

PUBLIC NOTICE

LAW AND PUBLIC SAFETY

DIVISION OF ADMINISTRATION

Supplemental Notice of Availability of Funds

(FY) 2021 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program

Take notice that, in compliance with N.J.S.A. 52:14-34.4, and 34 U.S.C. 30503, the Department of Law and Public Safety (Department) announces the availability of \$300,000 in non-competitive, formula grant funding to support local law enforcement agencies' participation in the National Incident-Based Reporting System (NIBRS).

This initiative is funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs (OJP), Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) FY21 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program (Shepard/Byrd Hate Crimes Program). The Shepard/Byrd Hate Crimes Program will assist law enforcement agencies to bring their records management systems (RMS) into compliance with NIBRS, so as to ensure the capture and dissemination of more robust incident level data that better details bias crimes and the circumstances that surround them.

The Department will offer non-competitive grant funding to the following law enforcement agencies, which were selected pursuant to a formula more particularly described below:

- BAYONNE Police Department
- EDISON Police Department
- GLOUCESTER CITY Police Department
- GREENWICH Police Department

- KEARNY Police Department
- NORTHFIELD Police Department
- SAYREVILLE Police Department
- UNION CITY Police Department

In devising a fair formula to identify potential subgrantees for these award funds, the Department utilized data that details which law enforcement agencies filed Bias Crime charges, but are non-NIBRS compliant. Using this formula, priority was given to non-NIBRS compliant agencies that have filed Bias Crime charges. The Department devised this formula using these concrete variables in order to most effectively administer a limited amount of funding.

Due to this limited amount of funding and the number of law enforcement agencies who apply for funding, the subaward may **fully or partially** cover the cost of implementing NIBRS.

The funding is for a 12-month period from September 1, 2024 through August 31, 2025. Extensions will not be allowed. To apply for funding, please use the application form accompanying this Supplemental Notice of Availability of Funds.

Email the completed application to Division of Administration (DOA) Grants at NIBRS@njoag.gov no later than September 19, 2024. Late or incomplete applications will **not** be considered for funding. Applicants will be notified by September 27, 2024 about whether, and in what amount, they will receive funds under the Shepard/Byrd Hate Crimes Program.

Funding is provided on a reimbursement basis only and is contingent upon subrecipient award package submissions, compliance with grant conditions and approved deliverables, and satisfactory performance of services. Allowable costs for the grant funds include, but is not limited to: RMS modification/software, hardware and equipment, Technical assistance and training and any other necessary costs to bring your RMS system into compliance with NIBRS.

Additionally, subrecipients must comply with programmatic and fiscal reporting requirements for approval and/or reimbursement of costs incurred during the project period. Instructions on submitting these reports will be included in your Award package.

The address of the office receiving the application*:

Department of Law & Public Safety

Division of Administration

Richard J. Hughes Justice Complex

25 Market Street

Trenton, New Jersey 08625

* **ONLY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS VIA EMAIL AT THIS EMAIL ADDRESS: NIBRS@NJOAG.GOV**

Mailed or faxed applications will not be accepted.

Please note that funding allocations and individual subaward amounts are subject to change. Subrecipients shall recognize and agree that both the initial provision of funding and the continuation of such funding under a grant agreement is expressly dependent upon the availability to the Department of funds appropriated by the State or Federal legislature from

State and/or Federal revenue or such other funding sources as may be applicable. A failure of the Department to make any payment under a grant agreement or to observe and perform any condition on its part to be performed under a grant agreement as a result of the failure of the State or Federal legislature to appropriate funds shall not in any manner constitute a breach of a grant agreement by the Department or an event of default under a grant agreement because of the absence of available funding appropriations. In addition, future funding shall not be anticipated from the Department beyond the duration of the award period set forth in a grant agreement and in no event shall a grant agreement be construed as a commitment by the Department to expend funds beyond the termination date set forth in a grant agreement.