Who May Apply: State, county, city, or township governments; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); State, city, township, county, or tribal government acting directly or through agreements with other public or private entities on behalf of a single community court

Why Apply: Receive funding to establish and enhance community courts in your jurisdiction, enhance public safety, and increase access to critical behavioral health treatment and recovery support. These community-oriented projects can serve as the basis to provide community justice beyond the courtroom, creating a partnership that can solve other community safety problems, leverage resources for residents, prevent crime, and improve public trust in the justice system, law enforcement, and the community.

Maximum per Award: Up to $900,000

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:
- Agencies that have not received BJA funding before.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded:
- Build the capacity of jurisdictions to link defendants to individually tailored community-based services.
- Employ community restitution mandates and regular compliance monitoring to improve the accountability of defendants.
- Engage residents to solve community safety, public health, and other social issues.
- Develop partnerships with service providers to enhance the provision of treatment and recovery services.

Where to get more information about this opportunity: Visit [bja.ojp.gov/program/community-courts/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/community-courts/overview) for more information about the program and [bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171688](https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171688) for full funding information.
**Tips for Success:**

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: [sam.gov/content/home](http://sam.gov/content/home).

- For questions about the program’s requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation’s cover page at: [bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171688.pdf](http://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2023-171688.pdf) for information on who to contact.

- Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](http://bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars) and review the “Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations.”

- **Subscribe** for email notifications from BJA about funding opportunities and other news at: [bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombja](http://bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombja).

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**How to apply and when:**

Submit a two-step application.

1. Register in **Grants.gov** and follow the prompts to submit two forms by May 24, 2023.

2. Then complete the full application in **JustGrants.usdoj.gov** by May 31, 2023. The application’s major elements are:

   a. The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).

   b. The **proposal narrative** that describes your project’s strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.

   c. The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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