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Overview

The <u>U.S. Department of Justice</u> (DOJ), <u>Office of Justice Programs</u> (OJP), <u>Bureau of Justice Assistance</u> (BJA) seeks applications for funding under five separate training and technical assistance (TTA) categories for multiple justice and mental health programs to deliver site-based, program-specific TTA and broader TTA for the field. This program furthers the DOJ's mission by advancing equity, civil rights, racial justice, and equal opportunity to receive needed treatment services for people with mental health disorders (MHDs), co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders (MHSUDs), and disabilities who encounter or become involved in the criminal justice system.

This solicitation incorporates the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> by reference. The OJP Grant Application Resource Guide provides guidance to applicants to prepare and submit applications to OJP for funding. If this solicitation expressly modifies any provision in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in this solicitation as to that provision.

Solicitation Categories

Competition ID	Category *	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-BJA-2022-00118-PROD	1	1	\$2,300,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	24
C-BJA-2022-00119-PROD	2	1	\$2,300,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	24
C-BJA-2022-00120-PROD	3	1	\$1,000,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	24
C-BJA-2022-00121-PROD	4	1	\$2,250,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	24
C-BJA-2022-00122-PROD	5	1	\$750,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	24

Eligible Applicants:

Other

Other

- · Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education\
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- · For-profit organizations other than small businesses

For all categories: Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations (including tribal organizations) and for-profit (commercial and tribal) organizations, faith-based and community organizations, and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education).

To advance Executive Order 13929 Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the Attorney General determined that all state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to be eligible for FY 2022 DOJ discretionary grant funding. To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions: (1) the agency's use-of-force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws and (2) the agency's use-of-force policies prohibit chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law. The certification requirement also applies to law enforcement agencies receiving DOJ discretionary grant funding through a subaward. For detailed information on this certification requirement, please visit https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO to access the Standards for Certification on Safe Policing for Safe

Communities, the Implementation Fact Sheet, and the List of Designated Independent Credentialing Bodies.

All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.

BJA will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only

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BJA may elect to fund applications submitted under this FY 2022 solicitation in future fiscal years, dependent on, among other considerations, the merit of the applications and the availability of appropriations.

Contact Information

For technical assistance with submitting the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL) in Grants.gov, contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 800-518-4726, 606-545-5035, <u>Grants.gov Customer Support</u>, or <u>support@grants.gov</u>. The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.

For technical assistance with submitting the **full application** in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants), contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u>. The JustGrants Service Desk operates 5 a.m. to 9 p.m. eastern time Monday-Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays.

For assistance with any other requirements of this solicitation, contact the OJP Response Center by telephone at 800-851-3420 or TTY: 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only), or by email at <u>grants@ncjrs.gov</u>. The OJP Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., eastern time Monday–Friday, and 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on the solicitation closing date.

Submission Information

Applications will be submitted to DOJ in two steps:

<u>Step 1</u>: The applicant must submit by the Grants.gov deadline the required Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and a Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) form when they register in Grants.gov at <u>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html</u>. To register in Grants.gov, the applicant will need to ensure that its System for Award Management (SAM) registration is current.

Step 2: The applicant must then submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants at <u>JustGrants.usdoj.gov</u>. To be considered timely, the full application must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. OJP encourages applicants to review the "How to Apply" section in the <u>OJP</u> <u>Grant Application Resource Guide</u> and the <u>JustGrants website</u> for more information, resources, and training.

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Program Description

Overview

OJP is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights and racial equity, increases access to justice, supports crime victims and individuals impacted by the justice system, strengthens community safety and protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community. This solicitation includes five separate TTA categories for multiple justice and mental health programs to deliver site-based, program-specific TTA and broader TTA for the field.

Statutory Authority

Categories 1, 2, and 3 are authorized by Pub. L. No. 90-351, Title I, Sec. 2991 (codified at 34 U.S.C. 10651); Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-103). Category 4 is authorized by Department of Justice Appropriations Act, 2022 (Pub. L. No. 117-103). Category 5 is authorized by Pub. L. No. 103-322, Sec. 240001 (codified at 34 U.S.C. 12621).

Specific Information

This solicitation contains five separate categories. Each category is seeking applications for a separate national initiative. Applicants can apply to more than one category but must submit a separate, complete application for each.

- Category 1 seeks applications to provide TTA for the <u>Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program</u> (JMHCP) site-based grantees and state/local-based capacity building for jails, prosecutors, courts, and corrections.
- Category 2 seeks applications to provide TTA for <u>Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health</u>
 <u>Responses</u> (Connect and Protect) site-based grantees.
- Category 3 seeks applications to provide TTA to Enhance Law Enforcement Services for Improved Agency Operations, Policies, and Response to People with MHDs/MHSUDs: Supporting state/local capacity building for jurisdictions and the field.
- Category 4 seeks applications to provide TTA for <u>Crisis Response and Intervention Training</u> (Crisis Response) site-based grantees.
- Category 5 seeks applications to provide TTA for <u>Kevin and Avonte: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing</u> Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities (Kevin and Avonte) site-based grantees.

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Goals

Category 1: Assist and provide comprehensive TTA to grantees and the field to facilitate cross-system collaboration among the criminal justice, mental health, and substance use treatment systems and services to increase access to mental health treatment, recovery supports, and needed services for individuals with MHDs or co-occurring MHSUDs. TTA will specifically focus on JMHCP site-based grantees assisting individuals to be diverted from the justice system and those moving through the criminal justice system, including jails, prosecutors, courts, and community treatment and supervision such as probation and parole.

Category 2: The TTA will focus on assisting law enforcement and their behavioral health (mental health and substance use) and social service provider partners to design, develop, and implement model response programs.

Category 3: The TTA will improve, implement, and/or operationalize the:

a. Establishment of protocols and processes to improve the response to people with MHDs and cooccurring MHSUDs through both 911 and 988 calls for assistance by building dispatch capacity.

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b. Assistance to justice and behavioral health agencies to implement best practice policies related to responding to people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs.

c. Facilitation and coordination of BJA's law enforcement and mental health peer learning sites and other peer-to-peer learning opportunities.

d. Assistance to departments to identify, code, and count calls for service resulting in a national count in the number of calls for service and to inform policy involving people with MHDs and MHSUDs.

e. Development and creation of topically relevant law enforcement resources pertaining to reducing unnecessary citizen contact with the criminal justice system.

f. Creation of a resource repository and coordination of BJA-supported law enforcement-related TTA providers including those that support JMHCP; the Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program; Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse (COSSAP) Program; and the Students, Teachers, and Officers Preventing School Violence (STOP) Program.

Category 4:

Provide TTA to BJA's Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program grantees and deliver BJA's <u>Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program</u> Curriculum to agencies requesting it throughout the field. Develop and expand resources to people in crisis who have MHD, co-occurring MHSUDs, or physical and developmental disabilities.

Category 5:

Deliver TTA to support BJA's Kevin and Avonte's Law grantees to implement practices that reduce the number of deaths and injuries to individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments, and to track missing individuals and/or develop or operate programs to prevent wandering, increase individuals' safety, and facilitate rescue.

Objectives

Category 1:

- Provide direct assistance to an anticipated 40 active JMHCP grantees awarded in the fall of 2022 and develop resources for the field, including unfunded communities, that need assistance to improve or enhance justice and mental health collaboration.
- Provide individualized, efficient, and consistent delivery of TTA to help grantees meet their federally funded program objectives and achieve a sustainable program by the end of their project period.
- Assist grantees that are interested to learn about, and develop, a uniform program evaluation. The provider shall routinely engage grantees on their evaluation activities process, including data collection, providing guidance on the evaluation plan to ensure quality design, relationship with and feedback from evaluators, and evaluation plan progress.

Category 2:

- Provide direct TTA to Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health site-based grantees and resources to law enforcement agencies and community service partnerships to plan and implement a model law enforcement behavioral health response program.
- Provide individualized, efficient, and consistent delivery of TTA to help grantees meet their federally funded program objectives and achieve a sustainable program by the end of their project period.
- Assist grantees that are interested to learn about, and develop, a uniform program evaluation. The provider shall routinely engage grantees on their evaluation activities process, including data collection, providing guidance on the evaluation plan to ensure quality design, relationship with and feedback from evaluators, and evaluation plan progress.

Category 3:

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- To provide direct TTA, expert consultation, and written resources to support law enforcement agencies and the field with specialized services to enhance or improve agency operations, policies, and programming that impact responses to people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs.
- Establish a national call center to: (a) receive TTA requests; (b) coordinate BJA's 14 law enforcement mental health learning sites; (c) identify, code, and count calls for service involving people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs to understand their prevalence and response rates to them; (d) increase capacity-building for 911 and 988 coordination; and (e) explore, enhance, implement, and coordinate with other behavioral health response programs and develop a law enforcement related-TTA provider repository that includes BJA's law enforcement and behavioral health TTA providers such as STOP TTA providers.

Category 4:

- Provide TTA and consultation to BJA's law enforcement and corrections-based grantees who receive funding through the Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program and assist them to plan and implement a best practice program utilizing materials developed through this program.
- Provide individualized, efficient, and consistent delivery of TTA to help grantees meet their federally funded program objectives, such as improving or enhancing responses to people with MHDs, co-occurring MHSUDs, or disabilities, and to achieve a sustainable program by the end of their project period.
- Assist grantees that are interested to learn about and develop a uniform program evaluation. The provider shall routinely engage grantees on their evaluation activities process, including data collection, providing guidance on the evaluation plan to ensure quality design, relationship with and feedback from evaluators, and evaluation plan progress.

Category 5:

- Propose a replicable system to track missing individuals and/or develop and implement policy and programs to prevent wandering, increase individuals' safety, and facilitate rescue when they have gone missing.
- Provide TTA and consultation to support Kevin and Avonte's Law site-based grantees.
- Guide and coach grantees in the development of programmatic, public health, and safety partnerships, with the aid of technology and equipment, to prevent people with disabilities and Alzheimer's disease from wandering away from safety by deploying person-centered approaches and best practices.
- Raise awareness and engage the community in public safety strategies that prevent wandering and facilitate the safe return of people with disabilities.

Deliverables

All Categories:

- Utilize a diverse range of vetted local and national subject matter experts including practitioners, academics, persons with lived experience, and federal partners to plan and implement TTA activities.
- Coordinate all activities and products with BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) and maintain an online project tracking tool that both the TTA provider and BJA can access and contribute to.
- Support and maintain a dedicated website to house BJA's products, resources, and tools for grantees and the field.

Category 1:

• Develop and provide information and TTA to JMHCP grantees and the field, and support cross-system

Page 8 of 27 O-BJA-2022-171285 partnerships with behavioral health entities and cross-organizational coordination spanning the entire criminal justice system. Work directly with all current JMHCP grantees, establish regular communications, be fully aware of the work of each grant, develop written technical assistance plans and coach each grantee on their required planning and implementation guide, and support plans that reach their stated goals and objectives with evidence-based and best practice approaches.

- Guide grantees throughout the implementation phase toward achieving sustainable approaches once the federal funding has ended.
- Increase the delivery of products and tools that focus on the protection of civil rights for people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs; address inequities as they relate to service populations and access to care; advance reform for response and community engagement; advance the juvenile justice response by enhancing developmentally appropriate, best practice treatment for youth; use data, science, and innovation to inform practice; and support grantees that serve people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs who are victims of crime.
- Expand tools and resources to support partnerships between justice and mental health professionals.
- Assist BJA, federal partners, and others to support and build capacity at the state and local levels to make mental health and substance use disorder treatment, recovery support, and other social service specialists and organizations the primary responders in situations involving low-level crimes and people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs in crisis.
- Proactively build knowledge and capacity in the field. This includes coordinating and supporting a BJA presence at national meetings and conferences via workshops, panel presentations, briefings, and gatherings on current national best practices to address the needs of and responses to individuals with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs in crisis.
- Develop, provide, and improve information and TTA delivery to unfunded communities and the field. Support cross-organizational coordination, program planning and implementation, and improved public health and safety efforts spanning the entire criminal justice system in collaboration with treatment, recovery, disability advocacy, familial, peer/lived experience, and service provider communities.
- Increase the coordination and production of tools and resources that build state and local capacities to improve system responses to, and outcomes for, people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs under community supervision such as probation and parole.
- Assist grantees in the collection of performance measure data for submission of report metrics in the JustGrants system and the Performance Measurement Tool, working in collaboration with the local research partners when relevant. The TTA provider will assist BJA to identify and respond to trends identified from the performance measure data submissions.
- Assist grantees in identifying outcome measures and planning for data collection to inform program planning and service delivery.
- Identify and maintain a list of subject matter experts whose knowledge and experience best fit the needs of the grantees. With the approval of BJA, assign TTA consultants to assist grantees and report on and monitor the TTA assistance provided. This expertise shall include the ability to provide specialized training to criminal justice and juvenile justice personnel in appropriate de-escalation and diversion techniques.
- Maintain a listserv of grantees, subgrantees, and key contacts responsible for undertaking grant and related activities, including interested state, local, and tribal contacts and federal and national partners.
- Develop capacity and operationalize at least four in-person and virtual convenings on effective and innovative justice and mental health topics that support grantees and the field.
- Plan to support travel for grantees and teams of justice and mental health communities without grant funding to national conferences, peer visits, and convenings related to justice and mental health. A

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• Host in-person and virtual convenings, webinars, communities of practices, and other educational opportunities. Provide BJA with the opportunity to review and contribute to the content including adequate lead time for logo consideration.

Category 2:

- Develop and provide information and TTA to Connect and Protect grantees and the field and support cross organizational coordination between law enforcement and behavioral health system service providers. Work directly with all current Connect and Protect grantees, establish regular communications, be fully aware of the work of each grantee, develop written technical assistance plans and coach each grantee on their required planning and implementation guide, and support plans to reach their stated goals and objectives with evidence-based and best practice approaches.
- Guide grantees throughout the implementation phase to achieve sustainable approaches once the federal funding has ended.
- Assist grantees in identifying outcome measures and planning for data collection to inform program planning and service delivery.
- Increase the delivery of products and tools that focus on the protection of civil rights for people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs; address inequities as they relate to service populations and access to care; advance reform for response and community engagement; advance the juvenile justice response by enhancing developmentally appropriate, best practice treatment for youth; use data, science, and innovation to inform practice and support to grantees that serve people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs who are victims of crime.
- Expand tools and resources for law enforcement and mental health professionals to implement best practice models such as crisis response and intervention team, co-responder, mobile crisis teams, and other response models that partner law enforcement and behavioral health providers.
- Support and coordinate travel to peer-to-peer learning sites and plan for Connect and Protect grantees to visit law enforcement/mental health learning sites to observe, gather policies, and participate in various police-mental health collaboration (PMHC) strategies. Set aside TTA funding to allow for peer-to-peer learning activities.
- Extend opportunities to the field to attend relevant MHD- and co-occurring MHSUD-related conferences. Facilitate presentations and outside or national subject matter experts to participate in at least two workshops at major conferences annually to share local law enforcement successes, new products, and approaches.
- Produce high quality knowledge-sharing discussion papers, guides, briefs, webinars, and other knowledgesharing products for the criminal justice and law enforcement fields that focus on the unique contributions of Connect and Protect grantees with their systemwide approach to collaboration.
- Separately maintain a program-specific website that independently houses related documents and webinars related to the Connect and Protect Program, along with publications and an interactive map of grantees to include: project title, a brief project description, system-specific intercept, and other pertinent information in agreement with BJA. Maintain and update new material weekly.
- Operate and expand law enforcement services to support police and mental health partnerships, peer-topeer support, and expert consultation through BJA's law enforcement mental health learning sites.
- Host in-person and virtual convenings, webinars, communities of practices, and other educational opportunities. Provide BJA with the opportunity to review and contribute to content with adequate lead time for logo and overall branding consideration.

Category 3:

- Expand tools and resources to support law enforcement, prosecutors, and mental health professionals to implement best-practice models such as crisis response and intervention teams, co-responder, mobile crisis teams, and other response models that partner law enforcement (or correctional) with disability and behavioral health providers.
- Expand tools and resources that support data collection, the development of outcome measures, and the application of data to inform policy and practice.
- Assist law enforcement agencies to implement best-practice policies that improve public and officer health and safety in responding to people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs.
- Support law enforcement services that emphasize improved agency operations and officer responses to people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs while performing law enforcement responsibilities.
- Develop and provide information and TTA to the law enforcement field to support cross-organizational coordination and improved or enhanced responses to people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs.
- Establish, set up, and market a no-cost, a central location for practitioners to request TTA to improve and enhance law enforcement agency responses.
- Coordinate, convene, and engage BJA's 14 Law Enforcement Mental Health Peer Learning sites by
 organizing host visits and overseeing product reviews, consultation, and data collection. Support peer-topeer learning through visits to the learning sites. A minimum of \$30,000 should be allocated in the budget
 for direct support of peer-to-peer learning activities.
- Operate and expand law enforcement services to support police and mental health partnerships, peer-topeer support, and expert consultation through BJA's Law Enforcement Mental Health Peer Learning sites.
- Using best-practice guidance and DOJ-developed tools, organize and develop a process to assist law enforcement agencies to identify calls for service involving individuals with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs through the use of technology and subject experts who can provide expertise in coding and capturing calls to assist with reporting to aggregate prevalence on a national, state, and local level.
- Engage expert working groups, states, national leadership associations, and peer support organizations to assist law enforcement agencies as they improve or enhance 911 dispatch, <u>988: America's Suicide</u> <u>Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Lifeline</u>, and service coordination to appropriately route and respond to calls for service with policy, protocols, and practices.
- Devise a public awareness campaign and products in coordination with federal partners leading the 988 effort such as the Department of Health and Human Services, include written guidance, portable laminated guides, pocket cards, and other informational resources about 988 that can be broadly shared between stakeholder agencies and community members.
- Plan, design, and coordinate with other behavioral health TTA provider entities to aggregate existing data sets and create a resource repository of TTA providers with an expertise and work history in national delivery of law enforcement-related MHD and co-occurring MHSUD services.
- Convene, host, and facilitate law enforcement-related planning, strategy, and forecasting group meetings to identify current needs of the field. Develop resources to address those knowledge gaps.

Category 4:

• Utilize BJA's forthcoming national curriculum (through the Academic Training Initiative) on Crisis Response and Intervention Training, <u>best-practice resources</u>, and planning and implementation guidance to provide expert site-based planning, implementing, and tool development to further enhance crisis response programs for law enforcement and correctional/community supervision officers and their service

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- Serve as the TTA provider to the Crisis Response grantees and the field and support cross-system coordination between law enforcement and behavioral health system service providers. Work directly with all current Crisis Response grantees, establish regular communications, and be fully aware of the work of each grantee throughout the lifecycle of the grant awards.
- Develop a process to receive requests for crisis response and intervention training, and select law enforcement agencies and correctional agencies to receive the training. Deliver crisis response and intervention training (CRIT) nationwide on request.
- Onboard and deliver new grantee orientations, and offer grant management guidance through coordinated webinars and tools responsive to law enforcement and correctional officers.
- Develop written technical assistance plans and coach each grantee on their required planning and implementation guide. Support plans that reach their stated goals and objectives with evidence-based and best-practice approaches.
- Expand tools and resources that support data collection, the development of outcome measures, and the application of data to inform policy and practice.
- Guide grantees throughout the implementation phase to achieve sustainable approaches once the federal funding has ended.
- Increase the delivery of products and tools that focus on the protection of civil rights for people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs; address inequities as they relate to service populations and access to care; advance reform for response and community engagement; advance the juvenile justice response by enhancing developmentally appropriate, best practice treatment for youth; use data, science, and innovation to inform practice; and support grantees that serve people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs who are victims of crime.
- Develop and maintain model evidence-based policies on responding to people with MHDs and co-occurring MHSUDs. Work with law enforcement, correctional agencies, and others like behavioral health professionals and people with lived experience to develop specific guidance, standards, and model policies and practices that are supported by practitioners and non-justice stakeholder groups for departments/agencies of varying sizes. Ensure those standards, policies, and practices are maintained and updated.
- Plan to meet and develop TTA tools and practices monthly through cross-organizational coordination with federal, state, and local law enforcement and behavioral health stakeholders and people with lived experience to improve or enhance responses to calls for service involving people with MHDs, co-occurring MHSUDs, and disabilities.
- Gather best practices in coordinated crisis response and identify areas for further development, specifically in corrections. Compile them into a guide of evidence-based/best practices.
- Convene law enforcement stakeholder organizations and correctional agencies to explore best practices.
- In partnership with corrections associations, develop or enhance a CRIT curriculum for corrections officers.
- Participate in national conferences, events, and training opportunities. Support the travel of subject experts to the same.
- Host in-person and virtual convenings, webinars, communities of practices, and other educational
 opportunities. Provide BJA with the opportunity to review and contribute to the content with adequate lead
 time for logo and overall branding consideration
- Enhance existing tools/develop academic-based products/resources for grantees to assist them as they

respond to people with MHDs, co-occurring MHSUDs, and disabilities.

- Conduct strategic planning with up to four law enforcement agencies or correctional entities to assist in planning, developing, and implementing training and associated policies/practices.
- Develop technology solutions to increase the availability/accessibility of training in a virtual environment.
- Develop a web page for the training program. Update at least bi-monthly or as needed.
- Coordinate and track the curriculum's use and all TTA using BJA products.
- Provide monthly updates to BJA regarding progress on the performance measures.
- Increase awareness of BJA's products and resources for crisis response (yearly).
- Complete ad hoc tasks, as necessary, as BJA requests.

Category 5:

- Design and implement a national public education campaign that increases awareness and educates the
 public on ways to identify individuals with disabilities and/or Alzheimer's disease who might be in distress,
 and promotes strategies to prevent and aid in the successful recovery of these individuals who are prone to
 wandering away from safe environments. The campaign should be maintained on the <u>Home Safe website</u>
 and include items such as radio public service announcements, web banners, and posters that can be
 easily distributed to be accessible to the field.
- Provide TTA to local law enforcement agencies and organizations funded under the Kevin and Avonte Program to develop a needs assessment within the first 6 months of the award period. Work with grantees to support cross-system coordination between law enforcement and behavioral health system service providers. TTA should also include working directly with all current Kevin and Avonte grantees, establishing regular communications, hosting quarterly networkwide training events, and maintaining awareness of each grant's progress throughout the lifecycle of the grant awards.
- Support Kevin and Avonte grantees in the development of local public education campaigns to increase awareness and successful implementation of model prevention and response policies and protocols among the key constituency groups.
- Provide best practice guidance to site-based collaborative programs developed between law enforcement
 and public health officials that implement locative technologies in consultation with individuals with lived
 experience and/or their families.
- Maintain a cadre of subject matter experts, including law enforcement and other first responder leadership, clinicians, school administrators, service providers, and representatives of organizations representing family members and people with lived experience, for virtual and in-person TTA events and focus groups.
- Identify and/or develop best and evidence-based practices for prevention, response, rescue, and recovery of individuals who, due to their dementia or developmental disabilities, may wander from safe environments.
- Assist Kevin and Avonte grantees with the implementation of model law enforcement, school, family, and health care provider prevention programs, response policies and protocols, and notification or communications systems for alerts, advisories, or dissemination of other information for the recovery of missing individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities.
- Develop assessment tools for use by Kevin and Avonte grantees, and made available to the field, to assess
 the extent to which their current policies and practices meet the identified best or evidence-based policies
 and practices as they relate to the prevention and recovery of missing individuals with dementia or
 developmental disabilities.
- Assist DOJ to develop standards and best practices, using research and focus groups, for the use of

Page 13 of 27 O-BJA-2022-171285 noninvasive and nonpermanent tracking devices where a guardian or parent has determined that a noninvasive and nonpermanent tracking device is the least restrictive alternative to locate individuals.

The Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables are directly related to the performance measures that show the completed work's results as discussed in the "Application and Submission Information" section.

Evidence-Based Programs or Practices

OJP strongly encourages the use of data and evidence in policymaking and program development for criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services. For additional information and resources on evidence-based programs or practices, see the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide.

Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities

OJP may conduct or support an evaluation of the programs and activities funded under this solicitation. For additional information, see the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> section entitled "Information Regarding Potential Evaluation of Programs and Activities."

OJP Priority Areas

This solicitation does not contain OJP priority considerations.

Federal Award Information

Solicitation Categories

Competition ID	Category *	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount for Award	Performance Start Date	Performance Duration (Months)
C-BJA-2022-00118-PROD	1	1	\$2,300,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	24
C-BJA-2022-00119-PROD	2	1	\$2,300,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	24
C-BJA-2022-00120-PROD	3	1	\$1,000,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	24
C-BJA-2022-00121-PROD	4	1	\$2,250,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	24
C-BJA-2022-00122-PROD	5	1	\$750,000.00	10/1/22 12:00 AM	24

Awards, Amounts and Durations

Period of Performance Start Date

10/1/22 12:00 AM

Period of Performance Duration (Months) 24

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Anticipated Total Amount to be Awarded Under Solicitation

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Additional Information

Maximum dollar amount for each award:

Category 1—\$2,300,000,	Category 2 — \$2,300,000,	
Category 3— \$1,000,000,	Category 4 — \$2,250,000,	Category 5— \$750,000.

Continuation Funding Intent

BJA may, in certain cases, provide additional funding in future years to awards made under this solicitation through continuation awards. OJP will consider, among other factors, OJP's strategic priorities, a recipient's overall management of the award, and the award-funded work's progress, when making continuation award decisions.

Availability of Funds

This solicitation, and awards (if any are made) under this solicitation are subject to the availability of appropriated funds and to any modifications or additional requirements that may be imposed by the agency or by law. In addition, nothing in this solicitation is intended to, and does not, create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law or in equity by any party against the United States; its departments, agencies, or entities; its officers, employees, or agents; or any other person.

Types of Awards

BJA expects to make awards under this solicitation as cooperative agreements, which provide for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities. See the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section of the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Financial Management and System of Internal Controls

Award recipients and subrecipients (including recipients or subrecipients that are pass-through entities) must, as described in the Part 200 Uniform Requirements as set out at 2 C.F.R. 200.303, comply with standards for financial and program management. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Budget Information

Technological devices, artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, and other data-driven solutions ("Technological Enhancements") are increasingly used to augment crime reduction strategies and efforts. Care must be taken to assess and address any potential harm that could be activated by these solutions to ensure privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties are protected. Applicants proposing to utilize grant funds to support technological enhancements directly or via TTA may receive priority consideration if their proposal addresses the tenants of digital trust such as:

- How the technology will be carefully implemented through training of personnel and the setting and enforcement of policies governing its use to ensure that it contributes to positive outcomes for public safety, the community, and/or the criminal justice system.
- How the applicant will safeguard privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties throughout the duration of the project period.

Submit a budget that is complete, cost effective, and allowable (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

Budget narratives should demonstrate generally how the applicant will maximize cost effectiveness of grant expenditures. They should explain how costs are intended to meet the objectives of the program and show all calculations. Budget narratives should demonstrate cost effectiveness in relation to potential alternatives and the objectives of the project.

Applicants must set aside an adequate amount of funding to implement a data collection plan.

Cost Sharing or Matching Requirement

This solicitation does not require a match.

Unmanned Aircraft Systems

The use of BJA grant funds for unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), including unmanned aircraft vehicles (UAV), and all accompanying accessories to support UAS or UAV, is unallowable.

Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs)

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> information on Pre-agreement Costs (also known as Pre-award Costs).

Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation: Waiver

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> information on the Limitation on Use of Award Funds for Employee Compensation; Waiver.

Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on Prior Approval, Planning, and Reporting of Conference/Meeting/Training Costs.

Costs Associated with Language Assistance (if applicable)

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on Costs Associated with Language Assistance.

Eligibility Information

For eligibility information, see the solicitation cover page.

For information on cost sharing or match requirements, see the "Federal Award Information" section.

Application and Submission Information

The following application elements **must** be included in the application to meet the basic minimum requirements to advance to peer review and receive consideration for funding:

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form) (The web-based form includes the budget details and the budget narrative.
- A currently drafted memorandum of understanding (MOU) or letters of support to demonstrate partnership with one or more organizations with expertise and national engagement in the following subject areas: law enforcement, mental health, courts, prosecution, judicial associations, probation and parole, and community treatment and supervision.
- In addition to the above, applicants applying under Category 5 must attach an MOU or letters of support to demonstrate partnership with one or more organizations with expertise and national engagement working with people who have intellectual or developmental disabilities and are aiding in the search and recovery of missing persons.

See the "Application Elements and Formatting Instructions" section of the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on what happens to an application that does not contain all the specified elements or that is nonresponsive to the scope of the solicitation.

Information to Complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

Page 16 of 27 O-BJA-2022-171285 The SF-424 must be submitted in Grants.gov. It is a required standard form used as a cover sheet for submission of pre-applications, applications, and related information. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information on completing the SF-424.

In Section F of the SF-424, please include the name and contact information of the individual **who will complete the application in JustGrants**. JustGrants will use this information *(email address)* to assign the application to this user in JustGrants.

Intergovernmental Review: This solicitation ("funding opportunity") **is not** subject to <u>Executive Order (E.O.)</u> <u>12372</u>. (In completing the SF-424, an applicant is to answer question 19 by selecting "Program is not covered by E.O. 12372.")

Standard Applicant Information (JustGrants 424 and General Agency Information)

The "Standard Applicant Information" section of the JustGrants application is pre-populated with the SF-424 data submitted in Grants.gov. The applicant will need to review the Standard Applicant Information in JustGrants and make edits as needed. Within this section, the applicant will need to add zip codes for areas affected by the project, confirm its Authorized Representative, and verify and confirm the organization's unique entity identifier, legal name, and address.

Proposal Abstract

A proposal abstract (no more than 400 words) summarizing the proposed project, including the purpose of the project, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, intended beneficiaries and subrecipients (if known), will be completed in the JustGrants web-based form. This abstract should be written in the third person and will be made publicly available on the OJP website if the project is awarded. Proposal abstracts should be:

- Written for a general public audience.
- Submitted as a separate attachment with "Proposal Abstract" as part of its file name.
- Single-spaced, using a standard 12-point Times New Roman font with 1-inch margins.

If the applicant is seeking priority consideration, applicant **must** provide the following information:

- Which priority consideration is being sought.
- What page(s) in the proposal narrative provide documentation of the applicant's plan to respond to the priority consideration.

Proposal Narrative

The proposal narrative should be submitted as an attachment in JustGrants. The attached document should be double-spaced, using a standard 12-point font; have no less than 1-inch margins; and should not exceed **20 pages**. Pages should be numbered and submitted as an attachment. If the proposal narrative fails to comply with these length restrictions, BJA may consider such noncompliance in peer review and in final award decision.

The following sections must be included as part of the proposal narrative:

- a. Description of the Issue OR Statement of the Problem if research is involved
 - Describe the need for technical assistance, as well as the challenges that local, state, and tribal justice and mental health agencies face in planning, implementing, or expanding comprehensive efforts to respond to people with MHDs, co-occurring MHSUDs, and developmental disabilities.
 - Provide a clear and concise statement that provides a thorough understanding of why development, enhancement, and implementation of the program category (1–5) are important and describe what impact trained and supported responses will have on the community and health.
 - Describe successful methods of TTA delivery and the importance of expert strategies to engage sitebased grantees and the field more broadly.

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- Discuss the impact of best practice approaches in planning and implementation on program outcomes and the role of TTA in striving to improve site-based and fieldwide outcomes.
- Describe plans to achieve overall success in states, tribes, and local justice systems; behavioral health; and disability programs; and what could possibly result due to a lack of TTA and bestpractice guidance.
- Discuss the effectiveness of expert TTA and best-practice strategies on sustainable programming.
- Provide a list of subrecipients or contractors who will provide TTA.

b. Project Design and Implementation

- Describe how the applicant will identify, assess, and deliver the proposed assistance at the local level through national, state, tribal, and local partnerships. Detail how effective TTA will be delivered as outlined in the "Program Description Specific Information" section.
- Provide specific information on any materials to be developed for grantees and nongrantees.
- Provide a complete description of all the requested deliverables, the methods for their delivery, and how they will be implemented (e.g., adult learning principles, development sources, distance learning, process for information assessment, and revision), including coordination of deliverable timelines for training approval.
- Demonstrate a well-thought-out plan for transferring knowledge, best practices, and assistance to the overall law enforcement, disability, and behavioral health fields, including a description of how the applicant envisions working on behalf of BJA and other partners in providing these services.
- Provide a timeline (as an attachment) for completing the deliverables and identify the percentage of time to be dedicated by the individuals responsible for each task, including personnel and contractors.
- Technological devices, artificial intelligence, predictive analytics, and other data-driven solutions ("Technological Enhancements") are increasingly used to augment crime reduction strategies and efforts. Care must be taken to assess and address any potential harm that could be activated by these solutions to ensure privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties are protected. Applicants proposing to utilize grant funds to support technological enhancements directly or via TTA may receive priority consideration if their proposal addresses the tenants of digital trust such as:
 - How the technology will be carefully implemented through training of personnel and the setting and enforcement of policies governing its use to ensure that it contributes to positive outcomes for public safety, the community, and/or the criminal justice system.
 - How the applicant will safeguard privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties throughout the duration
 of the project period.
- c. Capabilities and Competencies
 - Clearly articulate the applicant institution's history of involvement with implementation and technical assistance coordination at a national scope. Illustrate its ability to effectively manage complex training, technical assistance, and national programs and projects.
 - Describe the management structure, staffing, and in-house or contracted capacity to complete the objectives and associated deliverables.
 - Attach three examples of relevant products the applicant has produced that exemplify high quality products to communicate effectively with stakeholders (e.g., website, fact sheet, research brief, link to archived webinar, technical assistance final report with recommendations, infographics, etc.).

- Include résumé(s)/curriculum vitae of key project staff demonstrating law enforcement, MHDs, MHSUDs, and disability service delivery-related experience that is specific to the scope of the initiative's goals and objectives. Include letters of support/memoranda of understanding to demonstrate partnerships as part of the project design.
- Describe in detail the staff's competency and work experience within a law enforcement agency or their work history within a criminal justice organization/association. The applicant should describe its plans to include a significant law enforcement, courts, corrections, mental health, or disability presence within the applicant agency that mirrors the target audience within states, counties, and local law enforcement organizations.
- Describe the representation, experience, and expertise of the applicant and proposed contractors/consultants/subrecipients/partners in the following areas: law enforcement, MHDs, MHSUDs, disability service provider delivery systems, advocacy groups, individuals with lived experience, and family members.
- Ensure the applicant agency has on staff, or under contract, experienced individuals to organize and deliver products/training with the skills, expertise, and ability to plan and implement collaborative response strategies between justice entities and their mental health/disability service delivery system partners (e.g., crisis stabilization unit, co-responder teams, community court, disability response teams, specialized probation), as envisioned by the community receiving TTA.
- Describe how the proposed management structure and staffing of the project will facilitate the delivery of the TTA services. The management and organizational structure should match the staffing needs necessary to accomplish the tasks outlined in the project task timeline. Information regarding the personnel assigned to these tasks and whether their résumés and role descriptions are included will contribute to the assignment of points relative to this criterion.

d. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures

- Describe the process the applicant will use to measure project performance. This should include measures for adhering to the project task timeline, meeting deliverable schedules, obtaining input from grantees, and seeking feedback from stakeholders.
- Identify what data will be collected, who will be responsible for collecting and reporting the data, who is responsible for performance measurement, how the data will be stored, how any personally identifiable information will be protected, and how the information will be used to guide the program.

Note: Applicants are **not** required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements.

OJP will require each successful applicant to submit regular performance data that show the completed work's results. The performance data directly relate to the goals, objectives, and deliverables identified in the "Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables" discussion. Applicants can visit OJP's performance measurement page at <u>www.ojp.gov/performance</u> for an overview of performance measurement activities at OJP.

A list of performance measure questions for this program can be found here.

BJA will require award recipients to submit performance measure data in the TTA Reporting Portal and separately submit a semi-annual performance report in JustGrants. BJA will provide further guidance on the post-award submission process, if selected for award.

Note on Project Evaluations

An applicant that proposes to use award funds through this solicitation to conduct project evaluations must follow the guidance in the "Note on Project Evaluations" section in the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>.

Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline

Page 19 of 27 O-BJA-2022-171285 The applicant will submit the goals, objectives, and deliverables in the JustGrants web-based form.

Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)

The applicant will complete the JustGrants web-based budget form. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource</u> <u>Guide for additional information</u>.

At a minimum, Category 1 and 3 applicants should set aside/allocate \$30,000 in the budget for direct support of peer-to-peer learning activities.

Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable)

The applicant will submit its indirect cost rate agreement by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

Financial Management Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)

The applicant will download the questionnaire, complete it, and submit it by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for the link to the questionnaire and additional i</u> nformation.

Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation

If applicable, the applicant will submit a description of the process used to determine executive compensation by uploading the document as an attachment in JustGrants. See the "Application Attachments" section of the <u>OJP</u> <u>Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information.

Additional Application Components

Applicants will attach the following documents as separate attachments in JustGrants.

Tribal Authorizing Resolution

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of tribal authorizing documentation as an attachment. If applicable, the applicant will submit the tribal authorizing documentation by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on tribal authorizing resolutions.

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement

If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. The applicant will submit documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants. For additional information, see the <u>OJP Grant</u> <u>Application Resource Guide</u>.

Project Task Timeline

Include a comprehensive timeline that identifies milestones, numerically listed deliverables, and who is responsible for each activity (provide their title and agency name).

Position Descriptions and Résumés

Include position descriptions and résumés for key project personnel.

Examples of Work Products

Attach three examples of relevant products the organization has produced that exemplify high quality products that communicate effectively with stakeholders (e.g., website, fact sheet, research brief, link to archived webinar, technical assistance final report with recommendations, infographics, etc.).

Supporting Documentation of Past Training Delivery Experience

Attach documentation of prior experience delivering training, including a URL of a website built and maintained, an example of an individualized technical assistance work plan, sample policy documents, fact sheets, and sample curriculum.

Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients

Attach a list of proposed subrecipients of grant funding, if applicable, that includes the name, organizational affiliation, and location of the proposed subrecipient entity.

Disclosures and Assurances

The applicant will address the following disclosures and assurances.

Disclosure of Lobbying Activities

Complete and submit the SF-LLL in Grants.gov. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information.

DOJ Certified Standard Assurances

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Standard Assurances in JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource</u> <u>Guide</u> for additional information.

Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items

Complete the JustGrants web-based Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items form. See the <u>OJP Grant</u> <u>Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements

Review and accept the DOJ Certified Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements; Law Enforcement and Community Policing in JustGrants. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information.

Applicant Disclosure and Justification - DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable)

If applicable, submit the DOJ High Risk Disclosure and Justification as an attachment in JustGrants. A DOJ High Risk Grantee is an award recipient that has received a DOJ High Risk designation based on a documented history of unsatisfactory performance, financial instability, management system or other internal control deficiencies, or noncompliance with award terms and conditions on prior awards, or is otherwise not responsible. See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for additional information

How to Apply

Step 1: The applicant must submit the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov at <u>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html</u>.

Step 2: The applicant must then submit the full application, including attachments, in JustGrants at

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JustGrants.usdoj.gov.

For additional information, see the "How to Apply" section in the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> and the <u>DOJ Application Submission Checklist</u>.

Submission Dates and Time

The SF-424 and the SF-LLL must be submitted in Grants.gov by 8:59 PM ET on May 31, 2022

The full application must be submitted in JustGrants by 8:59 PM ET on June 6, 2022

OJP urges applicants to submit their Grants.gov and JustGrants submissions prior to the due dates to allow sufficient time to correct errors and resubmit by the submission deadlines if a rejection notification is received. To be considered timely, the **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline.

Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues

An applicant that experiences unforeseen SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants technical issues beyond its control that prevent application submission by the deadline must demonstrate all efforts in requesting technical support in order to submit an application by the deadline. Technical support is available via phone and email to the applicable SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants support centers or service desks in which an applicant received a ticket number for resolution. If an applicant misses a deadline due to unforeseen technical difficulties, the applicant may request a waiver to submit an application after the deadline. *Note: If an applicant does not submit all the required Grants.gov forms by the Grants.gov deadline, the applicant will not be able to proceed to the JustGrants portion of the application process.*

Applicants experiencing technical difficulties with the following systems must contact the associated support desk indicated below to report the technical issue and receive a tracking number:

- Grants.gov Contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline.
- SAM.gov Contact the SAM Help Desk (Federal Service Desk).
- JustGrants Contact the JustGrants Support Desk at JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov or 833-872-5175.

An applicant requesting a waiver to submit a late application must document their request for technical assistance in an email to the OJP Response Center at grants@ncjrs.gov within 24 hours after the application deadline to request approval to submit their application after the deadline. If an applicant has technical issues with Grants.gov, the applicant must contact the Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline within 24 hours of the Grants.gov deadline to request approval to submit after the deadline. However, waiver requests will not be reviewed until after the JustGrants deadline to allow time for all waivers to be submitted. Waiver requests to submit after the submission deadline must:

- Describe the technical difficulties experienced.
- Include a timeline of the applicant's submission efforts (e.g., what date and time did the error occur, what date and time was action taken to resolve the issue and resubmit; and what date and time did support representatives respond).
- Include an attachment(s) of the complete grant application and all required documentation and material.
- Include the applicant's Unique Entity Identifier (UEI), and any applicable SAM.gov tracking number(s), Grants.gov Help Desk, and JustGrants Support Desk Ticket Numbers.

OJP will review each request for late submission and required supporting documentation and notify the applicant whether the request has been approved or denied. For more details on the waiver process, OJP encourages applicants to review the "Experiencing Unforeseen Technical Issues" section in the <u>OJP Grant Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>.

Application Review Information

Review Criteria

a. Merit Review Criteria

Applications that meet the basic minimum requirements will be evaluated by peer reviewers on how the proposed project/program addresses the following criteria:

- 1. Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (15 percent) Evaluate the applicant's understanding of the program/issue to be addressed.
- 2. Project Design and Implementation (40 percent) Evaluate the adequacy of the proposal, including the goals, objectives, timelines, milestones, and deliverables.
- 3. Capabilities and Competencies (30 percent) Evaluate the administrative and technical capacity of the applicant to successfully accomplish the goals and objectives.
- Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (5 percent) Evaluate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements and the plan for collecting the required data.
- 5. Budget (10 percent) Evaluate for completeness, cost effectiveness, and allowability (e.g., reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities).

b. Other Review Criteria/Factors

Other important considerations for BJA include geographic diversity, strategic priorities (Specifically including, but not limited to technological enhancements — the priority area already mentioned), available funding, past performance, past funding utilization, history of product impact and the extent to which the budget worksheet and budget narrative (web-based form) accurately explain project costs that are reasonable, necessary, and otherwise allowable under federal law and applicable federal cost principles.

Review Process

Applications submitted under this solicitation that meet basic minimum requirements will be evaluated for technical merit by a peer review panel(s) in accordance with OJP peer review policy and procedures using the review criteria listed above.

OJP screens applications to ensure they meet the basic minimum requirements prior to conducting the peer review. Although specific requirements may vary, the following are common requirements applicable to all OJP solicitations:

- 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 necessary to meet the basic minimum requirements.

Pursuant to the Part 200 Uniform Requirements, before award decisions are made, OJP also reviews information related to the degree of risk posed by the applicant. Among other things to help assess whether an applicant with one or more prior federal awards has a satisfactory record with respect to performance, integrity, and business ethics, OJP checks whether the applicant is listed in SAM as excluded from receiving a federal award.

In addition, if OJP anticipates that an award will exceed \$250,000 in federal funds, OJP also must review and consider any information about the applicant that appears in the non-public segment of the integrity and performance system accessible through SAM (currently, the Federal Awardee Performance and Integrity Information System, FAPIIS).

Important note on FAPIIS: An applicant may review and comment on any information about itself that currently

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Absent explicit statutory authorization or written delegation of authority to the contrary, all final award decisions will be made by the Assistant Attorney General, who may consider not only peer review ratings and BJA recommendations, but also other factors as indicated in this section.

Federal Award Administration Information

Federal Award Notices

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on award notifications and instructions.

Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements

If selected for funding, in addition to implementing the funded project consistent with the OJP-approved application, the recipient must comply with all award conditions and all applicable requirements of federal statutes and regulations, including the applicable requirements referred to in the assurances and certifications executed in connection with award acceptance. For additional information on these legal requirements, see the "Administrative, National Policy, and Other Legal Requirements" section in the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource</u> <u>Guide</u>.

Information Technology (IT) Security Clauses

An application in response to this solicitation may require inclusion of information related to information technology security. See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on information technology security.

General Information about Post-Federal Award Reporting Requirements

In addition to the deliverables described in the "Program Description" section, all award recipients under this solicitation will be required to submit certain reports and data.

<u>Required reports</u>. Award recipients typically must submit quarterly financial reports, semi-annual performance reports, final financial and performance reports, and, if applicable, an annual audit report in accordance with the Part 200 Uniform Requirements or specific award conditions. Future awards and fund drawdowns may be withheld if reports are delinquent. (In appropriate cases, OJP may require additional reports.)

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for additional information on specific post-award reporting requirements, including performance measure data.

Federal Awarding Agency Contact(s)

For OJP contact(s), see the solicitation cover page.

For contact information for Grants.gov, see the solicitation cover page.

For contact information for JustGrants, see the solicitation cover page.

Other Information

Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a)

See the <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u> for information on the Freedom of Information and Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552 and 5 U.S.C. 552a).

Provide Feedback to OJP

See the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide for information on how to provide feedback to OJP.

Application Checklist

FY 22 National Initiatives in Justice and Mental Health: Training and Technical Assistance for Grantees and the Field

This application checklist has been created as an aid in developing an application. The <u>DOJ Application</u> <u>Submission Checklist</u> is another resource.

What an Applicant Must Do:

Prior to registering in Grants.gov:

 Confirm your Entity's <u>System Award Management (SAM)</u> Registration Information (see <u>OJP Grant</u> <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)

To register in Grants.gov:

- Acquire an Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) and a Grants.gov username and password (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Acquire AOR confirmation from the E-Business Point of Contact (E-Biz POC) (see <u>OJP Grant</u> <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)

To find the funding opportunity:

- Search for the funding opportunity in Grants.gov using the opportunity number, Assistance Listing or keyword(s)
- Select the correct Competition ID

Competition ID	Category
BJA-2022-00118	Category 1
BJA-2022-00119	Category 2
BJA-2022-00120	Category 3
BJA-2022-00121	Category 4
BJA-2022-00122	Category 5

- Access the funding opportunity and application package (see Step 7 in the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Sign up for Grants.gov email notifications (optional) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Read Important Notice: Applying for Grants in Grants.gov
- Read OJP policy and guidance on conference approval, planning, and reporting available at https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8 (see https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8 (see https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8 (see https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8 (see https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedoj/iii-postaward-requirements#6g3y8 (see

Overview of Post-Award Legal Requirements:

• Review the "Overview of Legal Requirements Generally Applicable to OJP Grants and Cooperative Agreements - FY 2022 Awards" in the OJP Funding Resource Center.

Review Scope Requirement:

• The federal amount requested is within the allowable limit(s) of

Competition ID	Category	Number of Awards	Dollar Amount of Awards
BJA-2022-00118	Category 1	1	\$2,300,000
BJA-2022-00119	Category 2	1	\$2,300,000
BJA-2022-00120	Category 3	1	\$1,000,000
BJA-2022-00121	Category 4	1	\$2,250,000
BJA-2022-00122	Category 5	1	\$750,000

Review Eligibility Requirement:

- Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education
- Private institutions of higher education
- For-profit organizations other than small businesses

All categories: Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations (including tribal organizations) and for-profit (commercial and tribal) organizations, faith-based and community organizations, and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education).

Prepare to submit the Application for Federal Assistance standard form (SF)-424 and Disclosure of Lobbying Activities form (SF-LLL)

- Review Information to complete the Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) in Grants.gov
- Complete Standard Applicant Information (SF-424 information from Grants.gov)
- Submit the SF-424 and SF-LLL in Grants.gov

After the SF-424 and SF-LLL submission in Grants.gov, receive Grants.gov email notifications that:

- Submission has been received in Grants.gov
- Submission has either been successfully validated or rejected with errors (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)

If no Grants.gov receipt and validation, or if error notifications are received:

Contact Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline at 606-545-5035, Grants.gov customer support web
page, or email at support@grants.gov regarding technical difficulties (see <u>OJP Grant Application</u>
<u>Resource Guide</u>)

Receive email notification to complete application in JustGrants:

• Proceed to complete application in JustGrants

Content of Application Submission: Critical Application Elements

The following items are critical application elements required to pass the basic minimum requirements review. If OJP determines that an application does not include the following elements, it will neither proceed to peer review, nor receive further consideration.

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (web-based form)

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- MOU or letters of support to demonstrate partnership with one or more organizations with expertise and national engagement in law enforcement, mental health, courts, prosecution, judicial associations, probation and parole, and community treatment and supervision.
- Category 5 only: MOU or letters of support to demonstrate partnership with one or more organizations with expertise and national engagement working with people with intellectual or developmental disabilities and aiding in the search and recovery of missing persons.

Budget and Associated Documentation:

- Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (see <u>OJP Grant Application</u> <u>Resource Guide</u>)
- Disclosure of Process related to Executive Compensation (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource</u> <u>Guide</u>)

Additional Application Components:

- Letters of Support
- Project Task Timeline
- Position Descriptions and Résumés
- Work Product Examples
- Training Delivery Experience Examples
- Applicant Disclosure of Proposed Subrecipients
- Tribal Authorizing Resolution (if applicable) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Request and Justification for Employee Compensation; Waiver (if applicable) (see <u>OJP Grant</u> <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)

Disclosures and Assurances:

- Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL) (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- DOJ Certified Standard Assurances (see OJP Grant Application Resource Guide)
- DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (see <u>OJP Grant Application Resource Guide</u>)
- Applicant Disclosure and Justification DOJ High Risk Grantees (if applicable) (see <u>OJP Grant</u> <u>Application Resource Guide</u>)

Submit application in JustGrants:

• Application has been successfully submitted in JustGrants

If no JustGrants application submission, validation, or if error notifications are received:

Contact the JustGrants Service Desk at 833-872-5175 or <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u> regarding technical difficulties.