

# **Announcement**

## **ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS**

### **NATIONAL CRIMINAL HISTORY**

#### **IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM**

**(NCHIP)**

**2021**

**OFFERED THROUGH THE OFFICE OF ADULT AND JUVENILE JUSTICE  
ASSISTANCE**

**(OAJJA)**

**APPLICATION DEADLINE:**

**FRIDAY, MARCH 5, 2021**

## About the Funding Agency

The mission of the Division of Criminal Justice is to improve the public safety of the community, the quality of services to crime victims, and the effectiveness of services to offenders. We accomplish this by analyzing policy, conducting criminal justice research, managing programs, and administering grants.

## Program Description

The National Criminal History Improvement Program (NCHIP) was established in 1995 to aid states in improving the accuracy and completeness of state criminal history information. The program is administered at the federal level by the Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs, Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS). The Colorado Bureau of Investigation Crime Information Center is the agency responsible for managing state criminal history data in Colorado. The Colorado Division of Criminal Justice is the designated State Administering Agency (SAA) and is responsible for managing this program. The goal of the NCHIP program is to ensure that accurate records are available for use in law enforcement, including sex offender registry requirements, and to protect public safety and national security.

## Funding Details

NCHIP is a competitive federal grant program. Based on the historical level of funding Colorado has received in the past few years, the total grant request from eligible agencies should be between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

**Match Requirement:** All sub-applicants are required to provide 12.5% matching funds. To determine the required match, multiply the federal amount requested in the application by 12.5%. Applicants must identify the source of the match funding and how the funds will be used. Resources designed to meet project goals will be allowable in support of the match requirement.

## Eligibility Criteria

The NCHIP program is open only to agencies that directly contribute data to the Colorado Computerized Criminal History (CCH) system and other supported systems.

## Evaluation

The Division of Criminal Justice will complete the Federal NCHIP Application for Colorado, based on the prioritized funding requests from individual CICJIS agencies which are approved by the CICJIS Executive Board.

### Award Period

January 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022

### Program Schedule

The NCHIP federal announcement is typically issued in April of each year. The OAJJA works with the Colorado Integrated Criminal Justice Information System (CICJIS) to solicit applications from potential applicants in January to solicit applications for inclusion in the state's federal application. The Division of Criminal Justice compiles all qualified project requests into a single state application.

### Program Website

The 2021 NCHIP Application and Instructions are available through Zoomgrants at can be obtained at the following location: [https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/NCHIP and COVERDELL](https://www.zoomgrants.com/zgf/NCHIP_and_COVERDELL). Click on 2017-2020 OAJJA Combined Grant Programs (NCHIP, COV, Formula) for the 2020 NCHIP subgrant application.

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