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# FY 22 Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Responses Solicitation Webinar

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**BJA**

Bureau of Justice Assistance  
U.S. Department of Justice

# Presentation Outline

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- I. Welcome and Introductions
- II. Overview of Bureau of Justice Assistance, Council of State Governments Justice Center, Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program
- III. Award Information
- IV. Budget
- V. Application Criteria
- VI. Submission Requirements
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# Speakers

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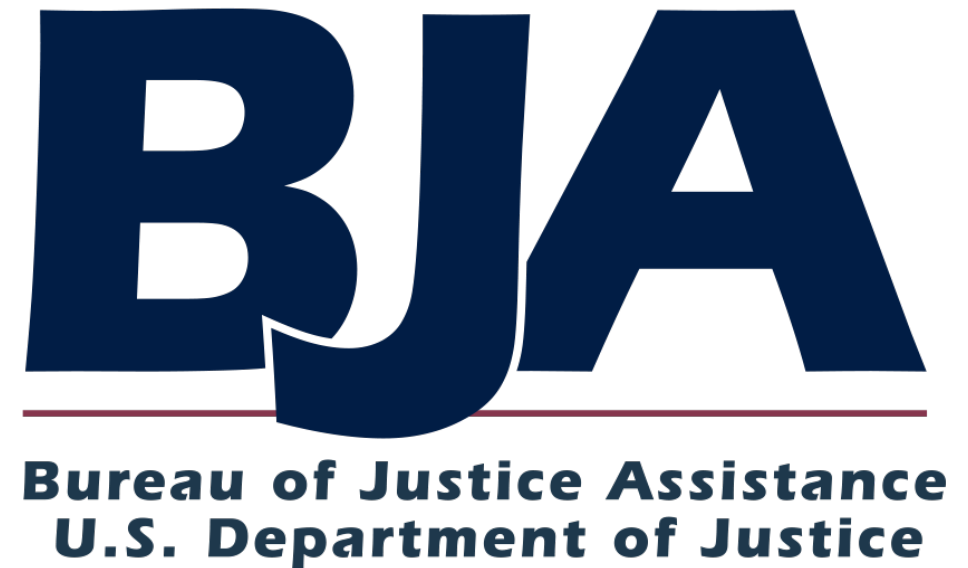
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# The U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

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Mission: BJA's mission is to provide leadership and services in grant administration and criminal justice policy development to support state, local, and Tribal justice strategies to achieve safer communities. BJA works with communities, governments, and nonprofit organizations to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, and promote a safe and fair criminal justice system.



# The Council of State Governments Justice Center

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

# How We Work

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- We bring people together
- We drive the criminal justice field forward with original research
- We build momentum for policy change
- We provide expert assistance

# Overview of JMHCP

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## The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP)

- Supports cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses and outcomes for individuals with mental health conditions and co-occurring mental health conditions and substance use disorders who come into contact with the justice system
- Supports public safety efforts through partnerships with social services and other organizations that will enhance responses to people with mental health conditions and co-occurring mental health conditions and substance use disorders.

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# Award Information

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**Eligible Applicants:** City or township governments, County governments, Native American tribal governments (federally recognized), State governments, and other

[Directory of State Mental Health Authorities \(samhsa.gov\)](https://www.samhsa.gov)

# Award Information

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BJA will *only* accept applications that will be administered jointly by a:

- i. mental health agency; and
- ii. criminal or juvenile justice agency

# Award Information

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**Goal:** The Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program is specifically designated to support law enforcement and behavioral health cross-system collaboration to improve public health and safety responses and outcomes that target preliminary qualified individuals with MHDs or co-occurring MHSUDs.

# Award Information

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## Objectives

1. Design and implement a best practice program in crisis response based on present information to assist law enforcement officers during encounters with people who have MHDs or co-occurring MHSUDs.
2. Plan and deliver a law enforcement agency response program, in coordination with a mental health agency, that includes services to improve or enhance the response.
3. Pay salaries, as well as expenses such as training (overtime) and coordination activities, to design and implement a police-mental health collaboration program (PMHC).
4. Engage citizens through officer outreach and education to improve public safety.
5. Build positive community relations and trust through public communication strategies.
6. Enhance officer knowledge and skills in responding to community members with MHDs or co-occurring MHSUDs

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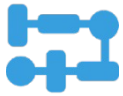
## Objectives (Cont.)

7. Increase public safety agency capacity to develop and sustain the program by collecting data to inform practices, create stakeholder groups, develop policy, and encourage ongoing professional development
8. Seek guidance, then incorporate and build upon successful strategies for police-mental health collaborations (PMHCs)

# Police Mental Health Collaboration (PMHC) Framework



Is our **leadership** committed?



Do we have clear **policies and procedures** to respond to people who have mental health needs?



Do we provide staff with quality mental health and stabilization **training**?



Does the community have a full array of **mental health services and supports** for people who have mental health needs?



Do we **collect and analyze data** to measure the PMHC against the four key outcomes?



Do we have a formal and ongoing process for reviewing and **improving performance**?

<https://csgjusticecenter.org/projects/police-mental-health-collaboration-pmhc/>

# Award Information

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**Deliverables:** Requires a two-phase process consisting of planning and implementation activities.

- The planning phase is up to 12 months during which the recipient will have access to only \$100,000 in award funds for the completion of this phase.
- The implementation phase will begin once the grantee has met the requirements of the planning phase, including the completion and BJA's approval of a required "Planning and Implementation Guide" and will continue for the remaining time of the grant.

# Award Information

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## Deliverables (cont.)

- Document the approach to implementing or enhancing law enforcement-behavioral health responses for individuals with MHDs or co-occurring MHSUDs who come in contact with the criminal justice system.
- Collect data on program use, effectiveness, and outcomes and analyze across different demographics. Conduct an evaluation of the PMHC and community satisfaction. Working with a researcher to collect program data is an allowable expense.

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## Deliverables (cont.)

- Engage in regular training and technical assistance activities with the BJA training and technical assistance partner, to include completion of the planning and implementation guide.
- Outline a plan for obtaining the necessary support to sustain and continue the proposed collaboration program following the conclusion of federal support.

# Award Information

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## Program-Specific Priority Areas

- Supporting Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*
- Promote effective strategies by law enforcement to identify and reduce the risk of harm to individuals with MHDs or co-occurring MHSUDs who encounter law enforcement and improve public safety

# Award Information

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## Program-Specific Priority Areas (cont.)

- Promote effective strategies for the identification and treatment of females who have been incarcerated with MHDs or co-occurring MHSUDs
- Propose interventions that have been shown by empirical evidence to reduce recidivism. When appropriate, use validated assessment tools to target people who have been incarcerated with a moderate or high risk of recidivism and a need for treatment services.

# Award Information

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## Applicants must:

- ❑ Submit one application that proposes detailed activities for both a planning phase and an implementation phase.
- ❑ Demonstrate that at least one criminal justice agency and one mental health agency will participate in the administration of the program, through established roles and responsibilities described in an attached MOU.

# Award Information

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**Anticipated Number of Awards: 27**

**Anticipated Maximum Dollar Amount of Awards:  
\$550,000**

**Period of Performance Start Date: 10/1/22**

**Period of Performance Start Duration: 36 months**

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# Budget

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- The budget should be complete, cost-effective, and allowable. All costs should be reasonable, allocable, and necessary for project activities
- Applicants should structure their budgets to allocate \$100,000 to complete the planning phase within 12 months of receiving final OJP approval of the project's budget
- Applicants will need to clearly identify which budget line items are planning costs
- While applicants will be required to submit a budget for the entire 36-month project at the time of application submission, they may have the opportunity to revise their budget based on any outcomes from the planning phase

# Budget (cont.)

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- JMHCP does not fund construction. The following costs are not allowed: Prizes, rewards, entertainment, trinkets, or any other monetary incentives; client stipends; gifts cards; vehicle purchases; and food/beverages.

# Budget- Match

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- The JMHCP authorizing legislation requires a non-federal match of 20% total project costs in project years 1 and 2, and 40% of total project costs in project year 3.
- Cash and/or in-kind (3rd party) match are allowed.
- Match costs in the budget must meet the same guidelines as federal costs for being allowable, reasonable, allocable, and necessary for the project.
- We recommend not including excessive match over the minimum requirements in the application budget.

# Budget

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- **TIP: Subawards versus Procurement Contracts:** You should carefully review the OJP Grant Application Resource Guide (linked in the solicitation) subsection titled “Information on Proposed Subawards (if any) and Proposed Procurement Contracts (if any)” and the resources linked therein to ensure you properly categorize your costs in these sections. There are different grants administrative requirement related to each; for example, a procurement contract requires full and open competition while a subaward does not.

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# Application Criteria

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## What an application should include:

1. Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) (form in grants.gov and JustGrants)
2. Project Abstract (attach in JustGrants)
3. Program Narrative (attach in JustGrants)
4. Goals, Objectives, Deliverables, and Timeline (web-form in JustGrants)
5. Budget and Associated Documentation (web-form in JustGrants)
6. Indirect Cost Rate Agreement (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)
7. Financial Management and System of Internal Controls Questionnaire (including applicant disclosure of high-risk status)(download form and attach in JustGrants)
8. Disclosure of Process Related to Executive Compensation (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)
9. Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) (attach in JG- required for all)
10. Tribal Authorizing Resolution (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)

# Application Criteria

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## What an application should include (cont.):

11. Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)
12. Documentation of Advancing DOJ Priorities (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)
13. Documentation of High-Poverty Areas or Persistent-Poverty Counties (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)
14. Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)(completed in grants.gov)
15. DOJ Certified Standard Assurances (completed in JustGrants)
16. Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items (completed in JustGrants)
17. DOJ Certifications Regarding Lobbying; Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; and Drug-Free Workplace Requirements (complete in JustGrants)
18. Applicant Disclosure and Justification- DOJ High Risk Grantees (attach in JustGrants, if applicable)

# Application Criteria

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## Review Criteria:

- I. Description of the Issue (15%)
- II. Project Design and Implementation (40%)
- III. Capabilities and Competencies (30%)
- IV. Plan for Collecting the Data Required for this Solicitation's Performance Measures (5%)
- V. Budget (10%)

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# Submission Requirements

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- Applicants will submit an **SF-424** and an **SF-LLL** in Grants.gov by **8:59 p.m. EST on May 27, 2022** at <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/register.html>.
- Applicants must submit the **full application**, including attachments, in JustGrants by **8:59 p.m. EST on June 1, 2022**, at JustGrants.usdoj.gov.
- For additional information, see “How to Apply” section in the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#) and the [DOJ Application Submission Checklist](#)

# Tips to Prevent Issues

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Follow these tips to avoid the most common mistakes we have seen in past years:

- **Two-Step Submission:** There is a two-step application process and JustGrants is a new system. Please carefully read the “How to Apply” instructions linked in the solicitation and give yourself plenty of time to complete the grants.gov and JustGrants submissions by the established deadlines. Training resources available here:  
<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/training/training-application-submission>

# Tips to Prevent Issues

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- **SF-424/DUNS/SAM:** Make sure the correct DUNS # is entered in the SF-424 and that it is registered in SAM. The specific agency registered under this DUNS # in SAM will be responsible for submitting the full application in JustGrants and administering the award if it is funded.
- **SF-424/Federal Request Amount:** The federal request amount entered in the SF-424 should match the total federal request in your application budget for the entire grant project period.
- **Budget/Allowable Costs:** Do not include any of the prohibited costs listed on pages 7 and 8 of the solicitation.

# Tips to Prevent Issues

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## Application Attachments/Common issues:

- Attach the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the criminal justice and mental health agency
- The Applicant Disclosure of Duplication in Cost Items is required for all applicants. This form is completed in JustGrants.
- The Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity attachment is required if you are proposing to use federal funds to pay an outside evaluator or research partner. Follow the instructions in the Resource Guide.

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# Questions and Answers

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# Upcoming Solicitation Webinar

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- **Thurs., May 19, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.** – Responding to the 2022 Solicitation for Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program- [BJA FY22 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program Solicitation \(ojp.gov\)](https://www.ojp.gov/justice-mental-health-collaboration-program-solicitation)

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