FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUR COMMUNITY IN 2024: COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS

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1. Have you previously applied for federal funding?
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3. Have you been successful and received a BJA award?
What is the Office of Justice Programs?

• 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).

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
U.S. Department of Justice
Bureau of Justice Assistance

Mission: BJA’s mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.

Karhlton F. Moore, BJA Director

https://bja.ojp.gov/
How BJA Supports the Field

**Investments**
Provide diverse funding to accomplish goals.

**Sharing Knowledge**
Research, develop, and deliver what works to build capacity and improve outcomes.

**Engagement**
Consult, connect, and convene.
Over 80 planned solicitations in FY24

All grant program plan data provided by the U.S. Department of Justice (DOJ) are subject to the availability of appropriations and potential legislative changes of statutory requirements. The information provided by DOJ is based on projected operational plans and may be updated frequently, including the addition, substitution, or cancellation of projected solicitations without advance notice.
Available Funding

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As funding opportunities become available from the Bureau of Justice Assistance, they will be included below Subscribe to Newsfeed.OJP to receive funding announcements.

Current Solicitations
https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/current

Planned Solicitations
https://www.justice.gov/dojgrantsprogramplan

- Office of Justice Programs Current Funding Opportunities
- Office on Violence Against Women Open Solicitations
- Office on Community Oriented Policing Services Grants
Types of BJA Grants

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

Discretionary

• 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
• Awarded directly by OJP to eligible recipients
Formula Grants
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 nine broad purpose areas:

1) Law enforcement programs
2) Prosecution and court programs
3) Crime prevention and education programs
4) Corrections and community corrections, including reentry
5) Drug treatment and enforcement programs
6) Planning, evaluation, and technology improvement
7) Crime victim and witness programs (non-compensation)
8) Mental health programs (and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams)
9) Implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives (including but not limited to mental health courts, drug courts, veterans’ courts, and extreme risk protection order programs)
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.

FY23 Awards

- **JAG State awards**: 56 awards totaling $209,416,792
- **JAG Local awards**: 949 awards totaling $96,562,411

FY 2024 Opportunities

The FY 2024 JAG (state and local) funding solicitation will be released in the summer. Visit [https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview](https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview) for more information.
Byrne State Crisis Intervention Program (SCIP)

Funds to states to implement state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives, including, but not limited to, ERPO programs that work to keep guns out of the hands of those who pose a threat to themselves or others, mental health courts, drug courts, and veterans treatment courts.

$750 million for 5 years
- 150 million per year (FY 2022 – FY 2026)
- 51 FY22-23 awards made $248,143,943

- Implementing Extreme Risk Protection Order (ERPO) programs
- Training those implementing ERPO programs
- Communication, education, and public awareness of ERPO
- Funds may not be used, either directly or indirectly, to support the enactment, repeal, modification, or adoption of any law, regulation, or policy, at any level of government.

- Specialized court-based programs such as drug, mental health, and veterans treatment courts, including those that specifically accept clients with firearm violations
- Behavioral health deflection for those at risk to themselves or others
- Funding for law enforcement agencies to safely secure, store, track, and return relinquished guns
Discretionary Grants
Programs Supporting Community-based Organizations

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• Community-Based Approaches to Hate Crimes Program
• Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative
• Encouraging Innovation: Field Initiated Program
• Improving Adult and Juvenile Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program
• Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities
• Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety
• Second Chance Act: Community Based Reentry Program
• Second Chance Act: Community Based Reentry Incubator Initiative
• Second Chance Act: Improving Adult Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes Program
• Second Chance Act: Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry Program
• Visiting Fellows Program
Community Based Approaches to Prevent and Address Hate Crimes

• Who May Apply?
  o Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
  o Nonprofits
  o Private institutions of higher education
  o Public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education

• Why Apply?
Receive funding to support comprehensive community-based approaches to addressing hate crimes that promote community awareness and preparedness, increase victim reporting, and improve responses to hate crimes.

• Maximum per Award
Varies by purpose area. Up to $1,00,000 per award.
OJP Community Based Violence Intervention and Prevention Initiative

• **Who May Apply?**
  - City or township, county, special district, state, and federally recognized Native American tribal governments
  - Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
  - Nonprofits
  - Private institutions of higher education
  - Public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education
  - Public housing/Indian housing authorities
  
  *Varies by purpose area*

• **Why Apply?**
  
  Receive funding to prevent and reduce violent crime in communities by supporting comprehensive, evidence-based violence intervention and prevention programs.

• **Maximum per Award**
  
  *Varies by Purpose Area. Up to $4,000,000 per award.*
Field Initiated: Encouraging Innovation

Invests in collaborations with the field and experts to prevent and reduce crime and enhance the criminal justice system through innovative approaches that accelerate justice by identifying, defining, and responding to emerging or chronic crime problems and systemic issues. BJA is looking for new approaches that address gaps in responses, build or translate research knowledge, or build capacity.

FY 2024 Opportunities: Estimated Number of Awards: Up to 10
Average Award Amount: Up to $1,000,000

Category 1: State, Local, Tribal, or Regional Field Tests
Category 2: National Strategies
Improving Adult and Juvenile Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program

• **Who May Apply?**
  o State governments
  o County governments
  o City or township governments
  o Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  o Community based nonprofits and behavioral health care providers

• **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding to enhance or implement services to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and address the treatment and recovery needs of people with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders who are currently, or were formerly, involved in the criminal justice system.

• **Maximum per Award**
  Up to $750,000 per award, including no-cost training and technical assistance
Kevin and Avonte Program: Reducing Injury and Death of Missing Individuals with Dementia and Developmental Disabilities

• Who May Apply?
  o State, local, and Native American law enforcement and other public safety agencies
  o Healthcare agencies
  o Nonprofit organizations that plan, design, or operate locally based, proactive programs to locate and prevent the wandering of missing individuals

• Why Apply?
  Receive funding to develop a comprehensive approach that responds to and prevents the wandering of individuals with forms of dementia (such as Alzheimer’s disease) or children with developmental disabilities (such as autism), or to purchase tracking technology.

• Maximum per Award
  Up to $150,000 per award, including no-cost training and technical assistance
Reimagining Justice: Testing a New Model of Community Safety

• Who May Apply?
  o Native American tribal governments (federally recognized) and tribal organizations
  o Nonprofits with or without 501(c)(3) status, other than institutions of higher education
  o Private, public, and state controlled institutions of higher education
  o Local non-law enforcement government agencies

• Why Apply?
  Receive funding for the development and testing of a new or innovative approach to improving community safety and trust that is an alternative to traditional enforcement mechanisms for neighborhoods experiencing high rates of less serious and low-level criminal offenses.

• Maximum per Award
  Up to $2,000,000 per award
Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Program

• **Who May Apply?**
  o Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  o Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

• **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding to enhance or implement evidence-based responses to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and support successful transitional planning for individuals who are currently, or were formerly, involved in the criminal justice system.

• **Maximum per Award**
  Up to $750,000 per award
Second Chance Act
Community-based Incubator Initiative

- **Who May Apply?**
  Nonprofits, other than institutions of higher education

- **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding as an intermediary organizations that will design and administer a competitive incubator initiative for community- and faith-based reentry providers, to provide subawards, oversight, and comprehensive training and technical assistance services to help build capability, capacity, and sustainability among community- and faith-based organization subawardees to meet the needs of people returning home from incarceration and to apply for and manage private and public grant funding in the future.

- **Maximum Award**
  Up to $4,000,000
Second Chance Act: Improving Adult Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes Program

• Who May Apply?
  o State, city or township, county, and Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  o Public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
  o Independent school districts
  o Nonprofits that are not institutions of higher education
  o For-profit organizations other than small businesses

• Why Apply?
  Receive funding to support corrections systems in implementing and expanding education and employment programs that serve individuals during incarceration and throughout the period of reentry into their communities.

• Maximum per Award
  Up to $900,000 per award
Second Chance Act: Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry Program

• Who May Apply?
  o State, city or township, county, and Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  o Nonprofits, other than institutions of higher education

• Why Apply?
  Receive funding to establish, expand, or improve treatment and recovery support services for people with substance use disorders (SUDs) or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders (COD) during their incarceration and upon reentry into their communities.

• Maximum per Award
  Up to $1,125,000 per award, including no-cost training and technical assistance
Smart Reentry: Housing Demonstration Project

• Who May Apply?
  o Native American tribal governments (federally recognized)
  o Nonprofits

• Why Apply?
  Receive funding to assess their jurisdiction’s reentry systems, identify strengths and gaps, and then build capacity for improving housing options for adults released from prison or jail.

• Maximum per Award
  Up to $1,000,000 per award
STOP School Violence

• Who May Apply?
  o **Category 1**: state governments or public and state-controlled institutions of higher education
  o **Category 2**: city or township, county, or federally recognized Native American tribal governments, as well as units of local government; nonprofits with or without a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education; independent school districts; and private institutions of higher education

• Why Apply?
  Receive funding to prevent violence in K–12 school settings by implementing behavioral threat assessments and/or intervention teams, technological solutions such as anonymous reporting technology, and other strategies that increase school safety.

• Maximum per Award
  Category 1: up to $2,000,000 per award
  Category 2: up to $1,000,000 per award
Visiting Fellow Program

• **Who May Apply?**
  - City, township, county, state, or tribal governments
  - Native American tribal organizations (other than federally recognized tribal governments)
  - Nonprofits, other than institutions of higher education
  - For profit organizations and small businesses
  - Public, private, and state controlled institutions of higher education
  - Public housing authorities/ Indian housing authorities

• **Why Apply?**
  Receive funding to invest in current and future leaders in the criminal justice field and bring talent and expertise from the field to BJA to inform policy and practice.

• **Maximum per Award**
  Up to $500,000 per award
The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC) offers training and technical assistance (TTA) to offices to:

- Provide office or program assessments to identify gaps, suggest efficiencies, and make recommendations;
- Fund subject matter experts to provide trainings or general support;
- Fund individuals to attend trainings;
- Fund travel for peer-to-peer site visits; and
- Identify strategies to strengthen organizational operations.
FY24 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program

Opportunity ID: 0-BJA-2024-171967
Solicitation Status: Open
Fiscal Year: 2024
Closing Date: May 6, 2024
Posting Date: February 6, 2024
Solicitation Type: Competitive

Grants.gov Deadline: May 1, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern
Application JustGrants Deadline: May 6, 2024, 8:59 pm Eastern

Who May Apply:
State, county, city, township, or Native American tribal governments (federally recognized); public- and state-controlled institutions of higher education; and special district governments. Nonprofit or for-profit mental health agencies are eligible if they 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 law enforcement and mental health cross-system collaboration that will improve public health and safety responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders, co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders, or intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Maximum per Award:
- Up to $550,000 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.

Examples of strategies/activities that can be funded:
- Design and implement a crisis response program such as case management, crisis intervention teams, co-responder teams, and mobile crisis teams.
- Training and coordination for law enforcement collaboration.
- Data collection to inform practices and develop policies.
- Resident engagement via outreach and education to improve public health and safety.
- Enhancement of officer knowledge and skills in responding to community members with mental health disorders.
- Use technology to collect calls for service data involving people with behavioral health needs.
Resource Webinars

Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2024 Series

- Behavioral Health – February 14
- Community-based Organizations – February 15
- Prosecution, Defense, and Courts – February 20
- Corrections, Community Corrections, and Reentry – February 21
- Tribes and Tribal Organizations – February 22
- The Federal Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations – February 26
- Law Enforcement – February 29

Funding Webinars | Bureau of Justice Assistance (ojp.gov)
https://bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars
OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

SAM.gov Entity Validation Update

GSA implemented a new process to validate an entity’s legal business name and physical address when requesting a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and for completing a SAM.gov entity registration. Due to a high volume of requests, entity validations are taking longer than expected to process. This validation process is now taking 7-10 business days, and in some cases longer.

OJP strongly recommends starting your SAM.gov registration process as soon as possible to allow the time necessary to process entity validations well in advance of the Grants.gov due date posted in the solicitation. Read this FAQ for more information.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Grant Application Resource Guide ("Guide") provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding. It addresses a variety of policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP program applicants, or to grants and cooperative agreements awarded in fiscal year (FY) 2023. Some OJP programs may have program solicitations that expressly modify a provision of this Guide; in such cases, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in the solicitation as to any such expressly modified provision.

https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide
## Successful Applications

The following table contains links to examples of project narratives associated with applications that have successfully received funding from the Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA). See the [Funding Awards](#) page for details about all funding awarded by BJA.

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Learn About the Department of Justice’s Grants and Payment Management Systems

The Justice Grants System (JustGrants) is the Department of Justice’s grants management system for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP), and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

The JustGrants Resources website is an entryway into information about JustGrants and the system itself. Through this portal, both award recipients and applicants can access training resources and user support options, find answers to frequently asked questions and sign up for the JusticeGrants Update e-newsletter.

Users can also log in to JustGrants through the site.

News Flash

Feb 21: Register Now! March Dates Added for Virtual Q&A Sessions

Aug 10: Review New and Updated JustGrants FAQs

https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/
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](https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html)
    - support@grants.gov
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

**JustGrants**

Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ’s Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

- **Customer Support Hotline**: 833-872-5175
  - Monday – Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. ET
  - Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET
- **Email**
  - [https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support](https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support)
  - JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov
Need help managing your OJP award?  

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- Legal Notices
- OJP Grants Overview
- OJP Training Guiding Principles for Grantees and Subgrantees
- JustGrants Login
- JustGrants Informational Website
- JustGrants Training

Financial and Grant Reporting Resources

- Real Property Reporting resources:
  - Frequently Asked Questions
  - Facility Utilization for Reporting Period Addendum
  - Instructions for the SF-420 Real Property Status Report
  - Real Property Status Report Attachment A (General Reporting) SF-420-A
- DOJ Grants Financial Guide
- OJP Financial Guide
- Guide to Procurement Procedures for Recipients of DOJ Grants and Cooperative Agreements
- Policy and Guidance for Conference Approval, Planning, and Reporting
- EPATA Subaward Reporting Webinar
- Federal Financial Report (SF-425) for OJP Office
- Audit Confirmation Request Form
- Grant Performance Measurement and Progress Reporting Information

Grant System Resources

- JustGrants
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- JustGrants Training
- IT State and Territory Points of Contact

Other Resources

- State Administering Agencies
- Equal Employment Opportunity Plans (EEOP)
- Office of Civil Rights Statutes and Requirements
- Whistleblower Protections for Employees of OJP Recipients

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• For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit BJA’s website: www.bja.ojp.gov.
Additional Questions?

Contact the OJP Response Center:

- Email: grants@ncjrs.gov
- Toll free: 800–851–3420
- TTY: 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.
Questions?