Bureau of Justice Assistance

- **Mission:** BJA provides leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

- **Guiding Principles:** Reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

BCJI Core Program Elements

- *Place Based*: Targets crime "hot spots" as part of a broader neighborhood development strategy

- *Data-driven problem solving*: Uses local researcher-practitioner partnership to use data to clearly define problems and identify solutions

- *Community-oriented*: Seeks to catalyze and sustain change through active involvement and leadership of neighborhood residents

- *Cost effective:* Place-based strategies should maximize local resources; BCJI promotes leveraging all other funding sources

BCJI Snapshot

- **FY 12 and FY 13 Solicitations**
  - Planning and Implementation (up to $1 million)
  - Planning and Enhancement (up to $600,000)
  - 29 total grantees (17 PI, 12 ENH)
  - Overlap with Choice and Promise grants

- **FY14 Solicitation**
  - 2 Categories – Planning and Implementation
  - *NEW Planning Category*
  - Closed May 6th, 2014

- **Training and Technical Assistance:**
  - Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC) and subject matter experts
  - Site profiles, map, webinars, other resources

- **Performance Measurement Tool (PMT)**

Planning Phase activities can include but are not limited to the following activities:

- Identify, verify, and prioritize crime hot spots within identified neighborhood

- Work with cross sector management team to develop a strategy, drawing on a continuum of approaches to address crime drivers.

- Pursue community partnerships and leadership building support to ensure the community is active in the process

- Collaborate with local law enforcement, research partner, and the community to conduct an analysis of crime drivers and an assessment of needs and available resources.

Implementation Phase activities can include but are not limited to the following activities:

- Continued meetings with cross sector management team

- Regular input/discussions with research partner

- Assess program implementation in collaboration with research partner

- Modify strategies as appropriate

- Building capacity of cross sector management team to continue to coordinate research