BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FY 21 TRIBAL JUSTICE SYSTEM INFRASTRUCTURE TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE INITIATIVE SOLICITATION OVERVIEW

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Overview of the Program Application Materials Questions and Answers





Solicitation Overview

- The Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Training and Technical Assistance (TJSI TTA) Initiative is designed to assist tribes with the planning and implementation processes for renovating, expanding, or replacing correctional facilities, multipurpose justice centers, courts, police departments, alternatives to incarceration facilities, transitional living facilities, and domestic violence shelters/programs.
- The TJSI TTA Initiative will assist BJA's tribal grantees under the Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) Purpose Area 4 (Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program) in meeting the goals and objectives of their grant-funded infrastructure projects.



Solicitation Overview (Cont.)

- BJA provides funding to federally recognized tribes under the Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program to address staff/resident/detainee/inmate safety/security issues and add physical infrastructure capacity to bolster justice system services and recidivism reduction efforts.
- In an effort to facilitate implementation efforts, BJA provides TTA for grantees to assist with operational planning tasks related to facility staffing, programming, and other operational needs
- The goal of the TJSI TTA Initiative is to assist tribes in planning and implementing justice system physical infrastructure to meet their public safety and wellness needs.



Eligibility

- For profit organizations other than small businesses, Native American tribal organizations (other than Federally recognized tribal governments), Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education, Private institutions of higher education, Public and State controlled institutions of higher education, Small businesses.
- BJA will consider applications under which two or more entities would carry out the federal award; however, only one entity may be the applicant. Any others must be proposed as subrecipients (subgrantees).
- Applicants that apply in partnership with other agencies must submit a signed partnership agreement (memorandum of understanding [MOU]/memorandum of agreement [MOA] and a list of additional partners and experts with the application.



Goal and Objective

- Goal: Support tribal efforts to improve or enhance justice system
 physical infrastructure needs
- Objective: Provide technical support and guidance to BJA's CTAS Purpose Area 4 grantees to ensure success in planning, implementing, and completing their grant-funded projects in a manner that will best serve the justice needs of their community.



PROJECT SCOPE DISCLAIMER

- The applicant selected for funding under this solicitation will be responsible for assisting tribes with planning, pre-construction, transition, and facility activation efforts only. Technical assistance on project management of DOJ-funded facility renovation, expansion, and permanent modular projects is managed by a separate TA provider.
- The renovation/ construction project management TA provider is responsible for ensuring that facilities are renovated, expanded, or built in a cost-effective manner and completed according to schedule. It is by program design that BJA has two different awardees provide the above services.



Project Deliverables

- Develop and deliver training and technical assistance to CTAS Purpose Area 4 funded tribes that will assist with:
 - > Assessing the proposed usage of the planned facility for impacts on the tribal justice system.
 - Establishing/enhancing (tribal/non-tribal) multi-agency cooperation and collaborations necessary to plan and implement facilities and maximize the use of resources.
 - > Developing plans for staffing, operations, and management of facilities.
 - Assessing needs for programming and other space needs within facilities to accommodate services such as defense counsel and community-based providers to assist with diversion/correctional/reentry/cultural/religious programming.
 - > Applying community-based alternatives to help control and prevent jail overcrowding.
 - > Developing sustainability plans for the operations and maintenance of justice system facilities



Project Deliverables cont'd

- Develop and maintain a distance-learning technical assistance capacity to complement classroom training.
- Develop content for BJA's tribal justice web page to assist tribes with the planning process for renovating, expanding, building, and operating tribal justice facilities.
- Provide assistance to tribes interested in exploring the option of contracting or establishing MOUs with other nearby tribes, state agencies, and/or local entities to address justice system needs.
- Develop and disseminate written materials that support and complement training sessions.



Project Deliverables cont'd

- Provide technical assistance to recipients of FY 2021 and past fiscal year CTAS Purpose Area 4 grants and other tribes (based on resource availability).
- Work with the tribes, U.S. Department of Interior Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Indian Health Services, Department of Veterans Affairs, Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services, other federal agencies, and where appropriate, state and local agencies to facilitate planning efforts related to securing operations and maintenance funding and addressing staffing needs.
- Participate in BJA-led Tribal-Federal-State Intergovernmental Collaboration Team in-person meetings (to be determined) and quarterly meetings (by conference call).
- Demonstrate ability to conduct a thorough assessment of project feasibility and preparedness based on the structural integrity of the facility that the tribe proposes to renovate or expand.



Project Deliverables cont'd

- Provide a qualitative review and assessment of the project groundwork immediately post award to identify TTA needs.
- Complete a two-page summary of each completed grant project to capture for DOJ and public audiences what each grantee accomplished with grant funding.
- Participate in BJA-led grant performance reviews that track grantee or program performance along several key indicators.



FY 2021 Tribal Justice System Infrastructure Program (site-based) Snapshot

Number of Active Grant Projects	Anticipated Number of Grants to End by 9/30/21	Estimated Number of FY 2021 Grant Awards
37	9	9



TJSIP Projects: Courthouse



Courthouse Renovation and Expansion to Existing House (Before)



Courthouse Renovation and Expansion to Existing House (After)



TJSIP Projects: Police Station





TJSIP Projects: Reintegration house





Performance Measures Requirement

- Applicants are not required to submit performance data with their applications.
- Performance measures information is included as an alert that successful applicants will be required to submit performance data as part of the reporting requirements under their awards.
- The application should demonstrate the applicant's understanding of the performance data reporting requirements for this grant program and detail how the applicant will gather the required data should it receive funding.



How to Apply

- Apply here: <u>https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2021-49002</u>
- In FY 2021, applications will be submitted to DOJ in a NEW two-step process.
- Grants.gov deadline: April 7, 2021, 11:59 p.m. ET.
- Application JustGrants deadline: April 21, 2021, 11:59 p.m. ET.



Previously Held Webinars

The Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations Date/Time: January 21, 2021, 1 p.m. ET

In this webinar, attendees learn what registrations are necessary to apply, how to navigate Grants.gov and JustGrants, and what resources are available for applicants, such as the Office of Justice Programs' Funding Resource Center.

Watch the Recording | Access the Presentation | Read the Transcript

JustGrants and ASAP: OJP's New Grant Management Systems

Webinar held: December 21, 2020 During this virtual meeting with the Consortium of Forensic Science Organizations, BJA shared information about the new grants management and payment systems. <u>Watch the Recording | Access the Presentation | Read the Transcript</u>

Other Funding Webinars – Links to upcoming and past webinars.



JustGrants Technical Support

• For technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants), contact the JustGrants Service Desk.

Technical Support	
JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov	
Or	
(833) 872–5175	
Monday – Friday between the hours of 5:00 AM and 9:00 PM EST Saturday, Sunday, and Federal holidays from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM EST	



Application Assistance and Support

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 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 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
 - <u>https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html</u>
 - support@grants.gov
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.



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For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit **BJA's website** – <u>https://bja.ojp.gov</u>





FY 2021 Resources for Funding Opportunities

BJA's website https://www.bja.ojp.gov

JustGrants https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov

Grants.gov www.Grants.gov

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



Questions & Answers

Please submit questions using the <u>Q&A box</u> and selecting <u>all panelists</u>.