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FY21 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) Solicitation

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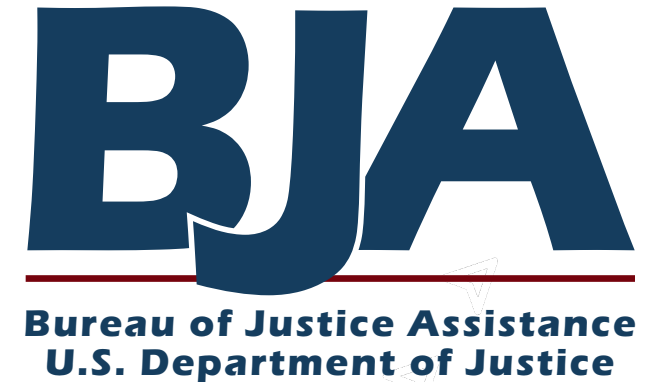
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The U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA provides leadership and assistance to local criminal justice programs that improve and reinforce the nation's criminal justice system. BJA's goals are to reduce and prevent crime, violence, and drug abuse and to improve the way in which the criminal justice system functions. In order to achieve such goals, BJA programs illustrate the coordination and cooperation of local, state, and federal governments. BJA works closely with programs that bolster law enforcement operations, expand drug courts, and provide benefits to safety officers.



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The Council of State Governments Justice Center

We are a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that combines the power of a membership association, representing state officials in all three branches of government, with policy and research expertise to develop strategies that increase public safety and strengthen communities.

How We Work

- We bring people together
- We drive the criminal justice field forward with original research
- We build momentum for policy change
- We provide expert assistance

Overview of JMHCP

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP)

- Supports cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses (MI) or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse (CMISA) who come into contact with the justice system
- Supports public safety efforts through partnerships with social services and other organizations that will enhance responses to people with MI and CMISA.

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Award Information

Eligible Applicants: City or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education, state governments, other (i.e., mental health agency and criminal justice agency)

Award Information

BJA will *only* accept applications that will be administered jointly by a:

- i. mental health agency; and
- ii. criminal justice agency

Award Information

Goal: The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program offers grants to help entities prepare, create, or expand comprehensive plans to implement collaboration programs that target preliminary qualified people convicted of crimes and promote public safety and public health for people with MI and CMISA who are in the criminal justice system.

Award Information

Grants shall be used to:

- Increase cooperative efforts by justice system officials and service providers to connect individuals with MI or CMISA with treatment and social services
- Create or expand mental health courts or other court-based approaches to preliminary qualified people who have been convicted of crimes.
- Improve public safety through specialized cross-system training for public safety officials and mental health providers in order to respond appropriately to individuals with MI or CMISA.
- Increase intergovernmental cooperation between state and local governments to address enhanced support to individuals with MI or CMISA.

Award Information

Objectives

1. Enhance, expand, and operate mental health drop-off crisis stabilization treatment centers that support law enforcement, criminal justice agencies, and people who are in the justice system.
2. Increase community capacity for mental health advocacy and wraparound services shown to support people with severe mental illness who are in the criminal justice system.
3. Provide programmatic support and capacity building for criminal justice professionals, such as jails, courts, prosecutors, and community supervision, to target individuals with severe mental health needs who are at risk of recidivism.

Award Information

Deliverables: Requires a two-phase process consisting of planning and implementation activities during which grantees will develop a coordinated approach to implementing or enhancing services for individuals with MI and CMISA in the justice system.

Award Information

Deliverables

- Develop a coordinated and documented approach to implementing or enhancing services for individuals with MI and CMISA in the justice system corresponding to an activity above (1–3) or planned as a cross-system approach.
- Initiate the implementation phase once the requirements of the planning phase are complete and continue implementation for the remaining time of the grant.

Award Information

Deliverables

- Engage in regular training and technical assistance activities with the BJA training and technical assistance partner.
- Outline plans for obtaining necessary support to sustain and continue the proposed collaboration program following the conclusion of federal support.

Award Information

Program-Specific Priority Areas

- Promote effective strategies by law enforcement to identify and reduce the risk of harm to individuals with MI or CMISA and to public safety.
- Promote effective strategies for identification and treatment of women convicted of crimes who have MI and CMISA.
- Promote effective strategies to expand the use of mental health courts and related services.
- Propose interventions that have been shown by empirical evidence to reduce recidivism.

Award Information

Program-Specific Priority Areas

- When appropriate, use validated assessment tools to identify and prioritize individuals with a moderate or high risk of recidivism and a need for treatment services.
- Demonstrate and ensure that funds are used for public health and public safety; demonstrate active participation of co-applicants in administering the project; document, in whole or in part, that funds used for treatment of incarcerated populations will provide transition and reentry services for such individuals.

Award Information

Applicants must:

- ❑ Submit one application that proposes detailed activities for both a planning phase and an implementation phase.
- ❑ Demonstrate that at least one criminal justice agency and one mental health agency will participate in the administration of the program, through established roles and responsibilities described in an attached MOU.

Award Information

Anticipated Number of Awards: 18

**Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards:
\$550,000**

Period of Performance Start Date: 10/1/21

Period of Performance Start Duration: 36 months

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Budget

- The budget should be complete, cost-effective, and allowable. All costs should be reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities.
- Only \$100,000 of funds will be available to complete the planning phase in the first 12 months of the project. The budget should clearly indicate the costs for the planning phase.
- JMHCP does not fund construction. The following costs are not allowed: Prizes, rewards, entertainment, trinkets, or any other monetary incentives; client stipends; gifts cards; vehicle purchases; and food/beverages.

Budget- Match

- The JMHCP authorizing legislation requires a non-federal match of 20% total project costs in project years 1 and 2, and 40% of total project costs in project year 3.
- Cash and/or in-kind (3rd party) match are allowed.
- Match costs in the budget must meet the same guidelines as federal costs for being allowable, reasonable, allocable, and necessary for the project.
- We recommend not including excessive match over the minimum requirements in the application budget.

Budget

- **TIP: Subawards versus Procurement Contracts:** You should carefully review the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide (linked in the solicitation) subsection titled “Information on Proposed Subawards (if any) and Proposed Procurement Contracts (if any)” and the resources linked therein to ensure you properly categorize your costs in these sections. There are different grants administrative requirement related to each; for example, a procurement contract requires full and open competition while a subaward does not.

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Application Criteria

What an application should include:

1. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (form in grants.gov and JustGrants)
2. Project Abstract (attach in JustGrants)
3. Program Narrative (attach in JustGrants)
4. Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline (web-form in JustGrants)
5. Budget and Associated Documentation (web-form in JustGrants)
6. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)
7. Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)(download form and attach in JustGrants)
8. Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)
9. Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) (attach in JG- required for all)
10. Tribal Authorizing Resolution (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)

Application Criteria

What an application should include (continued):

11. Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)
12. Documentation of Advancing DOJ Priorities (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)
13. Documentation of High-Poverty Areas or Persistent-Poverty Counties (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)
14. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)(completed in grants.gov)
15. DOJ Certified Standard Assurances (completed in JustGrants)
16. Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (completed in JustGrants)
17. DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (complete in JustGrants)
18. Applicant Disclosure and Justification- DOJ High Risk Grantees (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)

Application Criteria

Review Criteria:

- I. Description of the Issue (15%)
- II. Project Design and Implementation (40%)
- III. Capabilities and Competencies (30%)
- IV. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (5%)
- V. Budget (10%)

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Submission Requirements

- Applicants will submit an **SF-424** and an **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov by **11:59 p.m. EST on June 22, 2021**, at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.
- Applicants will submit the **full application** including attachments in JustGrants by **11:59 p.m. EST on July 6, 2021**, at JustGrants.usdoj.gov.
- For additional information, see “How to Apply” section in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Tips to Prevent Issues

Follow these tips to avoid the most common mistakes we have seen in past years:

- **Two-Step Submission:** There is a two-step application process and JustGrants is a new system. Please carefully read the “How to Apply” instructions linked in the solicitation and give yourself plenty of time to complete the grants.gov and JustGrants submissions by the established deadlines. Training resources available here: <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-application-submission>

Tips to Prevent Issues

- **SF-424/DUNS/SAM:** Make sure the correct DUNS # is entered in the SF-424 and that it is registered in SAM. The specific agency registered under this DUNS # in SAM will be responsible for submitting the full application in JustGrants and administering the award if it is funded.
- **SF-424/Federal Request Amount:** The federal request amount entered in the SF-424 should match the total federal request in your application budget for the entire grant project period.
- **Budget/Allowable Costs:** Do not include any of the prohibited costs listed on page 8 of the solicitation.

Tips to Prevent Issues

Application Attachments/Common issues:

- Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the criminal justice and mental health agency: **this is a new required attachment for FY21.** See pages 11–12 for instructions.
- The Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items is required for all applicants. This form is completed in JustGrants.
- The Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity attachment is required if you are proposing to use federal funds to pay an outside evaluator or research partner. Follow the instructions in the Resource Guide.

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Upcoming Solicitation Webinar

- Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-121001>

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