

FY 2018 National Criminal History Improvement Program

The FY 2018 NCHIP solicitation has been released and is posted on the BJS website:

https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/nchip18_sol.pdf. This program furthers the Department's mission to enhance the crime fighting and criminal justice capabilities of state and tribal governments by improving the accuracy, utility, and interstate accessibility of criminal history records and enhancing records of protective orders, automated identification systems and other state systems supporting national records systems and their use for criminal history background checks. This year's program focuses priority on improving dispositions and mental health submissions accessible to the National Instant Criminal Background Check System (NICS), including full participation in the National Crime Information Center (NCIC), criminal history record information available through the Interstate Identification Index (III) and National Fingerprint File (NFF). For the purpose of this solicitation, "state" includes the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. ***In other words, an essential outcome of funded activities is that they result in more records being available in these systems. (Solicitation pages 6-9)***

Projects in the past have included correcting backlogged/incomplete criminal history records, connecting to the ADRS system for criminal history reporting, purchasing Livescan machines to more accurately report NICS records to the FBI, and other various projects. You may go to the Arizona Criminal Justice Commission's website at the following link <http://www.azcjc.gov/criminal-justice-systems> to get a complete background on the Arizona NICS Initiative.

Over the past five years, Arizona has received the following Federal Funds.

2012	\$200,000	supported 3 projects
2013	\$248,819	supported 4 projects
2014	\$548,897	supported 6 projects
2015	\$1.1m	supported 8 projects
2016	\$1.3 million	supported 7 projects
2017	\$937,426	supported 9 projects

**(Agencies are required to provide a 10% Match-in-kind source for NCHIP projects.)*

*****In order to allow sufficient time for ACJC to coordinate and compile numerous proposals, submissions are due to ACJC by close of business on April 16, 2018. Please submit a full proposal for your NCHIP project via email to:**

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I have attached the following documents for you to use as both examples and templates for the FY18 NCHIP Grant Application (so feel free to save and edit them as you need), **you must submit to ACJC by close of business April 16, 2018:**

- NCHIP FY2018 Solicitation
- 2018 Budget Detail and Narrative Excel Worksheet
- Project Timeline Template – (12-24 month award period)
- 2018 NCHIP Application Checklist from ACJC

All submissions must include complete contact information for project official/finance official/agency official: Name, Title, address, email address, and phone number.

The Arizona Criminal Justice Commission is only an administering agency for this grant, however

we are able to assist you with any questions or problems you may find during your application process. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Samantha Faltermeier at cjadmin@azcjc.gov or call **602.364.1172**.