

# FY 2024 JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:  
MAY 9, 2024

JUSTGRANTS:  
MAY 14, 2024

### Who May Apply:

State, city or township, county, special district, and Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), as well as institutions of higher education and mental health agencies designated by their state mental health authorities to provide services. Agencies with a different legal status (e.g., nonprofit or for-profit mental health agencies) are eligible to apply if are designated by the state mental health authority to 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 cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the criminal justice system. The program allows communities to choose a path to meet their own needs to improve response with very little restriction; there is a wide array of allowable activity.

### Maximum per Award:

- \$550,000 per award, including no-cost training and technical assistance

### 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:

- Clinical treatment and social services
- Case management
- Crisis stabilization units
- Mental health peer support specialists
- Court navigators/peer support advisors
- Build/expand existing justice and mental health collaboration programs
- Deflection/diversion treatment
- Creating/expanding mental health courts
- Cross-system training



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## Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit [bja.ojp.gov/program/jmhcp/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jmhcp/overview) for more information about the program and <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-171978> for full funding information.

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## 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](https://sam.gov/content/home).
  - For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full solicitation at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-171978.pdf> for information on who to contact.
  - Visit **BJA Funding Webinars** at: [bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars](https://bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars) and review the "Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations."
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  - 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](https://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](https://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 May 9, 2024.
  - (2) Then complete the full application in [JustGrants.usdoj.gov](https://justgrants.usdoj.gov) by May 14, 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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