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SAFEGUARDING CORRECTIONAL FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY BY ADDRESSING CONTRABAND CELLPHONES

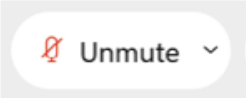
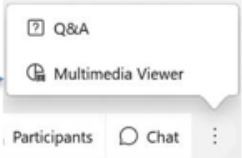


FY 2021 Competitive Grant Announcement Webinar

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SECTION 1

SOLICITATION OVERVIEW

Solicitation Overview

- **This program supports efforts by state, local, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments to protect against contraband cellphone use in correctional facilities. This program furthers the Department's mission by reducing violence and enhancing public safety.**
- **The goal of this program is to assist state and local correctional agencies, as well as federally recognized Indian tribes that have detention capacity, to develop and implement managed access systems to prevent, detect, seize, and stop the presence and use of contraband cellphones by detainees and inmates.**

Solicitation Overview (cont.)

- **Applicants will be expected to test, implement, and document changes to policy, practice, and tactics as they relate to preventing, detecting, seizing, and stopping the presence and use of contraband cellphones by detainees and inmates.**
- **Applicants are encouraged to identify strategies to educate relevant staff members and other key stakeholders about steps they can take to address contraband cellphones, and to define a process to gather, use, and share intelligence as a result of seizing contraband cell phones.**

SECTION 2

ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility

- **Eligible applicants are:**
 - **States**
 - **Units of local government**
 - **Federally-recognized Indian tribal governments, as determined by the Secretary of the Interior**
- **BJA strongly encourages all eligible agencies to submit applications, regardless of how much progress they have made in addressing contraband cellphones in their correctional facilities.**

SECTION 3

ALLOWABLE USES OF GRANT FUNDS & REQUIRED DELIVERABLES

Examples of Allowable Uses of Funds

- **Applicants may propose to:**
 - **Operationalize effective and secure managed access systems.**
 - **Provide technological solutions to detect drones.**
 - **Ensure governments are in compliance with the Federal Communications Commission and laws governing the interception of electronic communications, including the rules that criminalize actions aimed at disabling aircraft.**
 - **[Interagency Legal Advisory on UAS Detection and Mitigation Technologies](#)**
 - **[Department Activities to Protect Certain Facilities or Assets from Unmanned Aircraft and Unmanned Aircraft Systems](#)**

Technical Assistance Support

- **All sites will have access to a national training and technical assistance (TTA) provider.**
- **TA coaches are subject matter experts whose work with the grantees is funded under the BJA Fiscal Year 2019 solicitation, Comprehensive Corrections Training and Technical Assistance.**

Technical Assistance Support (cont.)

- **TA coaches will:**
 - **Support the efforts of BJA's grantees to finalize their implementation plans.**
 - **Guide the work of the grantees to operationalize their implementation plans.**
 - **Identify ways for the grantees to utilize existing resources to support their efforts.**
 - **Match, as needed, the grantees to other subject matter experts who possess the skills and knowledge the grantees need.**

Required Deliverables

- 1. A comprehensive, individualized implementation plan that will guide the grantee's activities.**
- 2. A sustainability plan to ensure that BJA-funded activities and innovations continue after grant funding ends.**
- 3. A final report that outlines the use of federal funds, the implementation process, costs, outcomes (e.g., number of contraband cellphones confiscated, impacts on correctional staff such as less disruptions, and any other outcomes believed to have resulted from the program).**
- 4. Documentation of innovative and promising work accomplished during the grant period, which will be made publicly available.**

SECTION 4

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS & PRIORITY CONSIDERATIONS

Application Requirements

- See starting on page 11 of the solicitation for all application requirements.
- Applications must include:
 - Program Abstract
 - Program Narrative
 - Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative,
 - Timeline/Project plan, and
 - Executive-level letter(s) of commitment from the agency or agencies that are proposed to receive funding.

OJP Policy Priority Areas

- **Applications that address specific challenges that rural communities face.**
- **Applications that demonstrate that the individuals who are intended to benefit from the requested grant reside in high poverty areas or persistent-poverty counties.**
- **Applications that offer enhancements to public safety in economically distressed communities (Qualified Opportunity Zones).**
- **Cooperation with federal law enforcement.**
- **Applications from federally-recognized tribes.**

SECTION 5

FEDERAL AWARD INFORMATION

Federal Award Information

- **BJA expects to make up to 4 awards of up to \$425,000 each, with an estimated total amount awarded of up to \$1,700,000.**
- **All awards are for a 24-month period of performance.**
- **The initial 6-month period should support planning activities, followed by 18 months of implementation activities.**
 - **Implementation activities may begin early, subject to approval by BJA of the grantee's implementation plan.**

SECTION 6

HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY

Dual Deadlines

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

- **April 22, 2021**: Step 1: Applicants submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.Grants.gov).
- **May 6, 2021**: Step 2: Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at [JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov](https://www.JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov).

Read the solicitation document carefully for further guidance.

JustGrants

- **Offers a streamlined, end-to-end process, enabling applicants and grantees to move seamlessly through the full grants management life cycle.**
- **Gives applicants and award recipients new ways to manage their own entity information and that of users in the system.**

Register for Upcoming Application Submission Webinars

Webinar:
***Application Mechanics:
Submitting an Application***

Learn more about how to apply for DOI funding opportunities by registering for one of the [upcoming webinar sessions](#)

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Additional dates added: [*Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application*](#)

- Thursday, March 18, 2021 1:00 p.m. ET
- Monday, March 29, 2021 3:00 p.m. ET
- Thursday, April 1, 2021 1:00 p.m. ET
- Thursday, April 8, 2021 1:00 p.m. ET
- Monday, April 12, 2021 3:00 p.m. ET

What you'll learn:

- ✓ Steps to take prior to applying for funding
- ✓ How to find open DOJ funding opportunities in Grants.gov
- ✓ How to apply for funding using JustGrants
- ✓ The JustGrants roles and their responsibilities and required actions
- ✓ How to navigate and use the system
- ✓ Where to find training materials, job aids, and other resources



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DOJ Application Submission Checklist

Review the [*DOJ Application Submission Checklist*](#)

The checklist covers all necessary steps to complete the two-part application process in Grants.gov and JustGrants.

The checklist includes:

- ✓ how to prepare to apply
- ✓ completing the abbreviated application in Grants.gov
- ✓ Entity Onboarding and JustGrants Access
- ✓ completing, reviewing, certifying and submitting your application in JustGrants, and
- ✓ helpful user tips



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JustGrants Training and Resources

- Access [recording](#) and [slide deck](#) from previous webinars.
- Refer to the [JustGrants Training Application Submission](#) page for additional information and training on the application submission process.
- Bookmark the [JustGrants Training](#) page for updates.



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Application Assistance

Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting an application
 - **Customer Support Hotline – 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035**
 - The Grants.gov Support Hotline 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 and Support

Response Center

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

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BJA's website – <https://bjaj.ojp.gov>

Resources for Funding Opportunities

BJA's website

<https://www.bja.ojp.gov>

JustGrants

<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov>

Grants.gov

www.Grants.gov

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

<https://ojp.gov/financilaiguide/DOJ/index.htm>

OJP Grant Funding Resource Center

<https://www.ojp.gov/funding>

Office of Justice Programs – Award Data

<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/explore/ojp-award-data>

NIJ's CrimeSolutions.gov

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

This solicitation is available at:

<https://bj.a.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/O-BJA-2021-52001.pdf>

Good luck!

**Applications
due:**

**Grants.gov:
4/22/2021**

**JustGrants:
5/6/2021**