our%20services.htm>

## **Del Monte**

Milk-Bone® Canine Heroes Police Dog Donation Program

[http://www.delmonte.com/cr/default.aspx?page=cr\\_delmonteincommunity](http://www.delmonte.com/cr/default.aspx?page=cr_delmonteincommunity)

***Keeping the community, officers and the dogs safe may not clearly fall under many corporate or foundation missions. But you may still want to apply. Decide how you wish to approach the application and contact them. Often there is a listed phone number or email. Discuss your thoughts and why you think the application would fit. See if they will offer assistance and are open to your submitting an application or letter of intent.***

## **Wal-Mart**

Provide opportunities that improve the lives of individuals in our communities including our customers and associates. There are a variety of programs as well as contacting local Wal-Marts or Sams Clubs Directly.

<http://walmartstores.com/CommunityGiving/203.aspx>

## **Helen Close Charitable Foundation**

<http://dynamodata.fdncenter.org/990s/990search/ffindershow.cgi?id=CLOS002>

***Grant funding can support one project and free up funding for your purchase of the Perpetrator™ 1000 or training.***

## **Vest for Life**

Ballistic Vests recycled and provided to officers that need them.

<http://www.vestforlife.com/>

## **Traffic Crash/Crime Report E-Commerce Solution Grant**

Docview specializes in the imaging of traffic crash, crime and other reports for law enforcement agencies. Grant opportunities.

<http://www.docview.us.com/index.php?cid=index>

### **State Farm Insurance**

Safe Neighbor program focuses giving in three areas: Safety, Education, & Community development.

<http://www.statefarm.com/aboutus/community/grants/grants.asp>

### **K9 Working Dogs International, LLC**

Grants are for obtaining trained dogs.

<http://k9wdi.com/index.html>

### **AED Grant Program**

A corporate buy-down grant program funded and backed by AED & CPR training organizations and the AED Manufacturers themselves

<http://www.aedgrant.com/>

### **Allstate Foundation**

Safe and Vital Communities funding priorities are:

- **Teen Safe Driving:** Helping to save young lives and instill a lifetime of safe driving attitudes and behaviors. Learn more about the Allstate Foundation's Teen Safe Driving signature program.
- **Catastrophe response:** Rebuilding lives after a natural disaster strikes.
- **Neighborhood revitalization:** Nurturing safe, strong, and healthy communities.

<http://www.allstate.com/foundation.aspx>

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### **SUPPORT LINKS**

**The National Law Enforcement Memorial Page, Inc. is** a website dedicated to honor fallen officers. To further its mission, it also offers small grants, from \$100 to \$600, to agencies to assist them in creating a memorial to officers killed in the line of duty.

<http://www.nleomf.com/>

**The National Law Enforcement and Firefighter's Children's Foundation** provides grants to financially support the children of officers and firefighters who have died or become seriously disabled in the line of duty. They also support community education programs sponsored by law enforcement agencies.

<http://www.nleafcf.org/>

**The Officer Down Memorial Page, Inc.**

Memorial Grant Program

<http://www.odmp.org/>

**National Children's Alliance**

Offers Funding for Children's Advocacy Centers

<http://www.nationalchildrensalliance.org/index.php?s=133>

**Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD)**

Check their state map to see what opportunities and advocacy are taking place in your area.

<http://www.madd.org/get-involved/take-action.html>

# Tips for Successful Grant Writing

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## 1. **Make sure that the grant fits.**

It's easy to see the dollar signs and to want to apply for every grant. But look carefully at the requirements. Be sure that they are in line with your focus and your capabilities.

## 2. **Write the letter of intent.**

Check to see if the funder wants a letter of intent and the due date. Keep brief, to the point and send it on time! (a letter of intent means you plan to apply)

## 3. **Adhere to the due dates.**

A proposal or letter of intent will not be looked at if you missed the due date. Be aware that there may also be a time of day in the deadline.

## 4. **Print out the entire RFP.**

Read the entire RFP, with a high lighter, at least three times.

## 5. **Create a binder.**

Keep a separate binder for each proposal. Section it off to meet the requirements of the RFP or application packet. This way you will be sure not to miss an important piece.

## 6. **Find a friend.**

If at all possible have a partner or coach work with you in putting the application packet together. Having company can make the writing and collection of material go faster. If you'd rather do it all yourself then try to find someone who will proof read your proposal. It's easy to miss small mistakes or to write from your knowledge base leaving the reader clueless.

## 7. **Simple is Best**

## 8. **Get a receipt.**

When you deliver the grant proposal always ask for a receipt. It should have the date, time accepted and who accepted it written clearly. It's suggested that you create this form yourself and especially if you are hand delivering the proposal ask to have it filled out. Certified mail, Fed Ex and others can also validate that you got your proposal in on time.

## 9. **Communicate with the funder.**

Most funders have a contact person. Talk with them. They may not have any input on whether you get the grant or not but they may have valuable insight.

## 10. **Check that you meet the eligibility requirements.**

If not, then don't waste your time applying. Continue the search, there are thousands of funding sources.

## 11. **Proof Read.**

Everything you send out must be as perfect as possible. It is a reflection of you and your project.

## 12. **Use color in your paper or print.** Only do this if you know that you are making all of the copies.

13. **Create a dramatic effect.** Use photos - charts- clip art - or watermarks.
14. **Look for multiple funding sources.**  
Funders want to see that you can sustain the project once their money is gone. Also you will need funds from a variety of sources in order to keep going.
15. **Create files,** one for each for possibilities of funders organize them by the month the applications are due.
16. **Make your response riveting.**
17. **Don't include excess materials.**  
Remember that funders are reading multiple applications. Include what is asked for, check to see if they will accept extra documents or supporting materials and if so be selective in what you include.
18. **Write to move the action forward.** Just like a novel.
19. **Repeat their words.** Use words that the funder uses in their materials and in their guidelines.
20. **Understand what they want to fund.** Be sure your project is in line with the funders values and focus.
21. **Keep it interesting.** Use extreme adjectives to get your point across.
22. **Generate excitement.** Make them want to fund you.
23. **Connections count.** Be sure to have community connections and support.
24. **Add a map.** Especially if you are in a small or unique community add a map. (if the funder doesn't give specifics on how they want the cover page done) add this to the cover page. Indicate where your community is with a star or arrow.
25. **Be clear.** Assume that the reader has no knowledge of you, your program, community or areas of expertise.
26. **Be careful to properly introduce acronyms.**  
For example: The Grant Writing Coach (TGWC).  
It would then be permissible to use the initials through the rest of the application once the introduction has been made.
27. **Don't ask for unrealistic amounts.**  
Read about the funder. Look to see not what the application states they will give. Discover the amounts they have given in the past.
28. **Save on packaging.** A great proposal is the important part, don't spend a lot of money on the packaging.
29. **Be wary of technology.** If you have something unique like a CD or video call the funder to be sure they can view that format and that they will accept it.

30. **Individualize.** If you are submitting to multiple funders be sure to tweak each proposal to match what the individual funder wants or expects.
31. **Follow up.** Be sure to follow up, especially if you said that you would. A thank you note never hurts.
32. **Know your donor.** Read more than the RFP do extra research and if it fits let them know that you understand who they are and what they have done in the past.
33. **Contact the correct person.** When writing to a funder, send your correspondence to the contact person directly. They are usually listed in the application materials or call and ask.
34. **Check the due date.** Can you put it all together in time?
35. **Pay attention to the type of deadline.** Postmarked deadlines let your proposal arrive whenever it does as long as it is postmarked by a certain date. Others need to be received in the office at a specific date and time. Check to see if the postmark must be U.S. mail, other carriers may get you disqualified.
36. **Government Grants.** Sign up for government grant sites at least a few weeks before you plan to apply for funds. Check the registration process and have all the required documents handy.
37. **Do you need copies?** Be sure to include the exact number of copies requested. Also follow guidelines on how the copies should be put together.
38. **Letters of support must include actual resources.** Letters that say you have a great program are not useful. Instead ask others to spell out how they support you. Perhaps they donate space or tell clients about you.
39. **Do not go over specified page limits.**  
Extra pages may be discarded with out ever being read.
40. **Read the RFP.** See to see if the funder wants a specific page set up. They may request a font size, margins or two sided entries. They may even want a certain kind of paper.
41. **Online options.** Check to see if you can submit on line. Some may require this.
42. **Print it they way they will see it.** If you are submitting online, print a copy for yourself and read it that way. This will help you catch errors and see how the printed page will look.
43. **Know what counts.** Remember funders receive hundreds of proposals. They can be extremely exacting as they try to weed them out. Foundations generally have a personal overtone, they choose what looks good to them or feels like it will fit. Government agencies have a point system.
44. **Buy a thesaurus.** the one loaded into the computer is not sufficient. Also a book on American Psychological Association (APA) Style. This is the standard used for quotes and formatting.

45. **Bidding Conference.** Federal and State Grants may offer a Bidding Conference. If you can attend they are actually information meetings that tell you in depth what the funder is looking for, how the grant should be written and a great place to ask questions. They are often recorded and available online.

46. **Jargon:** be careful of technical or local terms. The best way to be sure that everyone who reviews your proposal can understand it is to ask a lay person to read it. Choose a spouse or community member who has little understanding of your program or needs. Make changes if they mention having difficulty understanding.

47. **Take advantage of Word Processors:** write your online grant sections in your usual word processor. It can check for spelling, grammar and count your words. Cut and paste the finished product into the online application section.

Alternately, you can often cut and paste the questions of an online application into your word processing program. This will allow you to think about each question and be sure everything interrelates before putting it in to the final application.

48. **Document Sharing:** If you are working on a grant with several other people there are several programs to share the document. Google Docs, Adobe, File box (available on LinkedIn) offer free options.



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