

Overview of FY 2023 NCHIP Supplemental Funding

Devon B. Adams

Deputy Director, Policy Division



Bureau of Justice Statistics

FY 2023 National Criminal History Improvement Program Supplemental Funding (NCHIPSF)

NEW Program

- Developed to implement Title III, Division B – Appropriations, outlined in the **Bipartisan Safer Communities Act (BSCA)** (P.L. 117–159)
 - *\$200,000,000 shall be for grants to the States to upgrade criminal and mental health records for the National Instant Criminal Background Check System, including grants to assist States in providing disqualifying juvenile records under subsection (g) or (n) of section 922 of title 18, United States Code: Provided further, That the grants described in this paragraph shall be available to State criminal record repositories and State court systems;*



Bureau of Justice Statistics

FY 2023 NCHIPSF

- Amount available - **\$80 million** (FY 2022–2023 combined)
- Eligible applicants
 - State criminal justice agencies designated by the governor
 - State court systems
 - federally recognized tribes
- **No match requirement**



FY 23 NCHIPSF Priorities

- Improving Access and Reporting of Adult and Juvenile Dispositions and Mental Health Submissions to NICS
 - Updating and automating case outcomes from courts and prosecutors in state or tribal records and the FBI's Criminal History File.
 - Improving access to information (including juvenile information, unless prohibited under state law) concerning persons prohibited from possessing or receiving a firearm for mental health reasons and transmitting relevant records to NICS.
 - Supporting efforts to seal and expunge criminal history information in accordance with state laws and policies.
- Supporting participation in the III and the National Fingerprint File (NFF), including adoption and implementation of the National Crime Prevention and Privacy Compact



Examples of Allowable Activities

- Implementing or upgrading state, local, or tribal court record systems that facilitate immediate identification of disposition records (including relevant juvenile records that would prohibit the purchase or possessing of firearms, where permissible under state or tribal law), provided that the records are made accessible for criminal history record inquiries at the state and national levels.
- Converting juvenile records to the adult system. (Federal regulations allow the FBI to accept juvenile records if submitted by the state or local arresting agency.)
- Capturing complete data from prosecutors and courts on misdemeanor convictions of domestic violence, including individuals in a “dating relationship” as defined in the Bipartisan Safer Communities Act.
- Replacing or updating aging juvenile records systems to ensure the timely transfer of critical information for NICS reporting, where permissible under state or tribal law.



Solicitation Schedule

- November 17, 2022 – Solicitation released
- February 21, 2023 – Grants.gov deadline
- February 28, 2023 – JustGrants application deadline
- Late spring/early summer – Awards announced



Questions?



- 1) Who here is preparing an application for NCHIP SF?
- 2) Are you working on a joint application with the Courts?
- 3) Do you know if the courts are applying separately?
- 4) Have you new agencies contacted you about being included in an application?
- 5) Do you plan to apply for FY 2023 NCHIP and/or NARIP funding?

