BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

JUSTICE FOR ALL: EFFECTIVE ADMINISTRATION OF THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM – FY 2019 COMPETITIVE ANNOUNCEMENT

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Solicitation Webinar



AGENDA

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Justice For All Reauthorization Act of 2016 (JFARA)

42 USC 3752 (b) (1) Strategic Planning

Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Attorney General shall begin to provide technical assistance to States and local governments requesting support to develop and implement the strategic plan required under subsection (a)(6). The Attorney General may enter into agreements with 1 or more non-governmental organizations to provide technical assistance and training under this paragraph.



Justice For All Reauthorization Act of 2016 (JFARA)

42 USC 3752

(b) (2) Protection of constitutional rights

Not later than 90 days after the date of enactment of this subsection, the Attorney General shall begin to provide technical assistance to States and local governments, including any agent thereof with responsibility for administration of justice, requesting support to meet the obligations established by the Sixth Amendment to the Constitution of the United States, which shall include—

A) public dissemination of practices, structures, or models for the administration of justice consistent with the requirements of the Sixth Amendment; and

(B) assistance with adopting and implementing a system for the administration of justice consistent with the requirements of the Sixth Amendment.



Eligibility

- Eligible applicants are limited to any national nonprofit organization, forprofit (commercial) organization (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations), or institution of higher learning (including tribal institutions of higher education) that has expertise and experience in managing the provision of training and technical assistance (TTA) for evidence-based criminal justice programs.
- In addition, the applicant must show the capacity to provide technical expertise in implementing action research partnerships between criminal justice researchers and practitioners.
- All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.



Eligibility

- BJA welcomes applications that involve two or more entities that would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant.
- Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees).
- The applicant must be the entity that would have primary responsibility for carrying out the award, including administering the funding and managing the entire TTA program.
- Under this solicitation, only one application by any particular applicant entity will be considered. An entity may, however, be proposed as a subrecipient (subgrantee) in more than one application.



Solicitation Overview

JFARA created a mandatory carve-out of Justice Assistance Grants (JAG) funds that will be used to provide technical assistance to states and local governments under two areas:

- 1. Support to develop and implement required statewide strategic plans to assist policy makers with allocation of JAG resources;
- 2. Support to meet the obligations established by the Sixth Amendment to the U.S. Constitution



Category 1: Statewide Strategic Planning TTA

- Seeking a provider to deliver TTA and strategic planning services to policymakers at the state level in order to support strategic planning efforts as required by JAG. Recipients of TTA services may include state-level policymakers, criminal justice advisors to governors, and State Administering Agencies (SAAs).
- Provider should have demonstrated expertise in delivering and managing a national-level TTA program and have particular knowledge of state-level policymakers and criminal justice advisors to governors.
- In particular, the applicant should have demonstrated past experience in working with SAAs and/or an understanding of SAAs' operations (including how JAG funds are managed at the state level), organizational structure, culture, and environment.



Category 1: Statewide Strategic Planning TTA

Objectives:

- 1. Support the enhancement and development of statewide strategic plans by providing resources and assistance to enhance state and local jurisdictions' capacity to meet the JAG strategic planning requirements.
- 2. Share strategic planning resources, information, and practices with stakeholders in the field.



Category 1: Statewide Strategic Planning TTA

Deliverables (pages 6-8):

- Assessment of needs
- Onsite and offsite assistance
- Ability to gather and work with a variety of subject experts and peers to support the TTA project
- Communications platform to share information



Assist state and local government, and court, judicial, and defense leaders to:

- Enhance capacity to uphold Sixth Amendment obligations through strategic planning and training.
- Support assessment, adoption, and implementation of improved program practices in support of securing Sixth Amendment rights.
- Share resources, knowledge, and practices that will support jurisdictions' efforts to meet their Sixth Amendment obligations.



The applicant will need to have the capacity to:

- Deliver national TTA (both urban and rural).
- Take over the administration and development of a national platform for information sharing.
- Work with stakeholders across the criminal justice system.
- Develop and administer national level convening.



Deliverables: (pages 8-9)

- Provide on-demand TTA to include an assessment of state or local practices in protecting Sixth Amendment rights with recommendations for improvement and engaging partners at the state and local levels.
- Develop and deliver customized TTA (both onsite and offsite) as requested by the state or local agent. Arrange travel and logistical requirements for each TTA engagement. Over the 3-year project period, the awardee will engage with four to eight jurisdictions.
- Develop and disseminate articles, publications, materials, webinars, and guides, as needed, to reinforce information exchange.



Deliverables: (pages 8-9)

- Plan to conduct one national and/or several regional meetings, conventions, or other educational sessions for criminal court and defender system representatives and organizations along with diverse stakeholders, including law enforcement, prosecutors, corrections, sheriffs, and community stakeholders, to inform them of the available resources.
- Make online resources, materials, and limited assistance (via phone or email) available to state and local agents and the general public, and share lessons learned and related issues. Describe how these materials will be kept current in terms of substantive information and technology and how this platform will be sustained after the completion of the project term.



www.bja.gov/sixthamendment



Tips for Applying

- Applicants must register in and submit applications through Grants.gov. Registering is a one-time process but can take several weeks for first time registrants.
- Applicants must comply with all applicable System for Award Management (SAM) and unique entity identifier Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) requirements.
- OJP encourages applicants to submit at least 72 hours prior to the application due date to allow time to correct any problems that might occur.



Tips for Applying

- The application must be submitted by an eligible type of applicant.
- The application must request funding within programmatic funding constraints (if applicable).
- The application must be responsive to the scope of the solicitation.
- The application must include all items designated as "critical elements."
 - For a list of the critical elements for this solicitation, see "What an Application Should Include" under Section D. Application and Submission Information (page 13).



Performance Measures Requirement

- Applicants are not required to submit performance data with the application.
- Performance measures information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of the reporting requirements under an award.
- The application should demonstrate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements for this grant program and detail how the applicant will gather the required data should it receive funding.



Questions and Answers

Solicitation Due Date: May 14, 2019 at 11:59 p.m. est Submit your applications at least 72 hours prior.

Solicitation Link: <u>https://www.bja.gov/funding/JFATTA19.pdf</u>

The recoding, transcript and slides will be posted to the BJA website: <u>www.bja.gov</u>



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Application Assistance and Support



National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center https://www.ncjrs.gov

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance
- Links to all current OJP funding opportunities
- Funding Notices subscribe to receive email notifications of new opportunities
 - Sign-up to receive the bi-weekly JUSTINFO newsletter as well as the weekly Funding News From NCJRS email.
 - Be sure to select "Grants/funding" as an area of interest in your NCJRS registration profile when you subscribe.
- email grants@ncjrs.gov
- web chat https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp
- **toll free** at 800–851–3420;
- **TTY** at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

The NCJRS Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.



Application Assistance

Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting an application
 - Customer Support Hotline 800-518-4726 or 606—545-5035
 - The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
 - Email
 - <u>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html</u>
 - <u>support@grants.gov</u>
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.



Recommend Resources

BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

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

- Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2019: An Overview of What's Ahead
- The First Steps to Applying, Prepare Now
- The Federal Funding Process: What New and Seasoned Applicants Should Consider
- Submitting Your Application: Avoid These Common Mistakes
- <u>https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html</u>



Recommend Resources

OJP Funding Resource Center

<u>https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm</u>

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

<u>https://ojp.gov/financilaguide/DOJ/index.htm</u>

DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training

<u>https://ojpfgm.webfirst.com/</u>

2019 OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

<u>https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm</u>

NIJ's CrimeSolutions.gov

<u>https://www.CrimeSolutions.gov</u>