Overview

- Through this solicitation, BJA seeks training and technical assistance (TTA) providers to support the Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) and the Justice and Mental Health State-Based Capacity Building Program (CBP).

- Expert TTA is critical to the success of jurisdiction's ability to plan, implement, and sustain complex, cross-system programs. Effective TTA is needed to assist grantees and unfunded communities achieve lasting systemwide policy and practice improvements.

- Applicants must be registered with Grants.gov, where all applications are to be submitted, followed by a validation message of successful submission

Applications are due June 11, 2019

Agenda

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Eligibility

- Eligible applicants are nonprofit organizations (including tribal organizations) and for-profit (commercial and tribal) organizations, faith-based and community organizations, and institutions of higher education (including tribal institutions of higher education).

- The applicant must be the entity that would have primary responsibility for carrying out the award, including administering the funding and managing the entire program.

- Competitive applicants will include partnership with a police organization or association that has the capacity to consult and engage communities on issues of improved justice system and public health responses to people with mental illness (MI) or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse (CMISA).

Purpose of TTA to Grantees and the Field:

- TTA provided to support grant-funded and unfunded jurisdictions promotes officer and public safety through systemwide improvements such as improved information sharing and coordination of system resources for people who are accessing multiple services, including hospital emergency departments, jails, and mental health crisis services.

- This project aims to provide expert TTA and project-specific support for justice and treatment professionals, and facilitates communication, cross-system collaboration, and the delivery of support services to justice professionals and treatment and related service providers.

Category 1

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Training and Technical Assistance

Category 1 – Objective #1

- Provide comprehensive, responsive, individualized TTA to JMHCP Category 1, 2, and 3 grantees to meet their objectives, deliverables, and activities.

Deliverables

- ✓ Develop individualized TTA work plans for each grantee based on the goals outlined in their applications.
- ✓ Assist grantees to complete the JMHCP Planning and Implementation (P&I) Guide
- ✓ Assign each grantee a TTA coach to assess and identify its TTA needs
- ✓ Anticipate, quickly identify, and address challenges that arise during TTA delivery
- ✓ The TTA provider shall assist grantees in the development of a uniform program evaluation.
- ✓ The TTA provider should proactively build field knowledge and capacity in the subject in which it is awarded.
- ✓ Assist grantees in the collection of performance measure data for submission to the Performance Measurement Tool, working in collaboration with the local research partners when relevant.
- ✓ The TTA provider should use a range of vetted local and national subject experts including practitioners, academics, and federal partners.
- ✓ Maintain a listserv of grantees, subgrantees, and key contacts responsible for undertaking grant and related activities, including interested state, local, and tribal contacts, and federal and national partners

Category 1 – Objective #2

- Provide TTA to assist JMHCP Category 1 Collaborative County Approaches to Reducing the Prevalence of Individuals with Serious Mental Illness in Jails grantees to increase and maintain jail capacity for violent offenders, and develop systemwide coordinated approaches to safely reduce the prevalence of low risk individuals with MI and CMISA in local jails.

Four Key Outcomes for Category 1

- Jail Bookings

- Jail Length of Stay

- Connections to Treatment

- Reduce Recidivism

Deliverables

- ✓ Create peer to peer learning at the county and state level
- ✓ Conduct timely screening and assessment
- ✓ Establish baseline measures
- ✓ Process analysis and inventory of services
- ✓ Create a process for tracking the impact of the plan on four key outcomes
- ✓ Use data to understand patterns of people considered "high utilizers" of multiple systems

Category 1 – Objective #3

- Provide targeted TTA to assist JMHCP Category 2 Strategic Planning for Police and Mental Health Collaboration grantees to free up law enforcement time to focus on responding to violent crime and to improve officer and citizen safety during calls for service involving people with MI and CMISA.

The Four Outcomes for Category 1 objective #3 :

1. **Connections** to resources

2. **Reduced** repeat encounters

3. **Reduce** the number of MI and IDD related arrests when diversion is appropriate

4. **Reduced** use of force and injury when behavior can be defused by other means

Deliverables

- ✓ Design a response strategy
- ✓ Develop an interagency workgroup
- ✓ Guide Grantees on Performance, Policies and Procedures
- ✓ Review and provide feedback on existing protocols
- ✓ Assess existing behavioral health care in the community
- ✓ Assess and provide strategies to track calls for service
- ✓ Assist grantees with a strategy to match data between systems to identify multi-system users

Category 1-Objective #4

- Provide TTA to assist JMHCP Category 3 Implementation and Expansion grantees to increase public safety and reduce recidivism among high risk people with MI and CMISA.

Deliverables

- ✓ Expand cross system training.
- ✓ Screen and assess to Identify target population.
- ✓ Specialized caseloads for people under community supervision.
- ✓ Increase the use of evidenced based treatment models.
- ✓ Support technology solutions in information sharing for connections to treatment.

Category 2

Justice and Mental Health State-based Capacity Building Program

Category 2 – Objective #1

- To develop and provide information and TTA to the field and to support cross-organizational coordination.

Deliverables

✓ The TTA provider must serve as a thought leader and information clearinghouse for relevant research and best practices.

✓ Prioritize and respond to field-initiated requests as well as assist unfunded applicants.

✓ Engage in cross-organizational coordination.

✓ Administer, enhance, and keep updated a TTA program website. Coordinate content with BJA policy to update and enhance BJA website content. Ensure that visitors can quickly access the information they seek.

Category 2 – Objective #2

- To increase coordination, tools and resources that build state and local capacity to improve system responses to, and outcomes for, people with mental illnesses in the justice system.

Deliverables

- ✓ Stakeholder Engagement and Coordinated System Response.
- ✓ Police Response to Homelessness and Service System Delivery Partnership.
- ✓ Development and Provision of Products, Tools, and Resources for the field.

Existing BJA Resources

- **Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program**: this grant supports innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who are coming into contact with the justice system
  - Three categories:
    - Category 1: Collaborative County Approaches to Reducing the Prevalence of Individuals with Serious Mental Illness in Jail
    - Category 2: Strategic Planning for Law Enforcement and Mental Health Collaboration
    - Category 3: Implementation and Expansion
  - https://www.bja.gov/funding/JMHCP19.pdf

- **The National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability** has built a national clearing house of information and training on the topic of people with IDD as victims, witnesses, and suspects or offenders of crime
  - http://www.thearc.org/NCCJD

Existing BJA Resources

- **The Police-Mental Health Collaboration (PMHC) Toolkit** was launched in 2016 to provide a centralized learning site detailing how to plan, implement, manage, sustain, and evaluate police-based responses to people with mental illness. In 2019 it is undergoing additional content updates to include collaboration from a behavioral health perspective and guidance on IDD and people with lived experience.
  - http://www.bja.gov/pmhc

- **The Stepping Up Initiative** is a partnership aimed at reducing the number of people with mental illness in jails. Over 483 counties to date have passed resolutions to develop action plans to achieve county system changes
  - https://stepuptogether.org/

Existing BJA Resources

- **The Police Mental Health Collaboration (PMHC) Framework Document is intended** for law enforcement leadership and management to increase and enhance their comprehensive system responses, using four key outcome measures have been established as the most important indicators of a comprehensive response. Through an extensive literature review and focus group, inclusive of the nation's top researchers in LE-MH response, and discussion, the following outcomes are the basic indicators:

    - **Increased connections to resources**
    - **Reduced repeat encounters with law enforcement**
    - **Minimized arrests**
    - **Reduced use of Force with people who have mental health needs**

- Effective Community Responses to Mental Health Crisis: A National Curriculum for Law Enforcement Based on Best Practices from CIT Programs Nationwide was conceptualized and solely funded by BJA and was launched publically in August 2018. This 25-module 40-hour curriculum can be adopted by communities nationwide seeking to start or refresh a training program to support a comprehensive community-based response to people with mental illnesses who come into contact with law enforcement.

Overall TTA Requirements

- ✓ BJA TTA providers are required to coordinate all TTA activities with BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC)
- ✓ TTA providers may be required to participate in BJA's Grant Stat to evaluate performance
- ✓ The selected provider will be required to coordinate with other BJA TTA partners that are engaged in strategic planning activities at the state or local levels
- ✓ OJP strongly emphasizes the use of data and evidence in policy making and program development in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services and is committed to:

  - Improving the quantity and quality of evidence OJP generates
  - Integrating evidence into program, practice, and policy decisions within OJP and the field
  - Improving the translation of evidence into practice

What an Application Should Include

- ✓ Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) on (see page 24)
- ✓ Project Abstract (see page 15)
- ✓ Program Narrative (see pages 15)
- ✓ Budget and Associated Documentation (see pages 17)
- ✓ Indirect Cost Rate Agreement if applicable (see page 20)
- ✓ Financial Management and Internal Control Questionnaire (see page 21)
- ✓ Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (see page 21)
- ✓ **Additional Attachments** (see pages 24-26):
  - Project Timeline and Task Plan
  - Position Descriptions and Résumés
  - Letters of Support/Memoranda of Understanding
  - Work Product Examples
  - Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications
  - Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity

How to Apply

- ✓ Applicants must register in and submit applications through Grants.gov

- ✓ Registering with Grants.gov is a one-time process; however, processing delays may occur, and it can take several weeks for first-time registrants to receive confirmation of registration and a user password. OJP encourages applicants to *register several weeks before the application submission deadline*

- ✓ OJP strongly encourages all prospective applicants to sign up for Grants.gov email notifications regarding this solicitation

- ✓ For more specific instructions, see pages 2, 14 and 27 of the solicitation

Review Criteria

- ✓ Description of the Issue (15%)
- ✓ Project Design and Implementation (40%)
- ✓ Capabilities/Competencies (30%)
- ✓ Plan for Collecting the Data (5%)
- ✓ Budget and Budget Narrative (10%)

- ✓ **Page 32 of the solicitation**

Award Information

- This program is authorized by the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004 (MIOTCRA) (Public Law 108-414), the Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-416) and as amended by the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-255). Any awards under this solicitation will be made under 34 U.S.C. 10651 and Pub. L. No. 116-6, 133 Stat 13, 114.

- BJA expects to make up to two award(s) with an amount within the requested allowable limit(s) of Category 1: up to $2,480,000. For Category 2: up to $1,860,000.

- BJA expects that any award under this solicitation will be made in the form of a cooperative agreement, for a 12-month period of performance, *to begin on or before October 1, 2019*

- This type of award provides for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities

Application Assistance and Support

National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center
https://www.ncjrs.gov

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance
- Links to all current OJP funding opportunities
- Funding Notices - subscribe to receive email notifications of new opportunities
    - Sign-up to receive the bi-weekly JUSTINFO newsletter as well as the weekly Funding News From NCJRS email.
    - Be sure to select "Grants/funding" as an area of interest in your NCJRS registration profile when you subscribe.

- **email** - grants@ncjrs.gov
- **web chat** - https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp
- **toll free** at 800–851–3420;
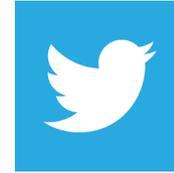- **TTY** at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

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

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
- An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the contact identified below **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline.

- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

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Social Media

- Facebook: https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA

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

- RSS: https://www.bja.gov/Connect.aspx

For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit

BJA's website – https://www.bja.gov.

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

Question & Answer