

FY 2024 NATIONAL COMMUNITY COURTS INITIATIVE

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
JUNE 24, 2024

JUSTGRANTS:
JULY 1, 2024

Who May Apply:

State governments; Special district governments; City or township governments; County governments; Other units of local government, such as towns, boroughs, parishes, villages, or other general purpose political subdivisions of a State; Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities; Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized); Other: Public or private entities acting on behalf of a single treatment court through agreement with state, city, township, county, or tribal governments

Why Apply:

To receive funding to support efforts by state, local, and federally recognized American Indian tribal governments to establish and enhance community courts in their jurisdictions.

Maximum per Award:

Up to \$900,000

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Agencies that have not received BJA funding before.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.

Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Establish or enhance court-based intervention programs that prioritize and expedite the provision of treatment and recovery services to individuals who are frequent users of justice, health, and other services and who commit misdemeanor offenses.
- Increase and enhance alternatives to incarceration by tailoring sentences to each defendant to improve community safety, enhance confidence in justice, and reduce recidivism.
- Enhance the use of community services by participants in the community court docket, including case management, housing assistance, and service coordination.
- Develop and maintain partnerships and collaborations with service providers to enhance the provision of treatment and recovery support services.
- Support the development, enhancement, and translation of research and knowledge of researcher-practitioner partnerships.



Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/community-courts/overview> for more information about the program and bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-172116 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: bja.ojp.gov/funding/O-BJA-2024-172116.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 24, 2024.
 - (2) Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by July 1, 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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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](https://twitter.com/DOJBJA)). BJA is a component of the Department of Justice’s Office of Justice Programs.