

FY 2024 ENHANCING CORRECTIONAL PRACTICES TO PROTECT VULNERABLE PEOPLE: TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE AND MICROGRANT PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
JUNE 13, 2024

JUSTGRANTS:
JUNE 20, 2024

Who May Apply:

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; small businesses

Why Apply:

Receive funding to administer a competitive microgrant program and provide training and technical assistance (TTA) to state, local, and tribal agencies working to protect vulnerable people in prisons, jails, and other confinement settings, and to reduce reliance on restrictive or punitive approaches. Vulnerable people include, but are not limited to, those with one or more physical disability, severe/persistent mental illness, or who are LGBTQ+, youthful inmates in adult facilities, blind, deaf, or non-English speaking.

Maximum per Award:

- One award of \$2,500,000. At least 50 percent of the total award (i.e., \$1,250,000) must be awarded as microgrants with a maximum total of \$50,000.

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Institutions that have not previously received BJA funding.
- Organizations that possess substantial experience working in confinement settings to protect people who are vulnerable from being victimized.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Promote positive changes in the cultures of confinement facilities to reflect zero tolerance from abuse.
- Enhance screening and assessment, with a focus on identifying those who are at higher risk of being victimized.
- Improve policies and practices related to how vulnerable people, and those who are more likely to victimize others, are managed and supervised inside facilities.
- Implement continuous quality improvement plans that measure outcomes related to protecting vulnerable individuals and promote accountability.
- Ensure staff members possess the skills, training, support, and collaboration they need to better prevent and report victimization of people who are confined.
- Use external victim advocates and victim service providers to support survivors of victimization behind the walls.
- Decrease the use of restrictive housing to protect confined individuals who are vulnerable to abuse; invest resources in viable alternatives to this type of housing.



Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172047 for the program's 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 at: bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172047.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.
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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 June 13, 2024.
 - (2) Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by June 20, 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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