

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

COMPREHENSIVE CORRECTIONS TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SOLICITATION



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SECTION 1

OVERVIEW

Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Mission

To provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support local, state, and tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities.

Agenda

- Overview of funding opportunity
- Solicitation category overviews
- Additional information

Award Categories

- Category 1: National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)
Heather Tubman-Carbone, Senior Policy Advisor
- Category 2: Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners (RSAT)
Tim Jeffries, Policy Advisor
- Category 3: Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Resource Center
Tom Talbot, Senior Policy Advisor
- Category 4: Site-Based PREA Implementation Support
Jessa Wilcox, Policy Advisor
- Category 5: Improving Wellness Support for Institutional Corrections Employees
Rachel Brushett, Senior Policy Advisor
- Category 6: Improving Institutional Corrections Academy Training
Rachel Brushett, Senior Policy Advisor
- Category 7: Evaluation and Sustainability Support for Second Chance Act Grants
Heather Tubman-Carbone, Senior Policy Advisor
- Category 8: Improving Safety for Institutional Corrections
Andre Bethea, Policy Advisor

Eligible Applicants

- Organizations with demonstrated experience in providing training and technical assistance (TTA) on a national level in the identified subject areas, including:
 - Nonprofit organizations
 - For-profit organizations (including tribal nonprofit or for-profit organizations)
 - Institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education)
 - Faith-based organizations
 - Consortia

Solicitation is available at:

www.bja.gov/CORRECTIONSTTA19

Applications are due on July 31, 2019

SECTION 2

TTA EXPECTATIONS

BJA Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Expectations

- TTA providers will assist BJA grantees and subgrantees in accomplishing the objectives of the overall program and the objectives of their specific grant-funded projects.
- All TTA must be grounded in data, research, and best practices.

Key Activities

- Individualized, efficient, and consistent delivery of TTA in order to get grantees to accomplish their objectives by the end of their project periods.
- TTA providers should have:
 - Sufficient internal subject expertise to assist grantees in the execution of their projects. The staff should have the necessary technical skill sets and experience to effectively be able to coach grantees and assist them in reaching their objectives.
 - Access to a range of vetted local and national subject experts, including practitioners, academics, and federal partners, when necessary.

Key Activities, continued

- For grantees for whom evaluation is a requirement, the TTA provider must routinely engage each one on their evaluation activities process.
- TTA providers should prioritize responses to requests from practitioners and assist unfunded applicants, in consultation with BJA. Not all ad hoc responses require an extensive response—some might require referral to resources or connection with other agencies for collaboration—but a limited number will require more thorough exploration and response.

Key Activities, continued

- TTA providers must proactively build field knowledge and capacity in the subject of the category in which they are awarded.
- TTA providers may be required to participate in BJA's GrantStat and other BJA efforts.

Additional Note

- Each awardee will be required to submit a detailed work plan for approval by the BJA Program Manager within 30 days of the date of the award. The Program Manager will provide guidance on what topics should be included in the work plan and will be available to advise and answer questions.

SECTION 3

APPLICATION CATEGORIES

Category 1

NATIONAL REENTRY RESOURCE CENTER (NRRC)

NRRC: Overview

- **The Second Chance Act (SCA)** of 2007 provides for a comprehensive response to the large number of incarcerated adults and juveniles who leave prisons, jails, and juvenile residential facilities and return to communities.
- **BJA and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) collaborate** to implement SCA, including administering funds for NRRC.
- **The NRRC provides technical assistance to SCA grantees and the field** at large to advance knowledge and practice in specific topics that directly intersect with reentry.

NRRC: Objective 1

Maintain a national presence and provide resources to criminal justice practitioners and SCA grantees, and serve as a reentry clearinghouse. Deliverables include:

Maintain the NRRC website

Cultivate, develop, and distill research literature about effective reentry practices

And relevant policy domains

Publicize a reentry toolkit

Encourage and facilitate collaboration through actionable strategies to leverage resources

Develop content for the Public Safety Risk Assessment Clearinghouse

NRRC: Objective 2

Advance knowledge and practice among grantees and criminal justice practitioners in specific topics that directly intersect with reentry. Deliverables include:

TTA to all SCA
grantees

Collaborate with
OJJDP

Topics:

- Health benefits
- Employment
- Evidence-based practices
- Collateral consequences
- Civil legal aid
- Risk assessment
- Inmate behavioral management

NRRC: Award Information

1 award, up to \$7,300,000, for 12 months

The selected TTA provider will assist all SCA program grantees awarded funds by BJA and OJJDP. Please note that while the cooperative agreement that results from this competition will be administered by BJA, the selected provider will also be expected to work with OJJDP staff on juvenile program and policy TTA initiatives.

Category 2

RESIDENTIAL SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT FOR STATE PRISONERS (RSAT)

RSAT TTA: Overview

The RSAT TTA Program is designed to assist formula grant recipients, consisting of states, tribes, and units of local government, in the provision of residential substance abuse treatment services to inmates/detainees to prepare them for reintegration into communities.

RSAT Objectives

- Provide targeted TTA to help RSAT state-based grantees and their 300 local subrecipients improve the delivery of treatment and continued care services.
- Maintain and enhance the RSAT TTA website.
- Serve as a national resource for RSAT grantees and practitioners.
- Deliver a regular monthly webinar series to address current RSAT information and training needs.
- Propose, secure BJA support for, and implement a strategy to increase the number and the quality of jail-based medication assisted treatment (MAT).

RSAT Objectives, continued

- Deliver and update, as needed, the following BJA-approved curricula:
 - HIV Prevention and the Treatment Needs of Offenders at Risk for or Living with HIV/AIDS
 - Trauma-Informed Approaches in Correctional Settings
 - Understanding Co-Occurring Disorders and Applying Integrated Treatment Strategies for Adult Correctional Populations
 - Integration of Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) into Aftercare: Transitional Strategies to Reduce Recidivism and Sustain Recovery
- Develop one additional curriculum responding to the trending needs of the correctional substance abuse treatment field.

RSAT: Award Information

1 award, up to \$900,000 for 12 months

The selected RSAT TTA provider must provide ongoing support to grantees in developing and implementing substance abuse treatment programs in accordance with the evidence of what works in correctional treatment. To assist in the development of effective correctional treatment design, BJA recently released a promising practices guidelines (PPG) document.

Category 3

PRISON RAPE ELIMINATION ACT (PREA) RESOURCE CENTER (PRC)

BJA's FY 2019 PREA Program Plan

- Category 3 of this solicitation: *PREA Resource Center (PRC)*
- Category 4 of this solicitation: *Site-Based PREA Implementation Support*
 - In FY 2019, BJA is separating the technical assistance function from the PRC.
- New solicitation entitled, “Implementing the National PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities”

PRC: Overview

- The PRC function being competed under this category will deliver strategic support and training to state, local, and tribal corrections and law enforcement professionals, victim advocates, and other key stakeholders working to eliminate sexual abuse in confinement, and implement the National PREA Standards.
- The PRC will also continue to serve as a critical BJA partner in managing the nationwide PREA audit function, which is required by the National PREA Standards.

PRC: Objectives

- Promote high quality, objective, comprehensive, and reliable PREA audits in federal, state, local, and tribal agencies/facilities nationwide.
- Develop and conduct presentations and trainings that reach the diverse stakeholders who are responsible for PREA implementation, including jurisdictions in receipt of BJA PREA grants.

PRC Objectives, continued

- Serve as a national clearinghouse for current, user-friendly PREA resources and information. Expand and enhance a comprehensive, national communication and outreach strategy.
- Implement a process to work with BJA to solicit, review, select, and administer two or three PREA mini grants, for up to \$50,000 per grant, that address new and emerging PREA-related implementation issues and challenges identified in the field. See <https://www.prearesourcecenter.org/node/5337>.

PRC: Award Information

1 award, up to \$5,500,000, for 12 months

Category 4

SITE-BASED PREA IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

Site-Based PREA Implementation Support: Program Overview

- BJA is inviting applications under Category 4 to provide individualized, site-based technical assistance to jurisdictions nationwide on effectively implementing the National PREA Standards.
- BJA expects the PREA work funded under Category 3 and Category 4 to be strategically linked and integrated, even if different organizations—or teams of organizations—are competitively selected to administer each one.

Important Eligibility Considerations

- Organizations awarded funding under PREA Category 3 and/or PREA Category 4, either as award recipients or subrecipients, **cannot** also be subrecipients under the awards made to state, local, and tribal jurisdictions via BJA's other PREA solicitation entitled, Implementing the PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities.
- It is BJA's intention for the PREA-specific strategic support, technical assistance, and training for the field, including for BJA's PREA grantees, to be provided by the organization(s) and/or team(s) of organizations funded under Categories 3 and 4 of the solicitation that is the focus of this webinar.

Hypothetical Situation

- State A submits an application to BJA under the PREA solicitation, *Implementing the PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities*. State A includes in its application the nonprofit organization, Sunshine Consulting, Inc., as a subrecipient (subgrantee) to support State A's PREA implementation efforts. BJA selects State A for funding.
- Sunshine Consulting, Inc. submits a separate application to BJA for funding under Category 4, Site-Based PREA Implementation Support, of the solicitation that is the focus of this webinar. BJA also selects Sunshine Consulting, Inc. for funding under Category 4 of solicitation.

Hypothetical Situation, continued

- What happens to State A and Sunshine Consulting, Inc.?
 - Sunshine Consulting, Inc.
 - Prior to making any awards to State A or to Sunshine Consulting, Inc., BJA will require Sunshine Consulting, Inc. to choose whether to be funded as a subrecipient (subgrantee) to State A under BJA's PREA site-based solicitation, or to be funded under Category 4 of the solicitation that is the focus of this webinar.
 - State A
 - If Sunshine Consulting, Inc. decides to accept funding under under Category 4, rather than to serve as a subrecipient (subgrantee) to State A under BJA's PREA site-based solicitation, BJA will still make a PREA grant award to State A. BJA will then assist State A to identify an alternative strategy that does not include Sunshine Consulting, Inc. as a subrecipient, but that still achieves State A's PREA grant goals and objectives.

Site-Based PREA Implementation Support: Objectives

- **BJA's FY 2019 PREA Grantees**
 - Provide targeted support to BJA's FY 2019 PREA grantees awarded under the solicitation, *Implementing the National PREA Standards, Protecting Inmates, and Safeguarding Communities*, to assist them in clarifying and achieving their grant-specific objectives.
- **BJA's FY 2019 Byrne/JAG PREA Reallocation Awards**
 - Provide remote (rather than onsite) PREA-focused strategic support and assistance to jurisdictions that submitted PREA assurances to DOJ, and reallocated not less than 5 percent of their FY 2019 BJA Byrne/JAG grants to adopt and achieve full compliance with the National PREA Standards in the future.

Site-Based PREA Implementation Support Objectives, continued

- **Field-Initiated Requests**
 - Provide cost-effective TA in response to requests for assistance from facilities that are covered by the National PREA Standards and the agencies that oversee them.
 - More than 1,000 requests for assistance are submitted each year from the field.
 - Because of limited resources, BJA expects the vast majority of the TA responses delivered under this program **not** to require onsite support and to be time limited in nature.

Site-Based PREA Implementation Support: Award Information

1-2 awards, up to \$2,200,000, over 15 months

Category 5

IMPROVING WELLNESS SUPPORT FOR INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS EMPLOYEES

Improving Wellness Support: Objectives

- BJA seeks a TTA provider to achieve the following objectives:
 - Conduct a national scan of state corrections agencies regarding current practices in place through training academies and in-service training to address correctional employees' needs related to wellness, retention, and job satisfaction.
 - Identify high quality curricula and gaps in available resources to support officer wellness.
 - Develop guidance around what works to improve correctional officer wellness.

Improving Wellness Support: Award Information

1 award, up to \$750,000, over 24 months

Category 6

IMPROVING INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS ACADEMY TRAINING

Improving Institutional Corrections Academy Training: Objectives

- BJA seeks a TTA provider to achieve the following objectives:
 - Conduct a national scan of state corrections agencies regarding the focus, content, and quality of their academy training programs and the extent to which jails and prisons utilize this training.
 - Identify high quality curricula and gaps in available resources.
 - Develop guidance for supporting the development of the key skills and knowledge needed by today's corrections workforce.

Improving Institutional Corrections Academy Training: Award Information

1 award, up to \$750,000, over 24 months

Category 7

EVALUATION AND SUSTAINABILITY SUPPORT FOR SECOND CHANCE ACT GRANTS

Evaluation & Sustainability for SCA Grants: Overview

- SCA grantees are developing, implementing, and testing strategies to **increase successful reentry and community supervision outcomes.**
- Innovative and evidence-based strategies inform **demonstration projects, efforts to improve staff capacity, and systemwide improvements.**
- Evaluations are required in some SCA grant programs, generally through a **researcher-practitioner partnership.**

Evaluation & Sustainability for SCA Grants: Objectives

BJA seeks a TTA provider to ensure a subset of SCA grantees:

Complete rigorous evaluations

Disseminate lessons to the field

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Develop a model process for use with future grantees

Evaluation & Sustainability for SCA Grants: Deliverables 1-4

Develop criteria to select ~25 FY19 grantees to receive assistance.

Priority consideration for grantees planning RCTs or other rigorous evaluation methods to assess a clearly defined intervention.

For selected SCA grantees, assess evaluation and data skills and knowledge, then provide actionable recommendations to get them evaluation ready.

Develop and use tools to track evaluation progress. Share tools, via the NRRC, with all SCA grantees.

Provide recommendations mid-project period, including grantee-specific recommendations, to improve implementation and evaluation data collection.

Evaluation & Sustainability for SCA Grants: Deliverables 5-8

Develop an evaluation report template to be utilized by all SCA grantees, tailored to each SCA grant program.

Develop and use sustainability planning guides with selected SCA grantees, and share, via the NRRC, with other SCA grantees.

Disseminate preliminary and final evaluation reports

Grantees' individual evaluation partners will assist with implementing the recommendations.

Evaluation & Sustainability for SCA Grants: Award Information

1 award, up to \$2,000,000, over 48 months

Category 8

IMPROVING SAFETY FOR INSTITUTIONAL CORRECTIONS

Improving Safety for Institutional Corrections: Objectives

- BJA seeks a TTA provider to achieve the following objectives:
 - Identify and disseminate best practices, including technological solution implementation on comprehensive contraband interdiction systems for state and local correctional facilities.
 - Make available competitive subawards to correctional facilities to implement technologies to prevent and limit cell phone contraband and provide technical assistance on reviewing policies, procedures, and technology implementation.
 - Make information publically available, including via an online toolkit or other agreed upon means.

Improving Safety for Institutional Corrections: Award Information

1 award, up to \$1,800,000, for 24 months

SECTION 4

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Review Criteria

Selection Criteria	Weight
Description of the Issue	10%
Project design and implementation	40%
Capabilities and competencies	30%
Plan for collecting data for the solicitation's performance measures and sustainability plans	10%
Budget	10%

Recommended Resources

BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

A series of four previously recorded webinars designed to assist potential applicants interested in applying for BJA funding opportunities:

- Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2019: An Overview of What's Ahead
- The First Steps to Applying, Prepare Now
- The Federal Funding Process: What New and Seasoned Applicants Should Consider
- Submitting Your Application: Avoid These Common Mistakes
- <https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>

Recommended Resources

OJP Funding Resource Center

- <https://ojp.gov/funding/index.htm>

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

- <https://ojp.gov/financilaguide/DOJ/index.htm>

DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training

- <https://ojpfgm.webfirst.com/>

2019 OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

- <https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>

NIJ's CrimeSolutions.gov

- <https://www.CrimeSolutions.gov>

Important Contacts



Application Submission Technical Assistance

Grants.gov Customer Support Hotline

1-800-518-4726 | support@grants.gov
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week



Solicitation Assistance Contact Information

National Criminal Justice Reference Service
Response Center

1-800-851-3420 | grants@ncjrs.gov
Open 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, EST, M-F