FY 2024 SMART REENTRY: HOUSING DEMONSTRATION PROGRAM



Who May Apply:

State, county, city, or township governments; Other units of local government such as towns, boroughs, and villages; Public housing authorities and Indian housing authorities; Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)

Why Apply:

Receive funding to enhance or implement evidence-based activities or services to improve reentry and reduce recidivism by expanding and/ or increasing access to housing for people who are currently or formerly involved in the criminal justice system.

Maximum per Award:

• Up to \$1,000,000, as well as 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:

- Provide safe and affordable housing for individuals involved in the criminal justice system.
- Reduce barriers and promote access to secure, stable housing opportunities.
- Provide wrap-around services such as substance use treatment, mental health treatment, and intensive case management.
- Manage an adequate supply of stable short-term housing services for formerly justiceinvolved individuals.

- Convene or engage a reentry task force to examine policies and practices related to housing gaps.
- Complete a Planning and Implementation Guide that addresses gaps and deficits identified in the reentry task force review.
- Produce an evaluation that tracks recidivism, housing outcomes, and other outcomes to assess the effectiveness of the project.



Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit https://bja.ojp.gov/program/smart-reentry-housing/overview-formore information about the program and https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172144 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 at: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172144.pdf for information on who to contact.
- Visit BJA Funding Webinars at: <u>bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars</u> 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: <u>bja.ojp.gov/subscribe-newsfrombja</u>.
- 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: www.ojp.gov/news/justinfo accounts/USDOJOJP_COMMS/subscriber/new?topic_id=USDOJOJP_COMMS_25.

How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

- (1) Register in <u>Grants.gov</u> and follow the prompts to submit two forms by July 18, 2024.
- (2) Then complete the full application in <u>JustGrants.usdoj.gov</u> by July 25, 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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