

Second Chance Act

Responding to the FY 2019 Innovations in Supervision Initiative: Building Capacity to Create Safer Communities Solicitation

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Today's Presentation and Discussion

- ❖ **Introduction**
- ❖ FY19 Solicitation: What You Should Know
- ❖ Expectations: Before & After Submission
- ❖ FAQ: Past Grantee Dialogue
- ❖ Contact Information, Resources, and Q&A

Attendee Poll

We'd like to find out more about who's on the line...

In your right-hand column, you will see the question:

Please indicate the type of organization you represent:

- States
- Units of local government
- Indian tribal governments



The Council of State Governments Justice Center

Mission

We develop research-driven strategies to increase public safety and strengthen communities.



**Justice
Center**

Who We Are

We combine the power of a membership association, representing state officials in all three branches of government, with the expertise of a policy and research team focused on assisting others to attain measurable results.

- ❖ **Delivers** technical assistance (TA) and training for Second Chance Act grantees
- ❖ **Advances** the knowledge base of the reentry field
- ❖ **Promotes** what works in reentry and successes of grantees
- ❖ **Facilitates** peer networks and information exchange
- ❖ **Provides** information for people returning to communities and their families
- ❖ **Funded** by the Bureau of Justice Assistance

Latest News and Resources in Reentry



National Criminal Justice Initiatives Map



Directories for State and Local Reentry Services



The U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

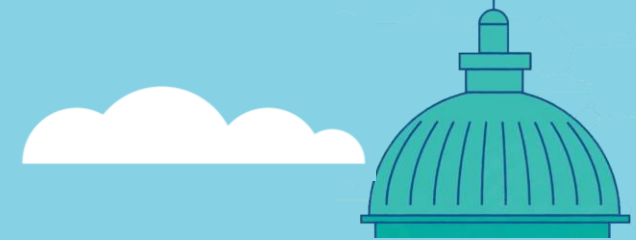
Mission: To provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

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The Second Chance Act



- ❖ The Second Chance Act supports state, local, and tribal governments and nonprofit organizations in their work to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for people leaving incarceration.
- ❖ The Second Chance Act has supported over \$400 million in reentry investments across the country.
- ❖ Passed in 2018, the Second Chance Reauthorization Act builds on and strengthens the initial landmark legislation.

Poll of Attendees

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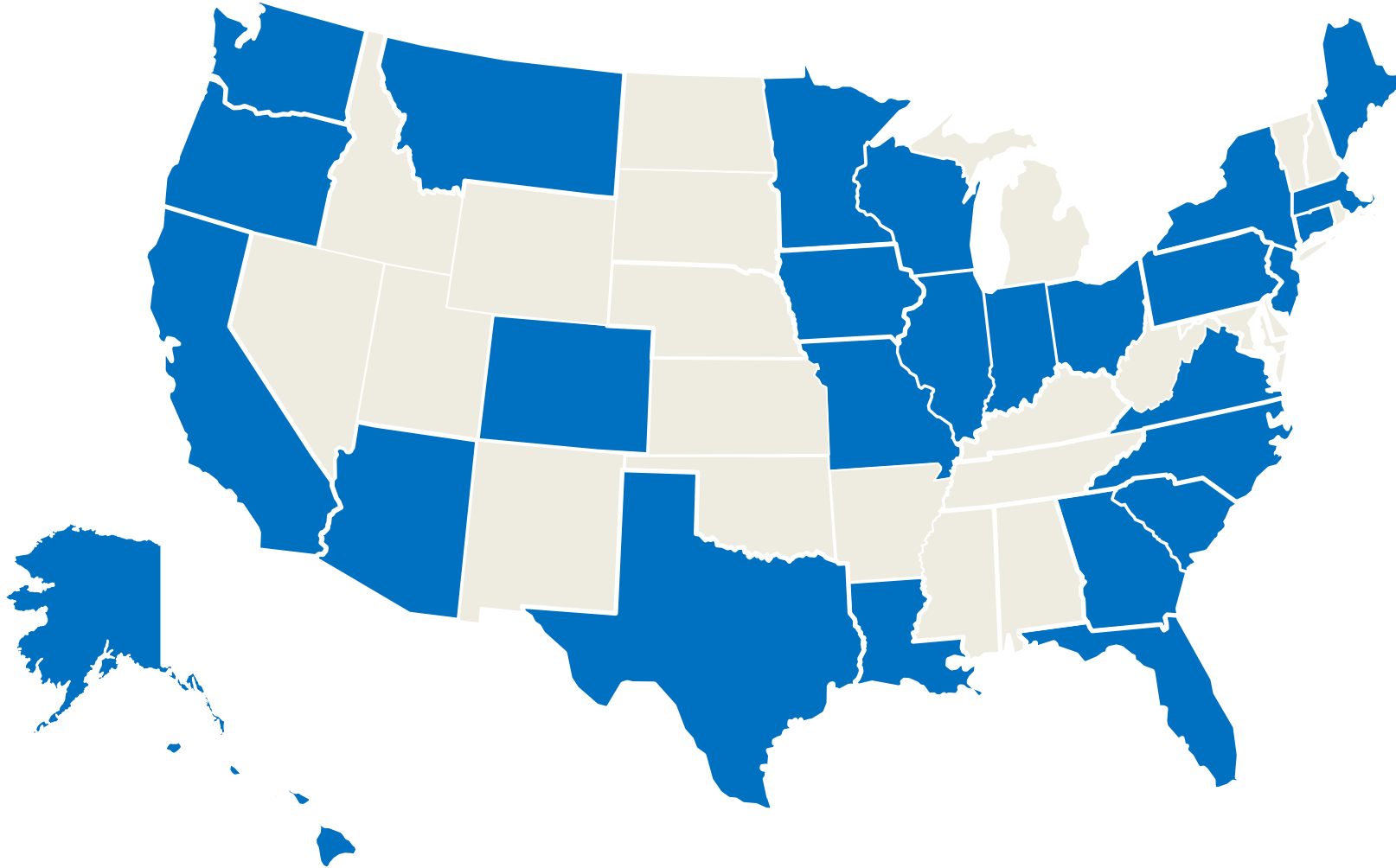
Have you previously applied for an SCA grant?

Yes

No



SCA Innovations in Supervision Initiative (ISI)



49 awards

17 County Grantees
28 State Grantees
4 City Grantees

Over \$30,317,837 in
funding

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ISI Program Objectives



- ✓ Target people with a high risk of recidivating & higher risk of committing violence
- ✓ Establish quality programs to address criminogenic risk/needs
- ✓ Position supervision officers to be agents of behavior change
- ✓ Implement continuous quality improvement (CQI)

Capacity Building

Example	Strategy
Staff training	Training for agency and partners to meet the needs of the targeted population
Gap analysis	Assess and address gaps in the quality of services and resources
Standardized policy	Make policy change to promote replication and scaling
Performance metrics	Developing and implementing

ISI Program Goals



Increase probation/parole success rates



Reduce the number of crimes committed by those under probation/parole supervision

ISI Award Information

- ❖ \$1,000,000 for up to five awards
- ❖ Disbursed over a 48-month period
- ❖ \$200,000 disbursed for planning, the remainder is given after completion of action plan (also known as the Planning & Implementation Guide)



ISI Program Deliverables

Action Plan

- Problem analysis
- Program and evaluation logic model
- Summary of strategies and intended outcomes
- Research base for proposed strategies

Implementation

- Mid-term analysis and research report at 30 months

Analysis and Research

- Final analysis and research report

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BJA Grant Applicant Education Webinars

- ❖ BJA hosted a series of webinars to assist applicants with applying for funding opportunities:
<https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>
- ❖ See also:
 - ❖ Winning Grants – Writing Your Way To Success
(<https://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc/webinars/winning-grants-writing-your-way-to-success/>)
 - ❖ Winning Grants – Implementation and Organizational Capacity
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**SUBMITTING YOUR APPLICATION:
AVOID THESE COMMON MISTAKES**

**BJA Grant Applicant Education Series
(Session 4 of 4)**

**Andre Bethea, BJA
February 7, 2019**

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Planning and Organizing Your Application

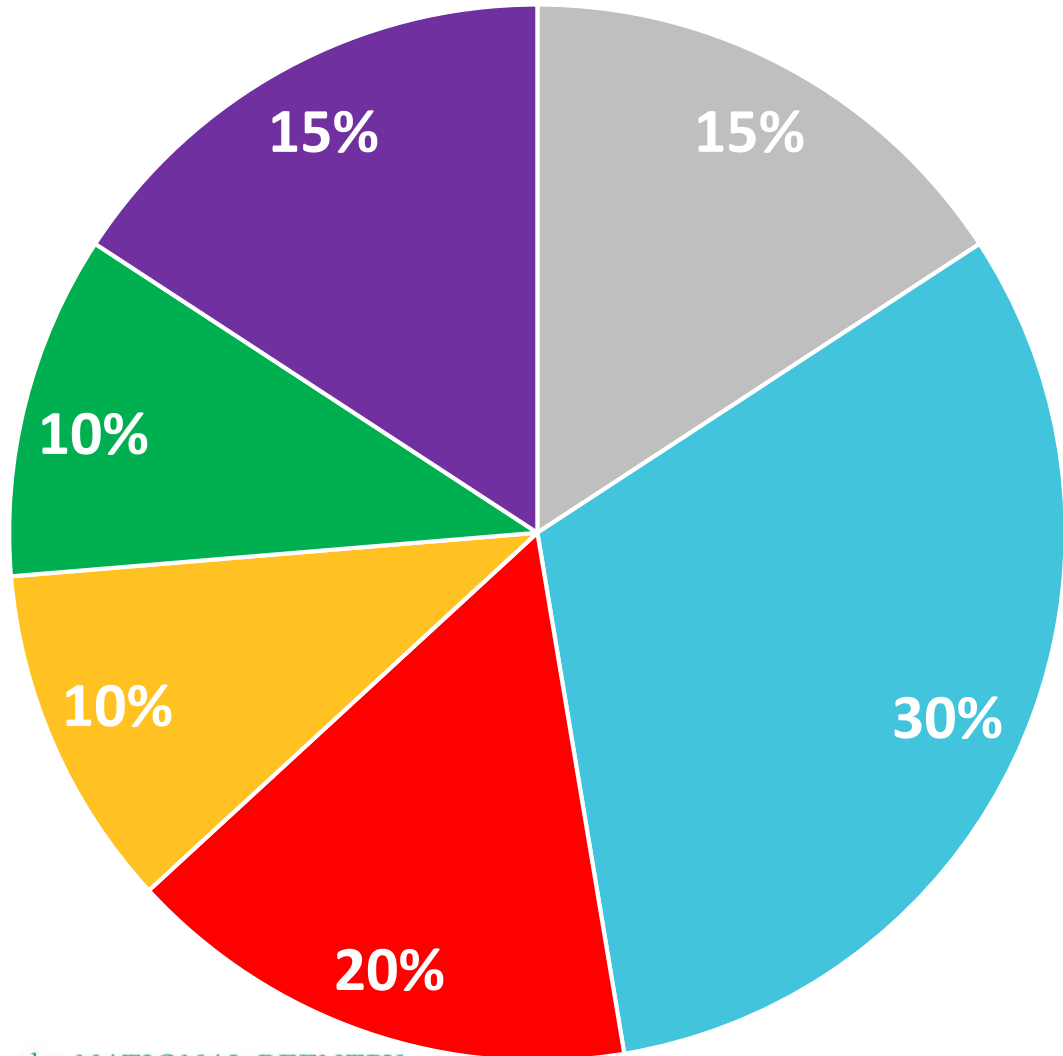
1. Develop a timeline and checklist
2. Draft an outline for the program narrative
3. Review the criteria section carefully
4. Pay close attention to page limit restrictions



Avoiding Common Mistakes

- ❖ Register early! *The registration process may take 10-14 business days.*
- ❖ Understand the review criteria! *Becoming familiar with the criteria prior to writing your proposal will help identify what elements are the most important to the reviewers.*

Application Review Criteria



- Description of the Issue
- Program Design and Implementation
- Capabilities and Competencies
- Plan for Collecting Data
- Budget
- Impact/Outcomes, Evaluation, Sustainability

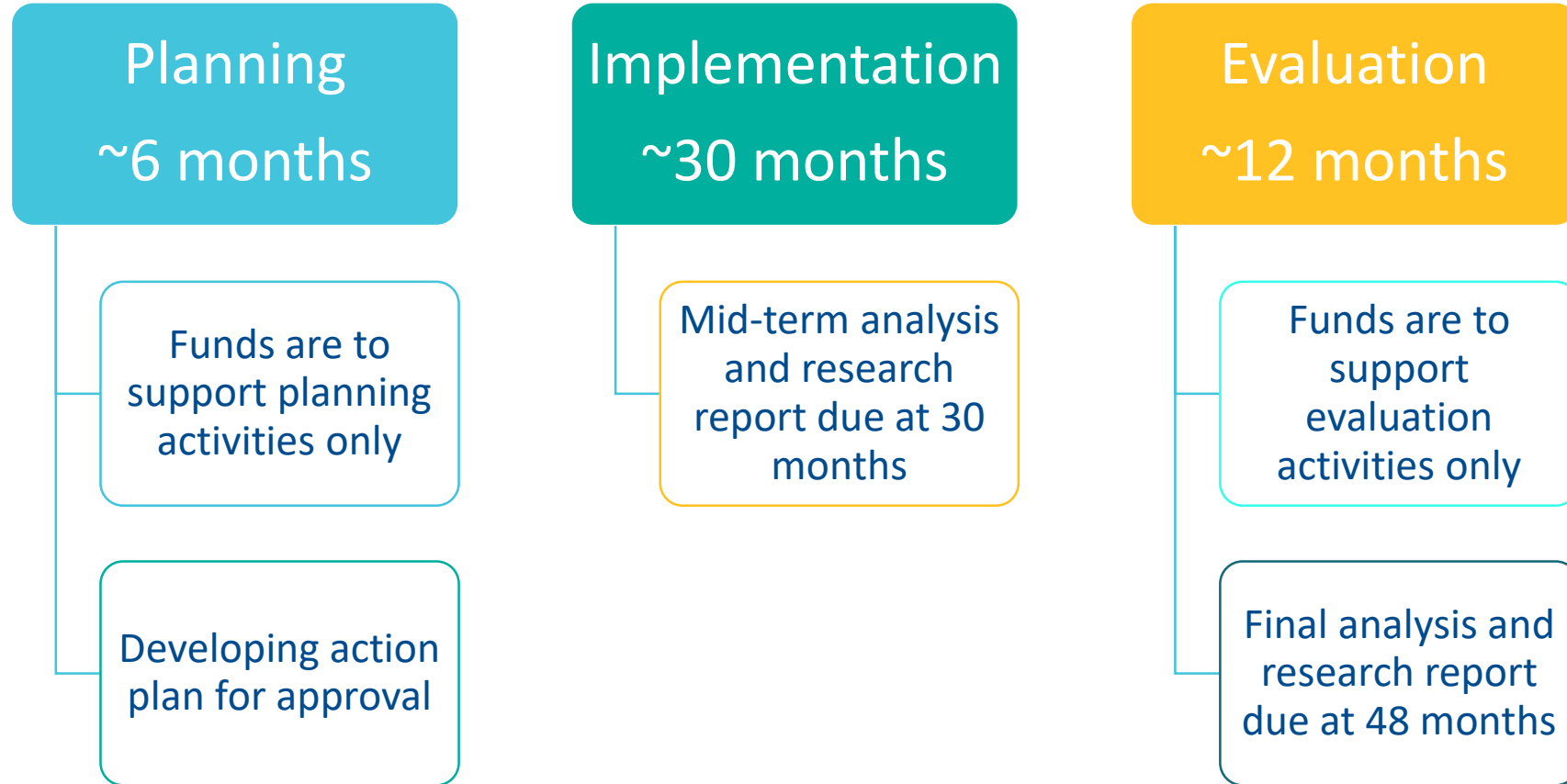
Priority Considerations

Priority consideration will be given to programs that:

- ❖ Propose strategies to reduce violent recidivism among high risk offenders
- ❖ Suggest collaborations between probation and/or parole and law enforcement
- ❖ Employ a randomized control trial (RCT)

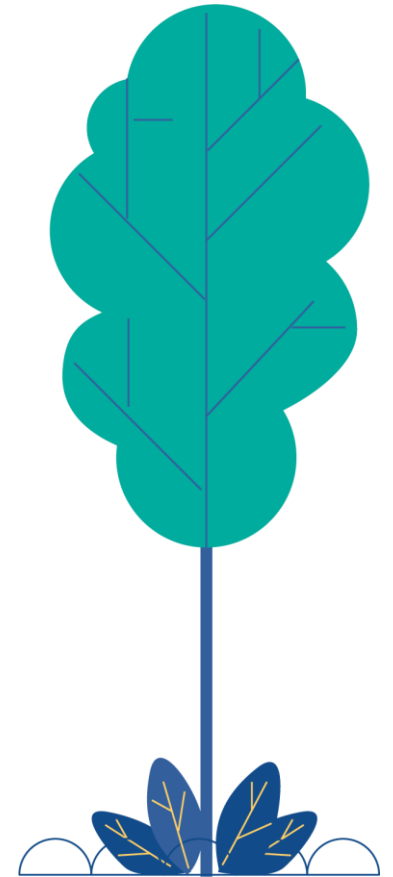


Grant Project Timeline



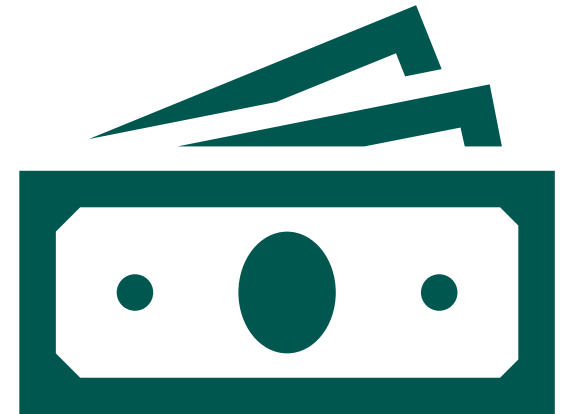
Keys to Success

- ❖ Develop a realistic project plan and timeline
 - Seek input from partners
- ❖ Secure commitments
 - Community supervision agency executive
 - Lead agency (if applicable)
 - Research partner (if applicable)
 - Key stakeholders
- ❖ Detail a plan to collect and submit recidivism indicator data



Budget Information

- ❖ Draft your budget early in the process
- ❖ Make sure you understand required budget expenses
- ❖ Clearly state the cost purpose and objective



Submitting your Application

Don't forget about required attachments when you are preparing your application!



Make sure to triple-check your checklist before submitting!

Application Information

Applicants must register at
<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>
prior to submitting an application.

Grants.gov Workspace listed above is now the standard application method for applying for grants.

Applications are due **June 25, 2019** 11:59 *p.m. eastern time*

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New York City Department of Probation Lessons Learned

Preparation:

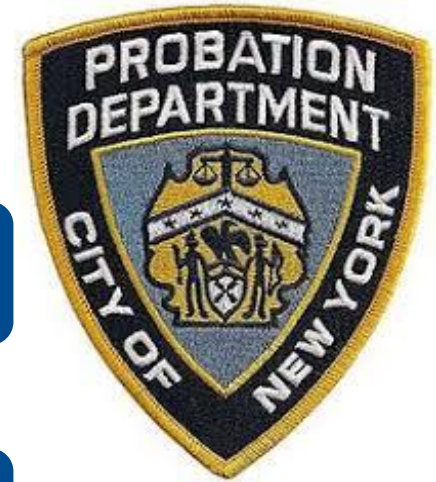
- Identifying an evaluation partner was critical in developing an evaluation plan and maintaining communication from the beginning

Biggest challenge:

- Aligning the narrative, budget, and timeline

What we would have done differently:

- Having a better idea of how data is collected, internally and externally as that impacts the overall timeline.



Questions and Answers

Type your question(s) into the Q/A Panel on the bottom right hand portion of your screen.

Resources

- ❖ DOJ Grants Financial Guide:
<https://ojp.gov/financialguide/doj/index.htm>
- ❖ OJP Applicant Resource Guide – Cost Sharing/Match Requirements:
<https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>
- ❖ The National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC):
<https://csgjusticecenter.org/nrrc>
- ❖ Office of Justice Programs Crime Solutions website (<https://www.crimesolutions.gov/>)
- ❖ National Implementation Research Network website (<http://nirn.fpg.unc.edu/>)
- ❖ Winning Grants-Writing your way to success:
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- ❖ Educational Seminars:
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Contact Information

For questions about the process of submitting an application:

- ❖ Contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>, or at support@grants.gov. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For assistance with unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond an applicant's control:

- ❖ Contact the National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center at 800-851-3420, via TTY at 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), [email grants@ncjrs.gov](mailto:email_grants@ncjrs.gov) or web chat at <https://webcontact.contactncjrs.org/ncjchat/chat.jsp>. NCJRS Response Center hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. ET, Monday-Friday, and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. ET on the solicitation close date.

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