

Sponsor/Title: Department of Justice (DOJ) - 2026 Census of Law Enforcement Training Academies (CLETA)

Website: <https://www.grants.gov/search-results-detail/361171>

Funding Opportunity Number: O-BJS-2025-172532

Submission Limitation per Institution: One (1)

Notre Dame Limited Submissions Listing:

<https://research.nd.edu/our-services/funding-opportunities/faculty/limited-submissions-program/>

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Internal Expression of Interest Deadline: 2026-02-03

Sponsor Application Deadline: 2026-02-12

Purpose: The Census of Law Enforcement Training Academies (CLETA) provides national statistics on recruits, staff, training curricula, equipment, and facilities from training academies that are responsible for administering mandatory basic training to newly appointed or elected law enforcement officers. These academies are operated by state, county, and municipal agencies and by universities, colleges, and technical schools. The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) has conducted five waves of data collection with law enforcement training academies. This notice of funding seeks to administer the next wave of data collection. This 36-month program includes (1) instrumentation, (2) frame development, (3) fielding the 2026 CLETA in 2027 and (4) data cleaning, analysis, and delivery of raw and final datasets.

Agency Funding Priorities: In order to advance public safety and help meet its mission, the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) will provide priority consideration to applicants that propose (as applicable within the scope of this funding opportunity) projects designed to advance the goals listed below. Applicants seeking priority consideration should specify in the proposal narrative (and in the budget detail form, if applicable) which of the following goal(s) the project is intended to advance and how it will do so:

1. Directly supporting law enforcement operations (including immigration law enforcement operations);
2. Combatting violent crime;
3. Supporting services to American citizens;
4. Protecting American children; and
5. Supporting American victims of trafficking and sexual assault.

Program Goal and Objectives:

Goal 1: Provide accurate and timely national statistics about the recruits, instructors, training subject areas and methods, facilities, and the resources of state and local law enforcement training academies.

- **Objective 1:** Review and update CLETA questionnaire
- **Objective 2:** Update the existing frame of training academies
- **Objective 3:** Field CLETA data collection in 2027
- **Objective 4:** Conduct data cleaning, analysis, and delivery of raw and final datasets

Required Internal Application: Upload the following information to the Google Form -- <https://forms.gle/B9LBPhaBRNFqHmSAA> by the internal deadline.

- Name of the Principal Investigator (PI)
- Project Title
- Names of ND Collaborators
 - For each ND Collaborator listed, include name, department or unit, and specific role for this project in three sentences (maximum).
- Project Summary (maximum of three (3) pages). The Project Summary must align with the Merit Review Criteria, as described on page 28 of the NOFO. The summary should address the following criteria:
 - **Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue:** What critical issue or problem is the applicant proposing to address with this project?
 - **Project Goals and Objectives:** How the proposed project will address the identified need and the purpose of the funding opportunity.
 - **Project Design and Implementation:** The strength of how the applicant will implement activities, including the soundness of the project design and how the activities align to the stated goals and objectives.

Questions? Contact Notre Dame Research Limited Submissions at limited@nd.edu.

Unless otherwise noted, all internal applications are due by 11:59 PM Eastern Time on the internal expression of interest deadline.