

FY 2024 SECOND CHANCE ACT IMPROVING REENTRY EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT OUTCOMES

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
JULY 11, 2024

JUSTGRANTS:
JULY 18, 2024

Who May Apply:

State, city or township, county, special district, and Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), as well as nonprofits that are not institutions of higher education, nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, and nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Why Apply:

Receive funding to support reentry services and programs focused on strengthening education and employment outcomes for individuals returning to their communities after a period of incarceration.

Maximum per Award:

- \$900,000 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.
- Community-based organizations and faith-based institutions.

Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Screening and assessment tools
- Educational and vocational programming including partnerships with colleges/universities
- Activities supporting Digital Equity and Federal Pell Grant reinstatement for students who are incarcerated
- Emphasizing career training pathways and programs
- Developing partnerships with local employers
- Conducting reentry career planning
- Building Science Technology Engineering Mathematics (STEM) pathways.
- Transitional services
- Staff training
- Tracking and monitoring employment outcomes

Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172135> for the 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-2024-172135.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://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit two forms by July 11, 2024.
- (2) Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by July 18, 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.

ABOUT BJA

BJA helps America's state, local, and tribal jurisdictions reduce and prevent crime, lower recidivism, and promote a fair and safe criminal justice system. BJA provides a wide range of resources—including grants, funding, and training and technical assistance—to law enforcement, courts and corrections agencies, treatment providers, reentry practitioners, justice information sharing professionals, and community-based partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges nationwide. To learn more about BJA, visit bja.ojp.gov or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DOJBJA) and X (@DOJBJA). BJA is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.

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