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BJA Funding Stakeholder Series

FY 2022 Programs that Support Courts

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Agenda

- **Overview of the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)**
- **Introduction of BJA Speakers**
- **Review of Available FY 2022 Funding**
- **Review of Resources Available to Grant Applicants**
- **Question and Answer Period**

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What is the Office of Justice Programs?

- OJP provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Office of Justice Programs

BJA - Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ - National Institute of Justice

OVC - Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SMART - Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

BJA Mission Statement

BJA provides leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to reduce violent crime and strengthen communities.

OJP Goals

OJP strives to prevent and reduce crime through a comprehensive approach, engage and empower those in at-risk environments, advance systemic improvements in the justice system, and deliver effective and outcome-driven capabilities and programs.

Types of BJA Grants

Discretionary

- Awarded *directly* by OJP to eligible recipients.
- Applicants apply directly to OJP/BJA.
- Most often awarded on a competitive basis.
- Applications undergo a preliminary review process to ensure that they are complete and meet the eligibility requirements, and many are also peer reviewed.

Formula

- Are usually administered and managed by state administering agencies or other BJA-approved fiscal agents.
- Are most often on a noncompetitive basis.
- Distribution of funds to eligible recipients is either statutorily defined or defined by a distribution process that is specified by BJA.

BJA FY 2022 Site-based Funding

Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program

- The Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program supports state, local, and tribal governments and courts to develop and implement drug courts that effectively integrate evidence-based substance use disorder (SUD) treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in a judicially supervised court setting with jurisdiction over high risk, high needs defendants with addictions, including those at risk for overdose.
- This program supports significant investments in rural jurisdictions to enhance access to treatment and recovery support services, as well as prevent overdose.

Adult Drug Court Discretionary Grant Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 72 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$83 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Category 1 Planning and Implementation — Estimated number of Awards: 11
Average Award Amount: Up to \$700,000
 - Category 2 Enhancement — Estimated Number of Awards: 26.
Average Award Amount: Up to \$750,000
 - Category 3 Statewide — Estimated Number of Awards: 8
Average Award Amount: Up to \$2,000,000
- Eligible Applicants: State governments, city or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments, and others on behalf of a single drug court.
- Additional information can be located on our info page on BJA.gov located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/adult-drug-court-grant-program/overview>.

Veterans Treatment Court Program

- The Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program supports state, local, and tribal governments and courts to develop and implement veterans treatment courts that effectively integrate evidence-based SUD treatment, mandatory drug testing, sanctions and incentives, and transitional services in judicially supervised court settings that have jurisdiction over veterans involved with the criminal justice system who have SUDs and a history of violence and post-traumatic stress disorder as a result of their military service.
- This program supports investment in rural jurisdictions and those without drug court services.

Veterans Treatment Court Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 37 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$25 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Category 1 Planning and Implementation — Estimated Number of Awards: 6
Average Award Amount: Up to \$700,000
 - Category 2 Enhancement — Estimated Number of Awards: 14
Average Award Amount: Up to \$750,000
 - Category 3 Statewide — Estimated Number of Awards: 2
Average Award Amount: Up to \$2,000,000
- Eligible Applicants: State governments, city or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments, and others on behalf of a single veterans treatment court.
- Additional information can be located on our info page on BJA.gov located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/veterans-treatment-court-grant-program/overview>.

Community Courts Program

- The Community Courts Program supports efforts by state, local, and federally recognized American Indian tribal governments to establish and enhance community-oriented court models in their jurisdictions, with a focus on communities with significant crime issues.
- The ultimate goal is to encourage the successful replication of the community court model and the application of community court principles to the wider community.

Community Courts Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 16 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$4.5 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 8
 - Average Award Amount: Category 1: Planning and Implementation and Category 2: Enhancement award up to \$600,000.
- Eligible Applicants: States, territories, state and local courts, counties, units of local government, and federally recognized American Indian tribal governments.
- Additional information can be located on our info page on BJA.gov located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/community-courts-program/overview>.

Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program

- Hate crimes (sometimes called bias-motivated crimes) are criminal offenses motivated by some form of bias toward a victim on the basis of their perceived or actual race, color, religion, national origin, sexual orientation, gender, gender identity, or disability.
- The Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program supports state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies in their outreach to and education of the public, victims, and their staff and partners about hate crimes.
- This program also reimburses expenses associated with the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes.

Matthew Shepard and James Byrd, Jr. Hate Crimes Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 35 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$8.7 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 20-22
 - Estimated Average Award Amount: \$400,000
- Eligible Applicants: State, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecutors. Tribes must be federally recognized.
- Additional information can be located on our info page on BJA.gov located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/shepard-byrd-hate-crimes-program/overview>.

Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program

- BJA's ROL/WCR Program helps protect the integrity of the criminal justice system by supporting efforts to provide high quality and efficient representation for defendants in postconviction claims of innocence and identify, whenever possible, the actual perpetrators of the crimes.
- It also supports conviction integrity efforts to prevent future error.

Upholding the Rule of Law and Preventing Wrongful Convictions Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 28 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$7.8 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 16
 - Estimated Average Award Amount: \$500,000
- Eligible Applicants: State and local governments with authority over offices that work to prevent, identify, and correct false or wrongful convictions; state and local public defender's offices; nonprofit organizations (including tribal nonprofit organizations) dedicated to judicial verdicts that comport to the rule of law; and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education).
- Additional information can be located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/urlpwc/overview>.

Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program

- The Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program supports state, local, and tribal law enforcement and prosecution agencies to investigate and prosecute unsolved homicide cold case murders suspected of having been racially motivated. It also includes support for victims' families and stakeholders impacted by these cases.
- Funds are limited to violations of civil rights statutes resulting in death that occurred no later than December 31, 1979.
- BJA collaborates with DOJ's Community Relations Service to support reconciliation and support services for families of victims and other stakeholders.

Emmett Till Cold Case Investigations Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 10 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$2.2 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 5-6
 - Estimated Average Award Amount: \$500,000
- Eligible Applicants: State, local, and tribal law enforcement agencies, including prosecutors' offices. Tribal law enforcement must be from federally recognized American Indian tribal governments that perform law enforcement functions (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior).
- Additional information can be located on our info page on BJA.gov located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/emmett-till-cold-case-investigations-program/overview>.

Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA

- The Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA Program provides funding to prosecute violent crime cold cases and decrease the number of violent crime cold cases awaiting prosecution.
- Additionally, this program provides direct assistance to increase the capacity of state and local prosecuting agencies to address violent crime cold cases.

Prosecuting Cold Cases Using DNA

- BJA expects to receive more than 30 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$7 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 14
 - Estimated Average Award Amount: \$500,000
- Eligible Applicants: State governments, special district governments, city or township governments, county governments, American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments), and American tribal governments (federally recognized).
 - Prosecuting agencies, law enforcement, state agencies, or local crime laboratories may partner with the agency that serves as the lead applicant for the award to work toward achieving the program goal of seeking resolution in violent crime cold cases. **However, a prosecuting entity must be fully engaged in the project.**
- Additional information can be located on our info page on BJA.gov located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/prosecuting-cold-cases-using-dna/overview>.

Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence

- The Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence Program provides funding to assist in defraying the costs associated with postconviction case identification, case review, evidence location, and DNA testing in violent felony cases (as defined by state law) where the results of such testing might show actual innocence.
- While successful exonerations to correct injustice are notable program outcomes, the careful review, consideration, and closing of cases subjected to postconviction DNA testing that do not ultimately demonstrate innocence also work to advance the public's interest that justice has been fairly applied.

Postconviction Testing of DNA Evidence

- BJA expects to receive approximately 20 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$10 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 20
 - Estimated Average Award Amount: \$500,000
- Eligible Applicants: State governments, city or township governments, county governments, and public or state-controlled institutions of higher education.
- Additional information can be located on our info page on BJA.gov located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/postconviction-testing-dna-evidence/overview>.

John R. Justice Grant Program

- The JRJ Program assists states and territories in providing loan repayment to local, state, and federal public defenders and local and state prosecutors who commit to extended employment in those roles.
- By assisting in the recruitment and retention of qualified attorneys, the program helps to fulfill DOJ's mission to enhance the criminal justice system.
- This program also reimburses expenses associated with the investigation and prosecution of hate crimes.

John R. Justice Grant Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 40 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$2 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 56
 - Estimated Average Award Amount: \$35,147
- Eligible Applicants: State and U.S. territory government agencies designated by their governor (or the mayor of the District of Columbia) to administer the JRJ Grant Program.
- Additional information can be located on our info page on BJA.gov located at <https://bj.a.ojp.gov/program/john-r-justice-jrj-program/overview>.

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program

- The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program (COSSAP) was developed as part of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) legislation. COSSAP's purpose is to provide financial and technical assistance to states, units of local government, and American Indian tribal governments to develop, implement, or expand comprehensive efforts to identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by illicit opioids, stimulants, and other drugs of use.

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 230 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$132 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Category 1 — Local Site-based: Estimated Number of Awards: 78
Average Award Amount: \$1,000,000–\$1,600,000
 - Category 2 — State-based: Estimated Number of Awards: 5
Average Award Amount: \$6,000,000
 - Eligible Applicants: City or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), or state governments. Jurisdictions without a county or local government-based addiction service system may designate the state administering agency (SAA) to serve as the primary applicant.
- Additional information can be located on our info page on BJA.gov located <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/cossap/overview>.

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

- The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) supports innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who come into contact with the justice system.

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

- BJA expects to receive more than 50 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$15 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 60
 - Average Award Amount: Up to \$550,000
- (If necessary) JMHCP will have two categories:
 - Category 1
 - Category 2
- Eligible Applicants: City or township governments, county governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, and state governments.
- Additional information can be located on our JMHCP info page on BJA.gov located <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/justice-and-mental-health-collaboration-program-jmhcp/overview>.

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

- Through CTAS, BJA and other grantmaking components provide a coordinated application process for federally recognized tribes.
- BJA oversees Purpose Areas 2, 3, and 4, which support comprehensive strategic planning; programs for adult tribal justice systems from prevention and treatment to tribal courts, corrections, and reentry; strategies to address violent crime; and tribal justice infrastructure investments through renovation and modular buildings.

Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation

- BJA expects to receive more than 135 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$42.61 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 36–43
 - Estimated Average Award Amount: PA2: Up to \$150,000; PA3: \$250,000–900,000; and PA4: \$1,000,000–\$4,000,000.
- Eligible Applicants: Federally recognized tribes and tribal consortia.
- Additional information can be located on our info page on BJA.gov located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/tribal-justice-systems-program-ctas-purpose-area-3/overview>, including how to request TTA.
- Note: The FY 2022 solicitation closed on March 22, 2022.

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

JAG is OJP's flagship grant program and the leading source of federal justice funding to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions. There are eight broad purpose areas:

- 1) Law enforcement programs
- 2) Prosecution and court programs
- 3) Crime prevention and education programs
- 4) Corrections and community corrections
- 5) Drug treatment and enforcement programs
- 6) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement
- 7) Crime victim and witness programs
- 8) Mental health programs (and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams)

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG)

- BJA expects to receive more than 1,000 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$290 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - BJA anticipates releasing FY 2022 JAG (state and local) funding opportunities by late spring. Please check the JAG web page for updates: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview>.
- Eligible Applicants:
 - **JAG State awards:** Only states may apply under this solicitation, and states must designate a single SAA that has authority to apply on their behalf.
 - **JAG Local awards:** Only units of local government appearing on the JAG Allocations List may apply under this solicitation.
- Additional information can be located on our info page on BJA.gov located at <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview>.

BJA Training and Technical Assistance

National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC)

- BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) connects state, local, and tribal justice agencies in need of assistance with specialized national experts to help address those needs. The justice agencies BJA NTTAC assists range from prosecutors' offices, to police departments, city and county commissioners, and corrections departments. Our goal is to provide these agencies the resources needed to reduce violent and drug-related crime, support law enforcement, manage offenders, and combat victimization.
- To achieve this goal, BJA NTTAC provides **no-cost** training and specialized guidance — also known as technical assistance — both in-person and virtually on a wide variety of criminal justice topics ranging from crime prevention, to mental health and adjudication. We take the time to understand the specific justice-related need of the agency requesting help and match that need with the right expert to provide the training or specialized guidance.

NTTAC Services

- Services range from short-term to more comprehensive, longer-term engagements and cover a variety of justice topics, including adjudication, corrections, crime prevention, justice information-sharing, law enforcement, mental health, substance abuse, tribal justice, and capacity-building. BJA NTTAC's training and technical assistance (TTA) services include:
 - Specialized TTA programs
 - Assistance implementing evidence-based programs
 - Curriculum development
 - Data analysis
 - Classroom and virtual training
 - Peer-to-peer visits
 - Research and information requests
 - Strategic planning assistance
- Additional information can be accessed at <https://bjatta.bja.ojp.gov/>.

Additional BJA Training and Technical Assistance

- Adult Drug Treatment Courts: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/adult-drug-court-grant-program/training-and-technical-assistance>
- Veterans Treatment Courts: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/veterans-treatment-court-grant-program/training-and-technical-assistance>
- Community Courts: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/community-courts-program/tta>
- Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant, and Substance Abuse Program: <https://www.cossapresources.org/Program/TTA>
- Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program: <https://csgjusticecenter.org/projects/justice-and-mental-health-collaboration-program-jmhcp/>

Additional BJA Training and Technical Assistance

- Sixth Amendment: <https://strenthenth-sixth.org>
- Capital Case Litigation Initiative: <https://www.nacdl.org/Landing/Capital-Case-Litigation-Initiative>
- National Center on Restorative Justice: <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/national-center-restorative-justice/overview>
- Public Safety Partnerships: <https://www.nationalpublicsafetypartnership.org/TTA>

Capital Case Litigation Initiative Training and Technical Assistance (CCLI)

CCLI provides training and technical assistance to both prosecutors and defense attorneys who work on the adjudication of capital cases. CCLI delivers in-person training, online resources, and hands-on assistance to:

- Enhance the ability of prosecutors to effectively represent the public in state capital cases.
- Improve the quality of the legal representation provided to indigent defendants in state capital cases.
- Develop and implement appropriate standards of practice and qualifications for state and local prosecutors who litigate capital cases.
- Minimize the potential for error in the trial of capital cases.

Capital Case Litigation Initiative Training and Technical Assistance

- BJA expects to receive more than 6 applications in FY 2022 and will have approximately \$2 million available for awards.
- FY 2022 Opportunities:
 - Estimated Number of Awards: 2
 - Estimated Average Award Amount: \$1,000,000
- Eligible Applicants: Public or nonprofit organizations, for-profit entities that agree to forego any profit or management fees, and institutions of higher education that have experience and expertise in overseeing capital cases and providing training on death penalty cases. Applicants must also have experience in delivering training and technical assistance nationwide.
- Additional information can be located on <https://bja.ojp.gov/program/ccli/overview>.

What's Next?

- Expected Solicitation Release Dates: **March through June.**
- Application Submission Deadlines: Usually open for at least 60 days; some may be open longer.
- Subscribe to **NewsFromBJA** to receive announcements on funding releases at <https://bja.ojp.gov/subscribe>.

BJA FY 2022 Resources Available for Grant Applicants

Application Assistance

Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL.
 - **Customer Support Hotline** – 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035
 - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
 - **Email**
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
 - support@grants.gov
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

Application Assistance (cont.)

JustGrants Technical Support

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).
 - **Customer Support Hotline** – 833-872-5175
 - Monday – Friday between 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM EST.
 - Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 AM – 5:00 PM EST.
 - **Email**
 - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
 - JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Application Assistance and Support (cont.)

OJP Response Center

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance.
- **Email** - grants@ncjrs.gov
- **Web chat** - <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- **Call toll free** at 800-851-3420
- **TTY** at 301-240-6310 (hearing impaired only)

The Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Subscribe

- Subscribe to receive email notifications of new funding opportunities and other resources.
 - Sign up to receive the twice-monthly **JUSTINFO** newsletter, as well as the weekly **Funding News** email.
 - Subscribe at <https://www.ojp.gov/subscribe> and be sure to select “Grants/funding” as an area of interest.

Resources for FY 2022 Grant Applicants

- OJP Funding Resource Center
<https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>
- DOJ Grants Financial Guide
<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguidedojo/overview>
- DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training
<https://www.ojp.gov/training/financial-management-training>
- OJP Grant Application Resource Guide
<https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>

BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

To access previous webinar recordings, transcripts, and slides visit:

<https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>.

Become a Peer Reviewer

- If you are interested in becoming a peer reviewer, please submit an up-to-date résumé or curriculum vitae, including a valid email address, to: BJAreviewer@ojp.usdoj.gov.
- Please put "Peer Reviewer Candidate Résumé" in the subject line.

Reminder: Dual Deadlines

Applications will be submitted in a two-step process, each with its own deadline:

- Step 1: Submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov).
- Step 2: Submit the full application, with attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov).

****NOTE: Submission deadline times for both Grants.gov and JustGrants are now 8:59 p.m. ET, not 11:59 p.m. ET as in past years.***

Read the solicitations carefully for further guidance.

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- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DOJBJA>

For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit **BJA's website** – <https://bja.ojp.gov>.

Quick Reference: Important Contacts



Solicitation Content Assistance

1-800-851-3420

Grants@ncjrs.gov

10-6 EST, M-F



Submit the SF-424 and SF- LLL

1-800-518-4726

Support@grants.gov

24 hours a day, 7 days a week



JUSTICE GRANTS SYSTEM

Submit full application

1-833-872-5175

JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

5-9 EST, M-F

9-5 EST, Weekends, Holidays

Questions?

Enter in the Q&A box and send to All Panelists.