Who May Apply: State, county, city, township, or Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education; and special district governments. Nonprofit or for-profit mental health agencies are eligible if they provide services as a unit of the state or local government. All applications require a demonstrated partnership through a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between a justice entity and a mental health partner.

Why Apply: Receive funding to support law enforcement and mental health cross-system collaboration that will improve public health and safety responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders, co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Maximum per Award: $550,000 per award

BJA encourages the following entities to apply: Agencies that have not previously received BJA funding.

Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded: Design and implement a crisis response program such as case management, crisis intervention teams, co-responder teams, and mobile crisis teams

Training and coordination for police-mental health collaboration

Data collection to inform practices and develop policies

Resident engagement via outreach and education to improve public health and safety

Enhancement of officer knowledge and skills in responding to community members with mental health disorders

Use technology to collect calls for service data involving people with behavioral health needs
Where to get more information about this opportunity:
Visit bja.ojp.gov/program/connect-and-protect/overview for more information about the program and bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-171967 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: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-171967.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-newsfrombja.

• 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://www.grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by May 1, 2024.

(2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://justgrants.usdoj.gov) by May 6, 2024. 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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