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Agenda

- Office of Justice Programs and Bureau of Justice Assistance overview
- Funding opportunities
- Application resources
- Question and answer

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Poll Questions

1. Have you previously applied for BJA funding?
2. Have you been successful and received a BJA award?

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What is the Office of Justice Programs?

- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the **Office on Violence Against Women (OVW)** and the **Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS)**.

BJA – Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS – Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ – National Institute of Justice

OVC – Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP – Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SMART – Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

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U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

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How BJA Supports the Field



Investments

Provide diverse funding to accomplish goals.



Sharing Knowledge

Research, develop, and deliver what works to build capacity and improve outcomes.



Engagement

Consult, connect, and convene.

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The criminal justice begins and ends in the community.



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Over 80 planned solicitations in FY24

All grant program plan data provided by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) are subject to the availability of appropriations and potential legislative changes of statutory requirements. The information provided by DOJ is based on projected operational plans and may be updated frequently, including the addition, substitution, or cancellation of projected solicitations without advance notice.

BJA FY 24 Adult Treatment Court Planning, Training, Technical Assistance, and Resource Center Initiative
BJA FY 24 BJA Field Initiated Solicitation
BJA FY 24 BJA Visiting Fellows Program
BJA FY 24 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program to Support Law Enforcement Agencies
BJA FY 24 Body-Worn Camera Policy and Implementation Program Training and Technical Assistance
BJA FY 24 Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program
BJA FY 24 Community Based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crime
BJA FY 24 Community Courts Initiative
BJA FY 24 Competitive DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program
BJA FY 24 Comprehensive Opioid Stimulant and Substance Use Training and Technical Assistance Program
BJA FY 24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program- Local Solicitation
BJA FY 24 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) Program- State Solicitation
BJA FY 24 Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations and Prosecution Program
BJA FY 24 Formula DNA Capacity Enhancement for Backlog Reduction (CEBR) Program
BJA FY 24 Harold Rogers Prescription Drug Monitoring Program (PDMP)
BJA FY 24 Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program
BJA FY 24 Missing and Unidentified Human Remains (MUHR) Program
BJA FY 24 National Sexual Assault Kit Initiative (SAKI)
BJA FY 24 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program
BJA FY 24 Paul Coverdell Forensic Science Improvement Grants Program (formula)
BJA FY 24 Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence
BJA FY 24 Preventing School Violence: BJA's STOP School Violence Program
BJA FY 24 Project Safe Neighborhoods Formula Grant Program
BJA FY 24 Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA
BJA FY 24 Public Safety Partnership- Capacity Building Grant
BJA FY 24 Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety
BJA FY 24 Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) for State Prisoners Program
BJA FY 24 Rural and Small Department Violent Crime Reduction Program
BJA FY 24 Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Incubator Program
BJA FY 24 Second Chance Act Community-Based Reentry Program
BJA FY 24 Smart Policing Initiative Demonstration Program

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Types of BJA Grants

Formula

- Are usually administered and managed by State Administering Agencies or other BJA-approved fiscal agents
- Are most often on a noncompetitive basis
- Distribution of funds to eligible recipients is either statutorily defined or defined by a distribution process that

Discretionary

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Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

Eligible Applicants

- **JAG State awards:** Only states may apply under this solicitation, and states must designate a single SAA that has authority to apply on their behalf.
- **JAG Local awards:** Only units of local government appearing on the JAG Allocations List may apply under this solicitation.

FY23 Awards

- **JAG State awards:** 56 awards totaling $209,416,792
- **JAG Local awards:** 952 awards totaling $96,720,810

FY 2024 Opportunities

The FY 2024 JAG (state and local) funding solicitation will be released in the summer. Visit https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview for more information.

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Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

JAG is OJP's flagship grant program and the leading source of federal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions. There are nine broad purpose areas:

1) Law enforcement programs
2) Prosecution and court programs
3) Crime Prevention and education programs
4) Corrections and community corrections, including reentry
5) Drug treatment and enforcement programs
6) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement
7) Crime victim and witness programs (non-compensation)
8) Mental health programs (and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams)
9) Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives (including but not limited to mental health courts, drug courts, veterans' courts, and extreme risk protection order programs)

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JAG Statewide Strategic Plan

Statewide Strategic Plan

- Designed in consultation with local governments and representatives of all segments of the criminal justice system, including judges, prosecutors, law enforcement personnel, corrections personnel, and providers of indigent defense services, victim services, juvenile justice delinquency prevention programs, community corrections, and reentry services.
- Include details on how grants will be used to improve the administration of the criminal justice system.
- Include a description of how the state will allocate funding within and among each of the JAG Program areas.
- Describe the process used by the state for gathering data and developing and using evidence-based and evidence-gathering approaches in support of funding decisions.
- Describe the barriers at the state and local levels for accessing data and implementing evidence-based approaches to preventing and reducing crime and recidivism.

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Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)

Funds to states to implement state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to, ERPO programs that work to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others, mental health courts, drug courts, and veterans treatment courts.

- Implementing Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) programs – training, education and public awareness of ERPO
- Funds may not be used, either directly or indirectly, to support the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government.
- Specialized court-based programs such as drug, mental health, and veterans treatment courts, including those that specifically accept clients with firearm violations
- Behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others
- Funding for law enforcement agencies to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns

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Adult Treatment Court Program

- **Who May Apply?**
  - State, special district, city or township, county, and Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  - Public housing and Indian housing authorities
  - State agencies involved with the provision of substance use and/or mental health services
- **Why Apply?**

  Receive funding to plan, implement, and enhance adult treatment courts for individuals involved with the justice system who have substance use disorders, including stimulant, opioid, and other substances.
- **Maximum per Award**
  - Up to $900,000 per award for planning and implementation, including no-cost training and technical assistance (TTA)
  - Up to $1,000,000 per award for enhancement, including no-cost TTA
  - Up to $2,500,000 per award for statewide, including no-cost technical assistance

Grants.gov Deadline: May 2, 2024
JustGrants Deadline: May 9, 2024

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Veterans Treatment Court

- **Who May Apply?**
  - City or township, county, state governments
  - Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  - Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
  - Special district governments
- **Why Apply?**

  Receive funding to plan, implement, and enhance veterans' treatment court (VTC) services, including program coordination, management of VTC participants, ensuring fidelity to the model, and recovery support services.
- **Maximum Award?**
  - Up to $900,000 per award for Planning and Implementation, including no cost training and technical assistance (TTA)
  - Up to $950,000 per award for Enhancement, including no-cost TTA
  - Up to $2,500,000 per award for statewide

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Community Courts Initiative

- **Who May Apply?**
  - City or township, county, state. and Native American tribal (federally recognized) governments
  - State, city, township, county, or tribal government acting directly or through agreements with other public or private entities on behalf of a single community court
- **Why Apply?**

  Receive funding to support neighborhood-focused court programs that combine the power of the community and the justice system to address community safety, public health, and other social issues occurring within a jurisdiction.
- **Maximum per Award**
  - Up to $900,000 per award

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Field Initiated: Encouraging Innovation

Invests in collaborations with the field and experts to prevent and reduce crime and enhance the criminal justice system through innovative approaches that accelerate justice by identifying, defining, and responding to emerging or chronic crime problems and systemic issues. BJA is looking for new approaches that address gaps in responses, build or translate research knowledge, or build capacity.

FY 2024 Opportunities: Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
Average Award Amount: Up to $1,000,000

Category 1: State, Local, Tribal, or Regional Field Tests
Category 2: National Strategies

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Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety

- **Who May Apply?**
  - Native American tribal governments (federally recognized) and tribal organizations
  - Nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education
  - Private, public, and state controlled institutions of higher education
  - Local non-law enforcement government agencies
- **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding for the development and testing of a new or innovative approach to improving community safety and trust that is an alternative to traditional enforcement mechanisms for neighborhoods experiencing high rates of less serious and low-level criminal offenses.
- **Maximum per Award**
  Up to $2,000,000 per award



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BJA National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC)

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The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) offers training and technical assistance (TTA) to offices to:

- Provide office or program assessments to identify gaps, suggest efficiencies, and make recommendations;
- Fund subject matter experts to provide trainings or general support;
- Fund individuals to attend trainings;
- Fund travel for peer-to-peer site visits; and
- Identify strategies to strengthen organizational operations.

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Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Use Site-based Program (COSSUP)

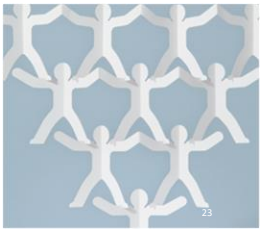
- **Who May Apply?**
  - City or township, county, and state governments
  - Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  - Other
- **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding to develop, implement, or expand comprehensive programs that address the overdose crisis and the impacts of use and misuse of opioids, stimulants, or other substances.
- **Maximum per Award**
  - Local applications: up to $1.6 million per award, including no-cost training and technical assistance (TTA)
  - State applications: up to $7 million per award, including TTA



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Enhancing Correctional Practices to Protect Vulnerable People: Technical Assistance and Microgrant Program

- **Who May Apply?**
  - Public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education
  - Nonprofits
  - Private institutions of higher education
  - For-profit organizations and small businesses
  - Small businesses
- **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding to administer a competitive microgrant program and provide TTA to state, local, and tribal confinement agencies working to protect vulnerable people who are confined in their facilities, and to reduce the use of punitive or overly restrictive operational practices to keep these people safe.
- **Maximum per Award**
  Up to $2,500,000



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Improving Adult and Juvenile Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program

- **Who May Apply?**
  - City or township, county, and state governments
  - Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  - Community-based nonprofits and behavioral health care providers
- **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding to enhance or implement services to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and address the treatment and recovery needs of people with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders who are currently, or were formerly, involved in the criminal justice system.
- **Maximum per Award**
  Up to $750,000 per award, including no-cost training and technical assistance

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Second Chance Act Community-based Incubator Initiative



- **Who May Apply?**
  Nonprofits, other than institutions of higher education
- **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding as one of two intermediary organizations that will design and administer a competitive incubator initiative for community- and faith-based reentry providers, to provide subawards, oversight, and comprehensive training and technical assistance services to help build capability, capacity, and sustainability among community- and faith-based organization subawardees to meet the needs of people returning home from incarceration and to apply for and manage private and public grant funding in the future.
- **Maximum per Award**
  Up to $4,000,000

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Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Program

- **Who May Apply?**
  - Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  - Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding to enhance or implement evidence-based responses to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and support successful transitional planning for individuals who are currently, or were formerly, involved in the criminal justice system.
- **Maximum per Award**
  Up to $750,000 per award



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Second Chance Act Improving Reentry Education & Employment Outcomes Program

- **Who May Apply?**
  - State, city or township, county, governments
  - Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  - Public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education
  - Independent school districts
  - Nonprofits that are not institutions of higher education
  - For-profit organizations and small businesses
- **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding to support corrections systems in implementing and expanding education and employment programs that serve individuals during incarceration and throughout the period of reentry into their communities.
- **Maximum per Award**



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Second Chance Act Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry

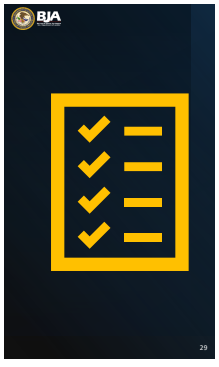
- **Who May Apply?**
  - State, city or township, county governments
  - Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  - Nonprofits that are not institutions of higher education businesses
- **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding to establish, expand, or improve treatment and recovery support services for people with substance use disorders (SUDs) or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders (COD) during their incarceration and upon reentry into their communities.
- **Maximum per Award**
  $1,125,000 per award, including no-cost training and technical assistance



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Second Chance Act Pay for Success

- **Who May Apply?**
  - State, city or township, county, and Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  - Special district governments
  - Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding to purchase a wide range of reentry services tailored to individuals leaving incarceration, particularly those with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders who are currently involved in the criminal justice system, or were formerly involved, in need of permanent supportive housing.
- **Maximum per Award**
  Up to $1,000,000 per award



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Community Supervision Strategies



- **Who May Apply?**
  - State, local, and tribal entities with responsibility for adults on probation and/or parole
- **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding to develop and test new or enhanced applications of the swift, certain, and fair principles of intervention to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for people on community supervision.
- **Maximum per Award**
  Up to $800,000 per award, including no-cost training and technical assistance

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Smart Supervision Program



- **Who May Apply?**
  - State, local, and tribal entities with responsibility for adults on probation and/or parole
- **Why Apply?**

  Receive funding and access to experts to support agencies that wish to build their capacity to help adults successfully complete supervision and, in the process, desist from crime and lead productive, pro-social lives.
- **Maximum per Award**

  Up to $850,000 per award, including no-cost training and technical assistance

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Smart Reentry: Housing Demonstration Project

- **Who May Apply?**
  - State, city or township, county, governments
  - Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  - Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- **Why Apply?**

  Receive funding to assess their jurisdiction's reentry systems, identify strengths and gaps, and then build capacity for improving housing options for adults released from prison or jail.
- **Maximum per Award**

  Up to $1,000,000 per award

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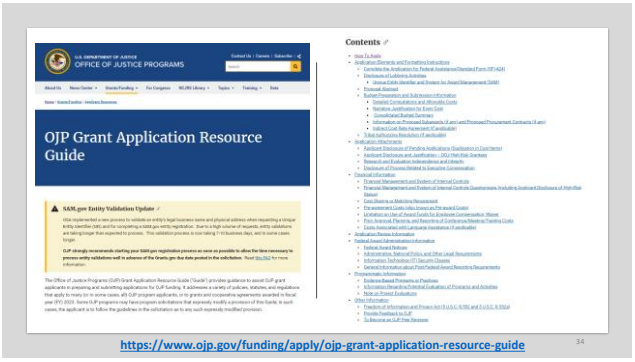


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