

FY 2023 COMMUNITY COURTS INITIATIVE

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
MAY 24, 2023

JUSTGRANTS:
MAY 31, 2023

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.
- Engage residents to solve community safety, public health, and other social issues.
- Employ community restitution mandates and regular compliance monitoring to improve the accountability of defendants.
- 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 for more information about the program and 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.
- For questions about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation's cover page at: bja.ojp.gov/funding/OBJA-2023-171688.pdf for information on who to contact.
- Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: 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-newsfrombjaj.
- To be in the know about funding opportunities across the Office of Justice Programs, sign up to receive **JUSTINFO** at: www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo and/or the weekly **Funding News** at: public.govdelivery.com/accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25.

How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

- (1) Register in [Grants.gov](https://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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