

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE FACT SHEET

FY 2022 SOLICITATIONS THAT SUPPORT COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS

BJA Visiting Fellows Program

This program invests in future and current leaders in the field to advance priority national policy issues and offer cross-developmental opportunities for DOJ staff and criminal justice practitioners and researchers. Awards made under this program fund fellowships for a period of 24 months, including a potential residency period of 9 to 12 months, where the fellow will work closely with BJA staff members and potentially work onsite at BJA in Washington, D.C., on a regular basis. The purpose of each fellowship is to make important policy and programmatic contributions in a focus area of criminal justice practice. Fellows will collaborate with BJA and DOJ staff members to provide critical outreach, data, research, and subject-matter expertise to inform the development of new BJA strategies and programs to benefit the field.

Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative

This initiative is designed to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs, including efforts to address gang and gun violence. Based on partnerships among community residents, local government agencies, victim service providers, community-based organizations, law enforcement, hospitals, researchers, and other community stakeholders, the Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative (CVIPI) seeks to ensure public safety and provide federal leadership in preventing and

controlling crime. BJA is collaborating with the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and the Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) to ensure jurisdictions have access to the expertise they need to address community violence that involves children, youth, young adults, and adults, both as the individuals responsible for perpetrating this violence and those who are victims of it. As appropriate, awards made under this solicitation may be managed by BJA, OJJDP, or OVC, depending on the nature of the funded project. To learn more, visit: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/community-violence-intervention/overview>.

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

This program supports innovative cross-system collaboration to improve responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders (MHDs) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who are in the justice system or reentering the community. The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCPC) also supports courts, prosecutors, and community supervision with training, technical assistance, and tools for the early identification of people with MHDs who may need behavioral health system interventions. Together with the Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Program, JMHCPC promotes cross-discipline training for justice and treatment professionals and facilitates communication, collaboration, and the delivery of support services for people with behavioral health needs. To be eligible, states, tribes, and local governments must partner with their mental health authority. To learn more, visit: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/justice-and-mental-health-collaboration-program-jmhcp/overview>.



Project Safe Neighborhoods

Designed to create and foster safer neighborhoods through a sustained reduction in violent crime, this program's effectiveness depends upon the ongoing coordination, cooperation, and partnerships of local, state, tribal, and federal law enforcement agencies working together with the communities they serve and engaged in a unified approach led by the U.S. Attorney in all 94 districts. With Project Safe Neighborhoods, each U.S. Attorney's Office is responsible for establishing a collaborative team of federal, state, local, and tribal (where applicable) law enforcement and community partners to implement a strategic plan for investigating, prosecuting, and preventing violent crime. Further information is available at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/project-safe-neighborhoods-psn/overview>.

Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Program

This Second Chance Act Program provides funding and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations and American Indian tribes to partner with correctional agencies to provide critical transitional services as adults return from incarceration back into the community. This program supports implementation and expansion of reentry programs that include mentoring, coordinated supervision and health services, family services, and/or training staff on reentry and victims' issues. Partnerships with parole,

probation, and correctional agencies are critical to meet the needs of individuals at medium to high risk to reoffend by screening, assessing, and identifying them for program participation prerelease and ensuring individualized case plans, which may include cognitive behavioral programming, are in place to support them. During post-release, funded programs will provide case management services that connect adults to evidence-based programming to ensure their transition out of incarceration is safe and successful.

ABOUT BJA

BJA helps America's state, local, and tribal jurisdictions reduce and prevent crime, lower recidivism, and promote a fair and safe criminal justice system. BJA provides a wide range of resources, including grants and funding, training and technical assistance, to law enforcement, courts and corrections agencies, treatment providers, reentry practitioners, justice information sharing professionals, and community-based partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges nationwide. To learn more about BJA, visit bja.ojp.gov or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DOJBJA) and Twitter ([@DOJBJA](https://twitter.com/DOJBJA)). BJA is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.