BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

RESTRICTIVE HOUSING REFORM IMPLEMENTATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

FY 2021 Competitive Grant Announcement Webinar

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SECTION 1 INTRODUCTION





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Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA)

The Department of Justice is committed to advancing work that promotes civil rights, increases access to justice, supports crime victims, protects the public from crime and evolving threats, and builds trust between law enforcement and the community.

BJA's mission is 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

- Program Overview
- Award Information
- Required Deliverables
- Application Requirements
- How and When to Apply

SECTION 1 PROGRAM OVERVIEW





Program Overview

- Restrictive housing = 22 hours or more for 15 days or longer
- Research has shown the detrimental effects of restrictive housing on incarcerated people, the potential harmful effects on correctional staff, and the lack of evidence that restrictive housing leads to increased safety within correctional facilities or the community.
- Policymakers, correctional professionals, and advocates view extended solitary confinement as a matter of serious concern and a practice in need of reform.



Program Overview (cont.)

- Over the past decade there have been many changes to how agencies/facilities use restrictive housing:
 - Policy
 - Practice
 - State legislation
- Strategic support and assistance on how to implement reforms while maintaining the safety of their facilities and the support of staff.



Program Overview (cont.)

- 1. Provide support and assistance to correctional agencies that are ready to implement reforms;
- 2. Create resources based on national implementation efforts that will be made available to correctional agencies and facilities engaged in or considering restrictive housing reform; and
- 3. Develop practices for correctional agencies to use in collecting and analyzing data to measure the impact of reforms.



Objectives

Assist correctional agencies in implementing meaningful policies, trainings, and practices Identify, document, and publicize innovative practices & develop tools and resources to be made publicly available

Support correctional agencies' collection and analysis of data around restrictive housing reforms

SECTION 2 AWARD INFORMATION





Award Information



SECTION 3 REQUIRED DELIVERABLES





Required Deliverables

- 1. A competitive, objective site selection process
- 2. Implementation plans & documentation of outcomes
- 3. National convening
- 4. Identification and documentation of the steps needed to promote and institutionalize broad agency/facility staff buy-in for restrictive housing reform.
- 5. Tools and resources to be made publicly available
- 6. Practices/models for correctional agencies to use when collecting and analyzing data to measure the impact of reforms.

SECTION 4 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS





Application Requirements

- See starting on page 7 of the solicitation for all application requirements.
- Applications <u>must</u> include:
 - Program Abstract
 - Program Narrative
 - Budget Detail Worksheet and Budget Narrative,
 - Timeline/Task Plan
 - Proposed subrecipients
 - Resumes of key personnel
 - Work product examples



Selection Criteria	Weight
Description of the issue	15%
Project design and implementation	40%
Capabilities and competencies	30%
Plan for collecting data for the solicitation's performance measures	5%
Budget	10%

SECTION 5 HOW AND WHEN TO APPLY





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Dual Deadlines

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

- August 10, 2021: Step 1: Applicants submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at <u>Grants.gov</u>.
- August 24, 2021: Step 2: Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at <u>JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov</u>.

*Read the solicitation document carefully for further guidance.

JustGrants Application Submission Resources

Application Mechanics eLearning Videos

By viewing the eLearning videos, job aids, DOJ Application Checklist and other resources, applicants will have all of the information needed to successfully navigate the mechanics of submitting an application.

The checklist includes:

- Application Mechanics: Getting Ready to Apply
- ✓ Application Mechanics: Initiating Application Submission in Grants.gov
- Application Submission: Locating an Application
- ✓ Application Submission: Submitting an Application
- Application Submission: Completing a Budget Detail Form
- Application Mechanics: After Submitting an Application



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



JustGrants Training and Resources

- Access <u>recording</u> and <u>slide deck</u> from previous webinars.
- Refer to the <u>JustGrants Training Application Submission</u> page for additional information and training on the application submission process.
- Bookmark the <u>JustGrants Training</u> page for updates.





Important Contact Information



Technical Assistance Submitting the <u>SF-424 and SF-LLL</u> into Grants.Gov: 800–518–4726, 606–545–5035 | <u>support@grants.gov</u>



Technical Assistance Submitting the <u>FULL APPLICATION</u> into JustGrants: 833–872–5175 | <u>JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov</u>



Technical Assistance with Programmatic Requirements contact the OJP Response Center: 800–851–3420 | grants@ncjrs.gov



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Resources for Funding Opportunities

BJA website

https://www.bja.ojp.gov

JustGrants https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov

Grants.gov www.Grants.gov

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

https://ojp.gov/financilaguide/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/ojpaward-data

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This solicitation is available at:

https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/m edia/document/O-BJA-2021-144001.pdf

Good luck!

Applications due: Grants.gov: 8/10/2021 JustGrants: 8/24/2021

QUESTIONS?

*Enter your questions into the **Q&A** box

