

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

# FY2019 DATA-LED GOVERNING FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

Funded through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative

# Speaker

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## SECTION 1

# INTRODUCTION

# Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)



# Data-led Governing is funded through the Justice Reinvestment Initiative (JRI)



**JRI** uses criminal justice data to design and implement innovative, research-backed and comprehensive approaches to reduce crime, cut recidivism rates, and shift resources toward more cost-effective safety strategies that work.

## SECTION 2

# THE PROBLEM

# Leaders want data about the criminal justice system to inform decisions.



Policy



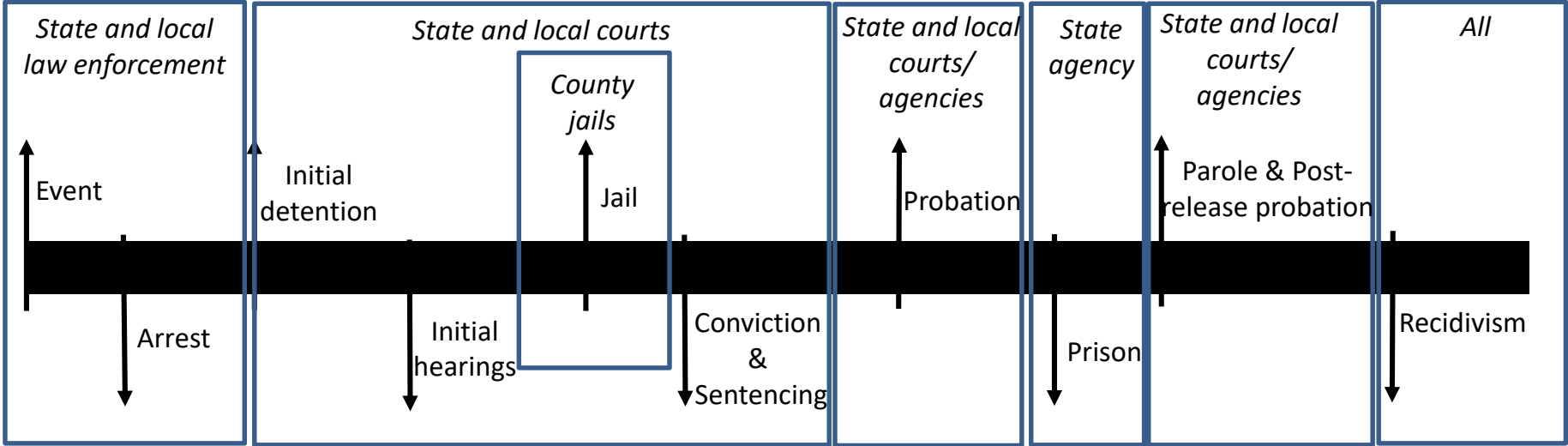
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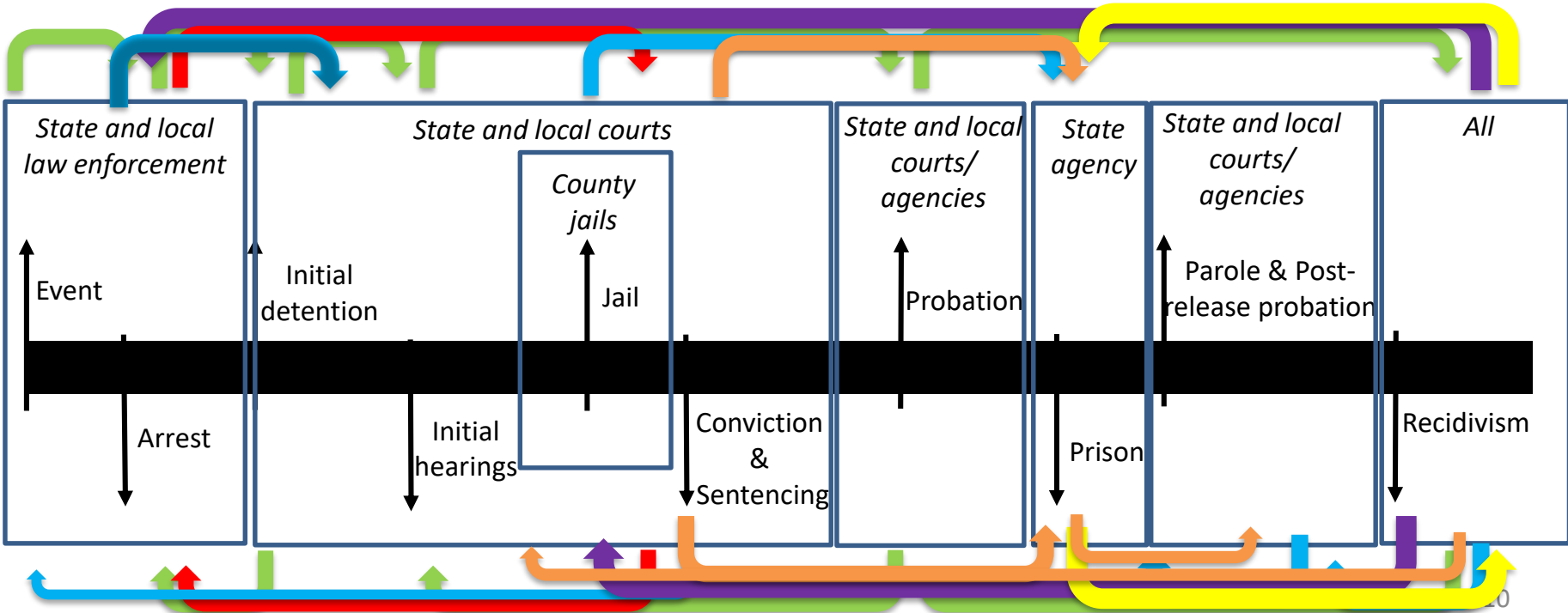
Resources



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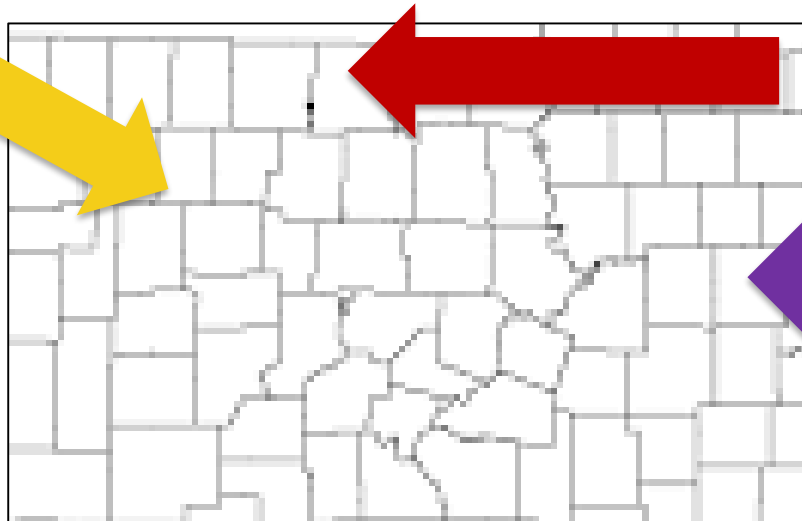
# Is there really one “system?”



# Does this function as one “system?”

Arrested in County 1,  
sentenced to prison

Released by  
state DOC



Rearrested, jailed, and  
released by County 2

Rearrested, jailed, and  
released by County 3

**Do the state and each of the counties see the same information?  
How does the disconnect impact states' resource allocation?**

# As a result, challenges are not fully understood and may be overlooked

**Crime is down overall**

Violent crime is increasing in small pockets

**Arrests are down overall**

Increased in a particular violent or high crime area

**States want to know what drives recidivism**

32 publish reincarceration

11 publish recidivism for probation

## SECTION 3

# THE SOLICITATION

# Data-led Governing: Raising the Bar for States' Criminal Justice Policy and Practice

BJA is seeking a training and technical assistance provider to help states **raise the standard for collection and use of criminal justice data in policy, practice, and resource decision making.**

# Award Information

Private and  
nonprofit  
organizations

1 award

Up to \$7M

36 months

# Project overview

Phase 1:  
Develop  
standards

Phase 2:  
Disseminate  
with tools

Phase 3:  
Help states  
adopt



# Phase 1: Develop standards for state and local jurisdictions and agencies to aggregate data at state and national levels

Define what data should be collected about activities and outcomes at all stages of case processing

Define additional priorities for data collection about people, places, operations, and costs that inform crime prevention and reduction

Develop data sharing, linkage, and analysis standards to yield a comprehensive picture of system activities, outcomes, and effectiveness

# Phase 2: Develop tools and make them available to states and other interested jurisdictions



Self-assessment tools for each type of agency

Recommendations for how state should use data to make decisions

Planning guides for agencies and for state leaders to make progress towards data-driven decision making

Model directives to govern data sharing and access, and to ensure compliance with privacy laws

## Phase 3: Facilitate states' adoption of standards and guidelines through education and assistance.

Provide education about standards through: a website that provides resources to the field, regional or national convenings that assist in the use of tools

Facilitate competitive opportunities for states to receive assistance to improve their data practices in one or more areas, based on results of a self assessment

## Reinvent the wheel... or don't.

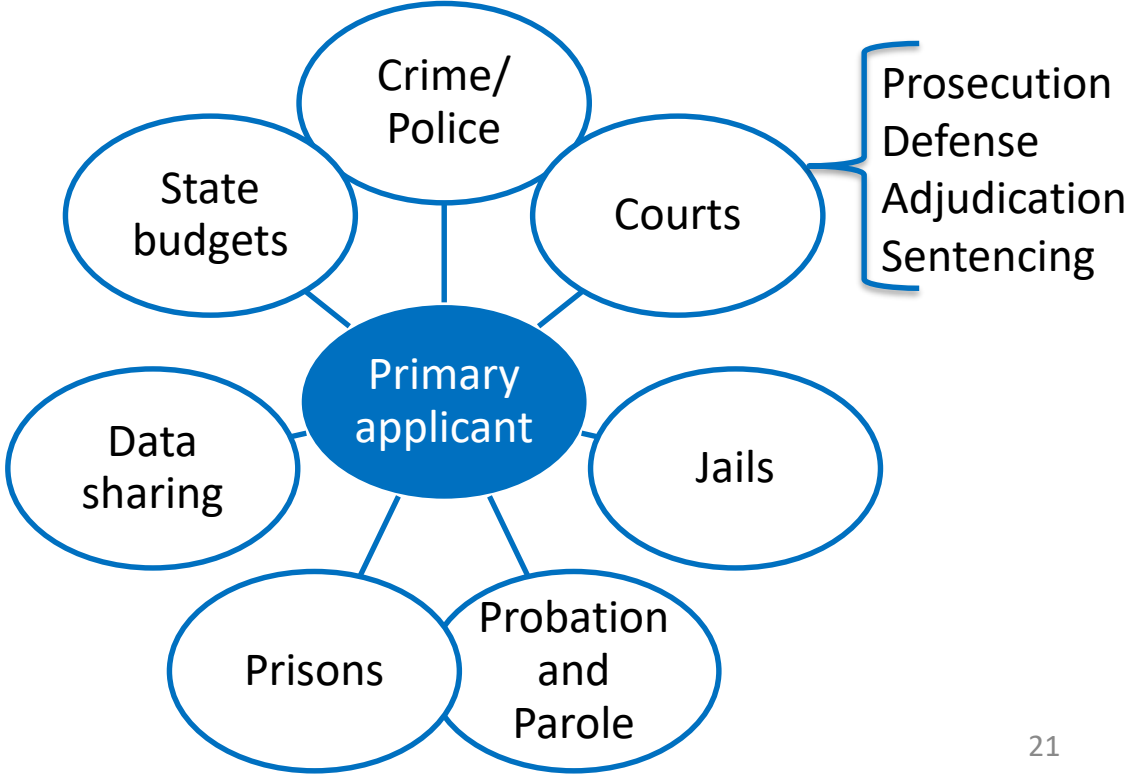
May propose a combination of new and existing models, resources, and/or tools

If use of existing items is proposed, include letters of support outlining specific commitments from the proprietors

Successful applicant will also be responsible to incorporate other relevant OJP and BJA data initiatives

# The project team should look like a wheel.

Propose a **hub and spoke model** to convene and manage a group that represents expertise in all relevant topics



## SECTION 4

# THE APPLICATION

# Plan and organize your application.



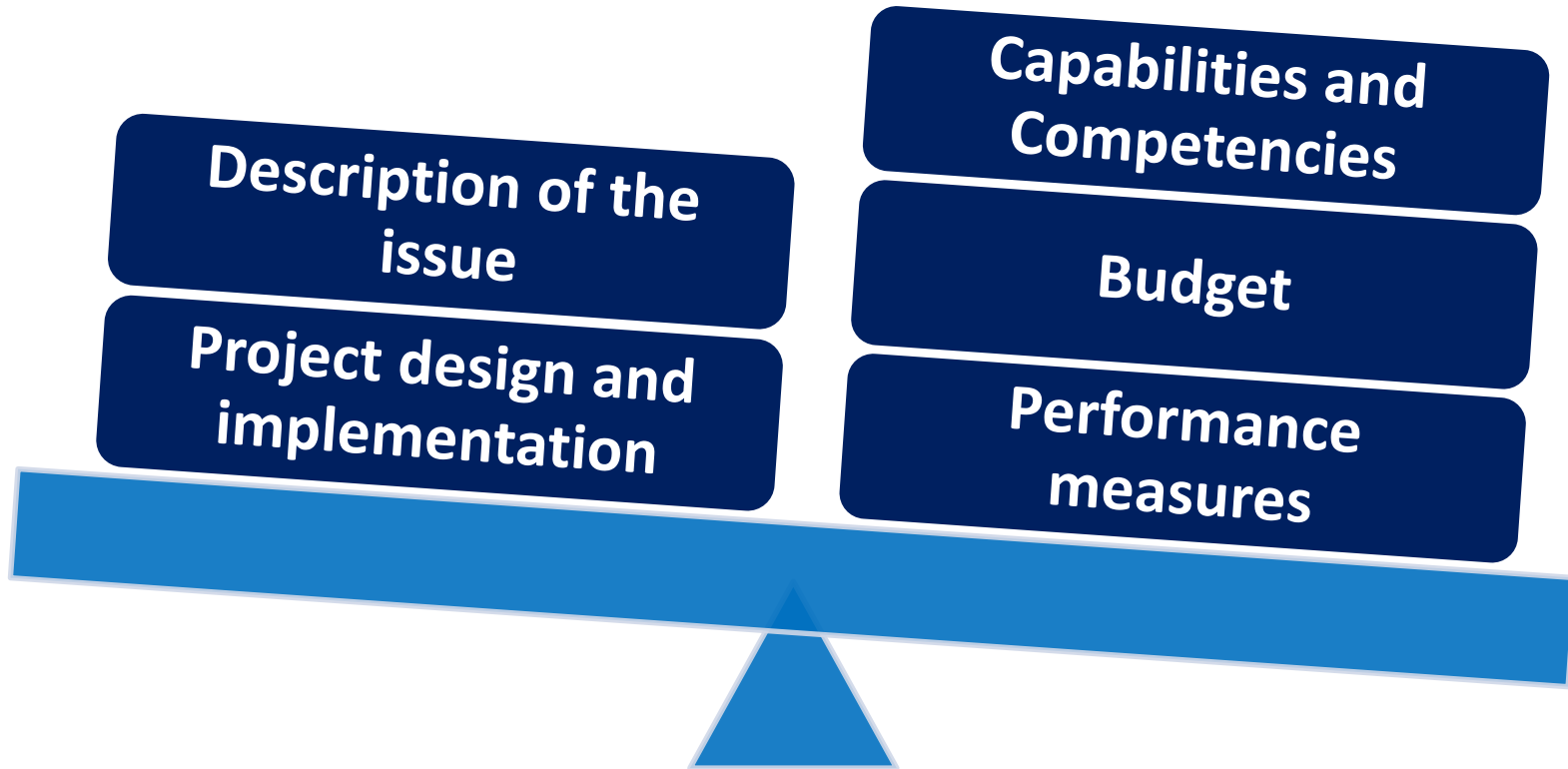
## To Do

- Confirm eligibility
- DUNS number
- Grants.gov

## To Submit

- Narrative
- Budget
- Timeline
- Resumes
- Work products
- Proposed subrecipients

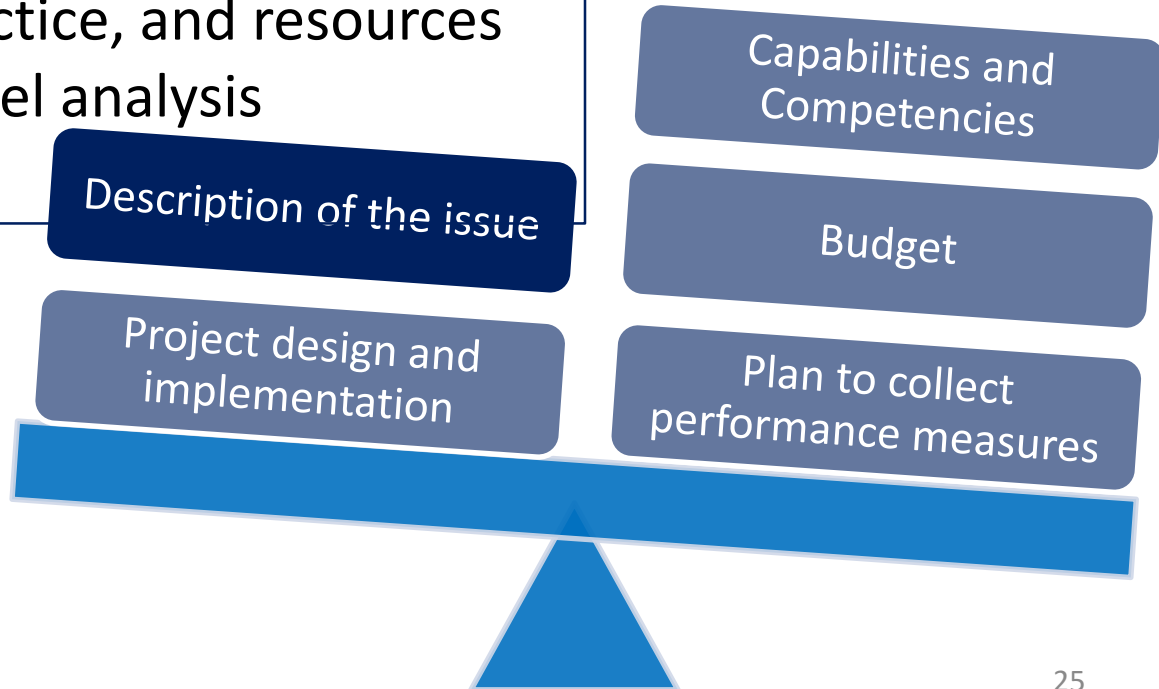
# Be sure to address specific Review Criteria.





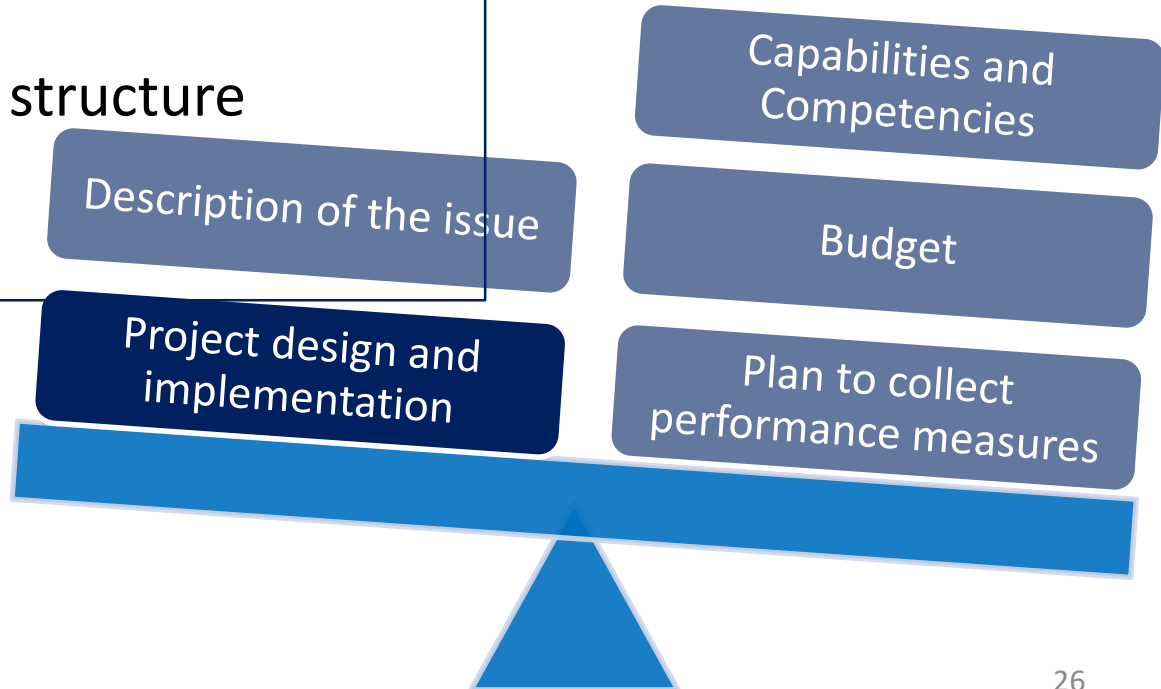
## Description of the Issue - 15%

- Current use of data in decision making about state policy, practice, and resources
- Challenges to state-level analysis
- What is at stake?



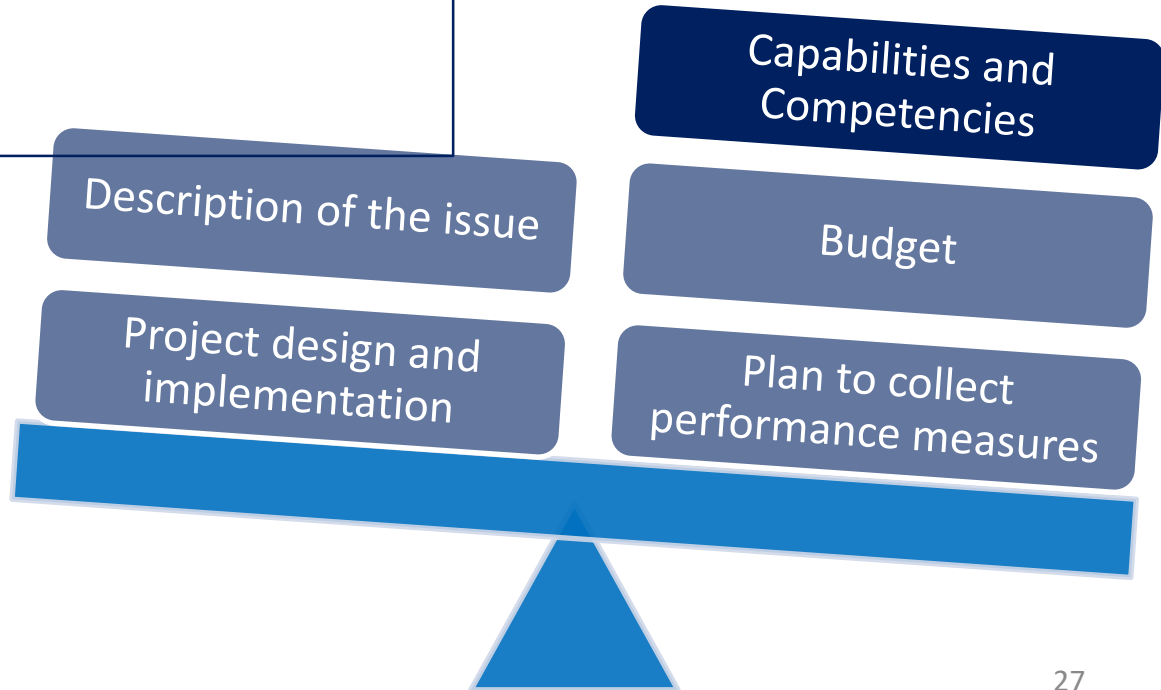
## Project Design and Implementation - 40%

- Detailed plan to accomplish objectives and deliverables
- Proposed management structure facilitate completion
- Timeline/Project Plan



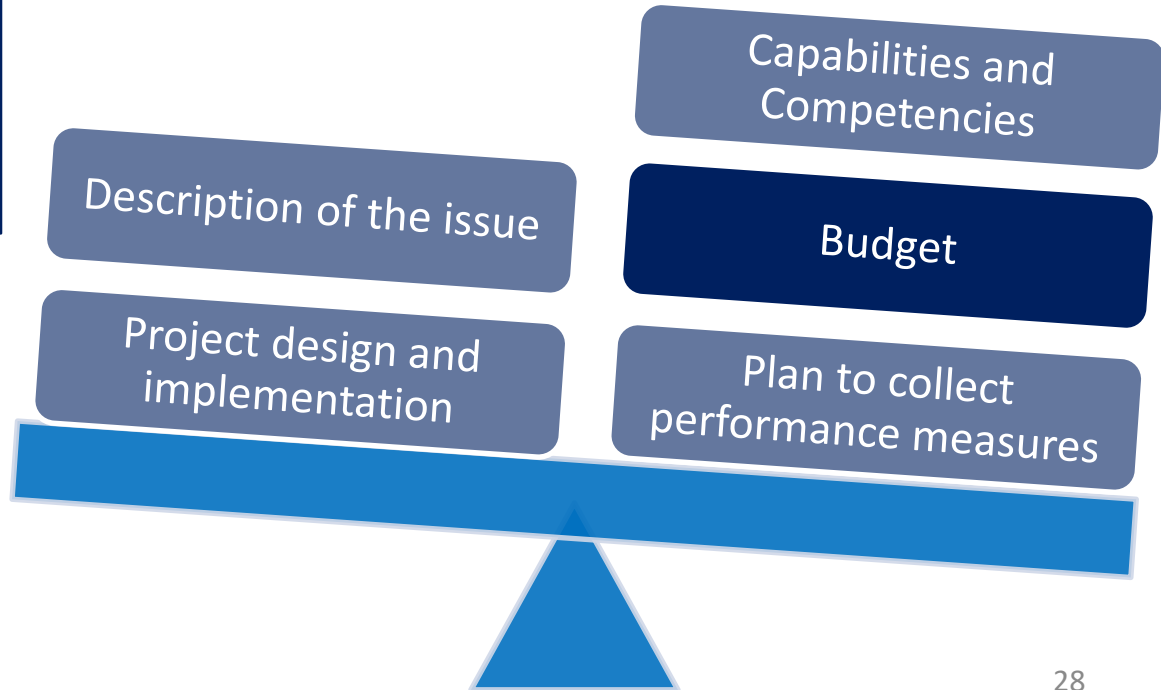
## Capabilities and Competencies - 30%

- Capacity of applicant and subrecipients
- Track record
- Resumes of key staff



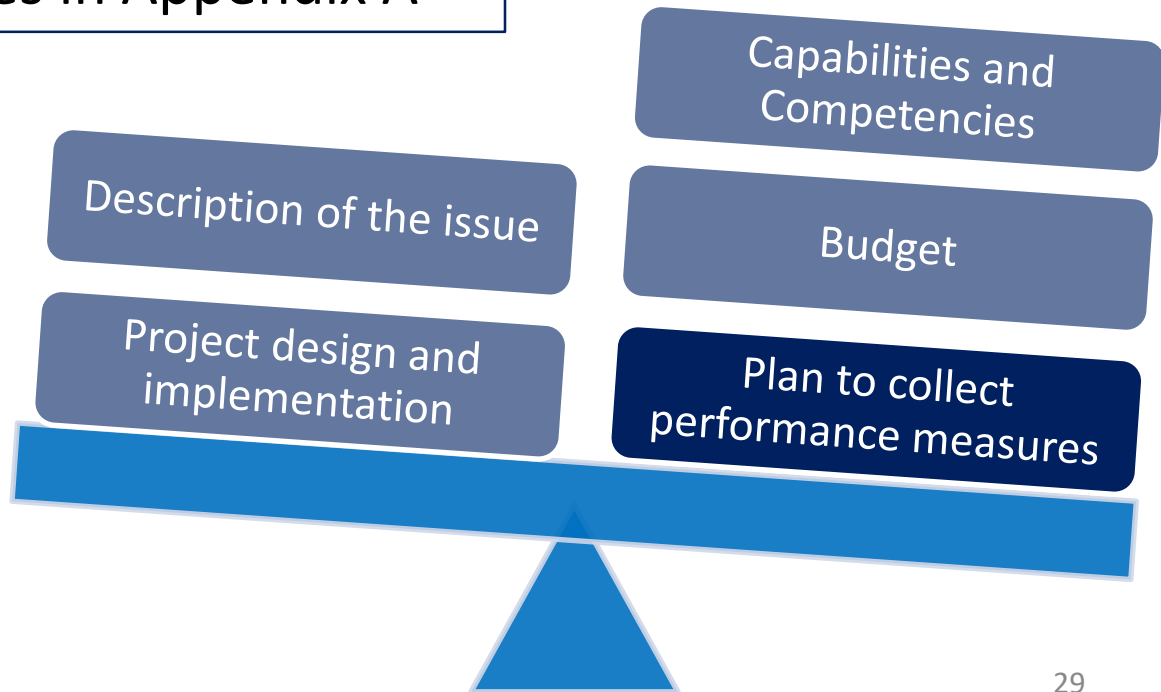
## Budget - 10%

- Complete
- Allowable
- Cost effective
- **Feasible**



## Performance Measures - 5%

- Plan to collect measures in Appendix A



# Submit on time and with all attachments

Applications are due by **July 16, 2019** 11:59 p.m. eastern  
time

# Solicitation Assistance

## National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center

- Solicitation support and general assistance
- Links to all current OJP funding opportunities
- Subscribe to receive emails about new opportunities
- **website** - <https://www.ncjrs.gov>
- **email** - [grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov)
- **web chat** - <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- **toll free** - 800-851-3420
- **TTY** - 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only)
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, weekdays

# Application Submission Assistance

## Grants.gov



- Technical assistance with submitting an application
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for federal agencies
- **website** - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
- **email** - [support@grants.gov](mailto:support@grants.gov)
- **toll free** - 800-518-4726
- 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, weekdays
- 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except federal holidays



# Recommended Resource

## BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

A series of four previously recorded webinars designed to assist potential applicants interested in applying for BJA funding opportunities are available for viewing.

1. Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2019: An Overview of What's Ahead
2. The First Steps to Applying, Prepare Now
3. The Federal Funding Process: What New and Seasoned Applicants Should Consider
4. Submitting Your Application: Avoid These Common Mistakes

<https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>

# Q & A

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