

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FY 2020 JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM



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Agenda

- Overview of funding opportunity
- Solicitation Priority Areas
- Solicitation Priorities
- Key Criteria to Consider
- Helpful Resources
- Additional Funding Opportunities

Solicitation is available at:

<https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/bja-2020-17114.pdf>

Applications are due on May
18, 2020

OVERVIEW OF JMHCP FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



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Bureau of Justice Assistance 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.

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JMHCP Overview

JMHCP supports cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental illnesses (MI) or co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse (CMISA) who come into contact with the criminal justice system.

Statutory Authority

This program is authorized by:

- Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Act of 2004 (MIOTCRA) (Public Law 108-414)
- Mentally Ill Offender Treatment and Crime Reduction Reauthorization and Improvement Act of 2008 (Public Law 110-416), and
- Amended by the 21st Century Cures Act (Public Law 114-255), 34 U.S.C. 10651.

Funding History

- Since 2006, funded **531 awardees** across **49 states**, Washington, DC, and two U.S. territories (including American Samoa and Guam)
- **\$145.7 million** awarded, with individual awards ranging from \$50,000 to \$750,000
- Visit:
<https://bja.ojp.gov/sites/g/files/xyckuh186/files/media/document/jmhcp-program.pdf> to learn more about the program's history.

Eligibility

- States, units of local government, Federally recognized Indian tribal governments (as determined by the Secretary of the Interior)
- BJA will only accept applications that demonstrate the proposed project will be administered jointly by an agency with responsibility for criminal or juvenile justice activities and a mental health agency.

Two Grant Phases, But One Application

- Applicants must submit one application that proposes detailed activities for both a planning phase and an implementation phase
- Planning Phase: Up to 12 months (up to \$100,000 of total budget)
- Implementation Phase: Remainder of grant period once planning phase has completed

Anticipated Award and Funding Amounts

- Estimate award amount: **Up to \$750,000**
- Total amount anticipated to be awarded:
 - **Up to \$19,000,000**
- Estimate number of awards: **25**
- Period of Performance: **Up to 36 months**

SOLICITATION PURPOSE AREAS



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Solicitation Purpose Areas

- Three categories of funding
- Each purpose area has a unique competition ID
- You cannot apply for multiple purpose areas under one application

Purpose Area 1: Embedding Clinicians in Law Enforcement Agencies

- Allows for social workers and/or mental health professionals to be placed in law enforcement agencies to assist officers
- Funding can be used to pay for salaries as well as other expenses such as training and other coordination activities

Purpose Area 2: Support for Mental Health Centers

- Funding can be used for operational expense for centers that provide assistance to those with severe mental health needs who are at risk of recidivism
- Mental health centers can provide, but are not limited to, crisis care, residential treatment, outpatient mental health and primary care services, and community reentry services.

Purpose Area 3: Mitigating Threats of Targeted Violence

- This funding support law enforcement and prosecutors to respond to and mitigate threats of targeted violence.
- Funds can be used by state and local prosecutors and investigators to seek assistance from mental health professionals and threat assessment experts to identify and disrupt individuals who are mobilizing toward violence.
- It is expected that applicants closely consult with designated points of contact at the FBI, the US Attorney and other federal law enforcement agencies.

SOLICITATION PRIORITIES



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Program-Specific Priorities

- See page 6 in the solicitation for program specific priorities
- To receive priority consideration under any of these areas, applicants must identify, in the application abstract, each area for which priority consideration is being sought, and describe in the narrative, how the applicant will address each priority.

OJP Policy Priority Areas

- See page 6-8 in the solicitation for OJP policy priority areas
- There are very specific guidelines on what needs to be completed to receive priority consideration under each area
- OJP policy priority consideration will consist of receiving additional points in the application score process.

KEY CRITERIA TO CONSIDER



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Match Requirement (Cash or In-kind)

- Federal funds awarded may not cover more than 80% of the total project costs in years 1 and 2
- For year 3, federal funds may not cover more than 60% of the total project costs.
- Identify the source of the matching portions and how they will be used to support the project
- OJP Financial Guide:
<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/financialguideojp/overview>

Application Elements

- ✓ Application (Form (SF)-424)
 - ✓ Project Abstract
 - ✓ Program Narrative
 - ✓ Budget Information
 - ✓ Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
 - ✓ Financial Management Questionnaire
 - ✓ Disclosures: Lobbying, Pending Applications, Research & Evaluation Independence, Executive Compensation
- Task Timeline
 - Resumes & Position Descriptions
 - MOUs/Letters of Support
 - Documentation of Past TTA Delivery Experience
 - Proposed Subrecipients

Review Criteria

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 and sustainability plans	5%
Budget	10%

HELPFUL RESOURCES



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Grantee Training and Technical Assistance

- Once awarded, you will receive training and technical assistance to support your implementation of grant activities. TTA is tailored to the needs of each grantee.
- JMHCP current TTA provider is The Council of State Governments Justice Center
<https://csgjusticecenter.org/topics/mental-health/>

The CSG Justice Center

We are a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that combines the power of a membership association, representing state officials in three branches, with policy and research expertise to develop strategies that increase public safety and strengthen communities.



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JMHCP TTA

Access to Experts

Resources & Tools

Recommended Resources: BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

- The Federal Funding Process: The First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare and Other Considerations

PDFs of the presentation and transcript are available at
<https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>

Recommended Resources on the Web

OJP Funding Resource Center

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

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

- <https://www.ojp.gov/financialguidedojo/overview>

DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training

- <https://www.ojp.gov/training/financial-management-training>

2020 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, ET, M–F

Become a BJA Application Peer Reviewer

BJA is seeking a diverse set of experts across various criminal justice fields to peer review funding applications. The work is remote, and candidates will review 5–15 applications over a two-week period.

Interested in applying?

- Email BJAreviewer@ojp.usdoj.gov
- Subject line “Peer Reviewer Candidate Resume”
- Attach a current resume/CV with a valid email address

ADDITIONAL FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Collaborative Mental Health and Anti-Recidivism Initiative

- Enhance services for individuals with serious mental illness in prisons by developing a pilot program that will establish a comprehensive service delivery plan focusing on the therapeutic, educational, vocational, cognitive-behavioral, and other mental health treatment needs of prison inmates from intake or arrest through their probationary or parole periods.
- Link to solicitation: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-17972>
- Closing Date: May 22, 2020

Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

- The Juvenile Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JJMHCP) supports proposals to develop and implement a cross-system collaborative approach to improve responses and outcomes for youth with mental illness (MI) and co-occurring MI and substance abuse (CMISA) who come into contact with the juvenile justice system.
- Link to Solicitation: <https://ojjdp.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/ojjdp-2020-17927>
- Closing Date: May 4, 2020

Preventing School Violence - BJA's STOP School Violence Program FY 2020 Competitive Grant Solicitation

- BJA's STOP School Violence Grant Program is designed to improve school security by providing students and teachers with the tools they need to recognize, respond quickly to, and help prevent acts of violence.
- Link to Solicitation: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-17312>
- Closing Date: June 9, 2020

Adult Drug Court and Veterans Treatment Court Discretionary Grant Program

- This program provides funding to states, state courts, local courts, units of local government, and federally recognized Indian tribal governments to enhance the operations of drug courts or to implement new veterans treatment courts.
- Link to Solicitation: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-17098>
- Closing Date: May 14, 2020

Innovations in Community-Based Crime Reduction Program

- Funding to reduce serious and violent crime, including gun violence; dismantle gang activity; and strengthen local capacity to combat drug abuse. CBCR helps communities build trust and support law enforcement agencies working with these communities by integrating enforcement strategies into community-based crime reduction efforts and using this information to understand and target the issues.
- Link to Solicitation: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/bja-2020-17118>
- Closing Date: June 11, 2020

Solicitation is available at:

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