

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: FISCAL YEAR 2023 SECOND CHANCE ACT PROGRAMS

Pay for Success Initiative

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Speakers

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Agenda

1. Overview
2. FY2023 SCA PFS Grant Program
3. Additional Information
4. JustGrants

SCA solicitations
are available at:

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/current>

SECTION 1

OVERVIEW

What is the Office of Justice Programs?

- The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) provides grant funding, training, research, and statistics to the criminal justice community.
- OJP is one of three grant-making components of the Department of Justice along with the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS).

Office of Justice Programs

BJA - Bureau of Justice Assistance

BJS - Bureau of Justice Statistics

NIJ - National Institute of Justice

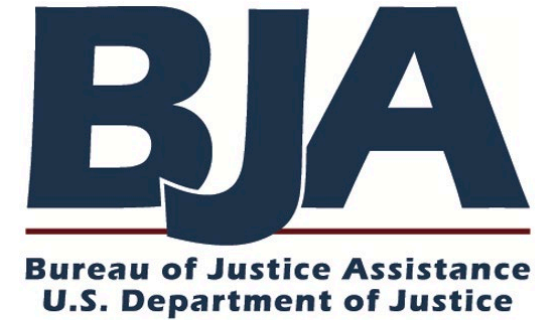
OVC - Office for Victims of Crime

OJJDP - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

SMART - Office of Sex Offender Sentencing, Monitoring, Apprehending, Registering, and Tracking

U.S. Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance

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.



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Appointed by President Biden in February 2022, Director Moore leads BJA's programmatic and policy efforts on providing a wide range of resources, including training and technical assistance, to law enforcement, courts, corrections, treatment, reentry, justice information sharing, and community-based partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges nationwide.

Policy Office

Provides national leadership to criminal justice organizations that partner with BJA to identify effective program models for replication and infuse data-driven, evidence-based strategies into operational models, practices, and programs.

Programs Office

Administers state, local, Tribal, and territorial grant programs. It acts as BJA's direct line of communication to states, local jurisdictions, territories, and Tribal governments by providing customer-focused grants management support and careful stewardship over federal funds.

Operations Office

Coordinates all communication, formulates and executes the budget, manages contracts, measures grantees' performance, and provides administrative support to BJA.

Public Safety Officer Benefits Office

Provides death and education benefits to survivors of fallen law enforcement officers, firefighters, and other public safety officers, and disability benefits to officers catastrophically injured in the line of duty.

**BJA Director
Karhlton F. Moore**

Five Major Strategic Focus Areas

Improving public safety through measures that build trust with the community and ensure an effective criminal justice system

Reduction in recidivism and prevention of unnecessary confinement and interactions with the criminal justice system

Integration of evidence-based, research-driven strategies into the day-to-day operations of BJA and the programs BJA administers and supports

Increasing program effectiveness with a renewed emphasis on data analysis, information sharing, and performance management

Ensuring organizational excellence through outstanding administration and oversight of BJA's strategic investments

Fund – Invest diverse funding streams to accomplish goals.

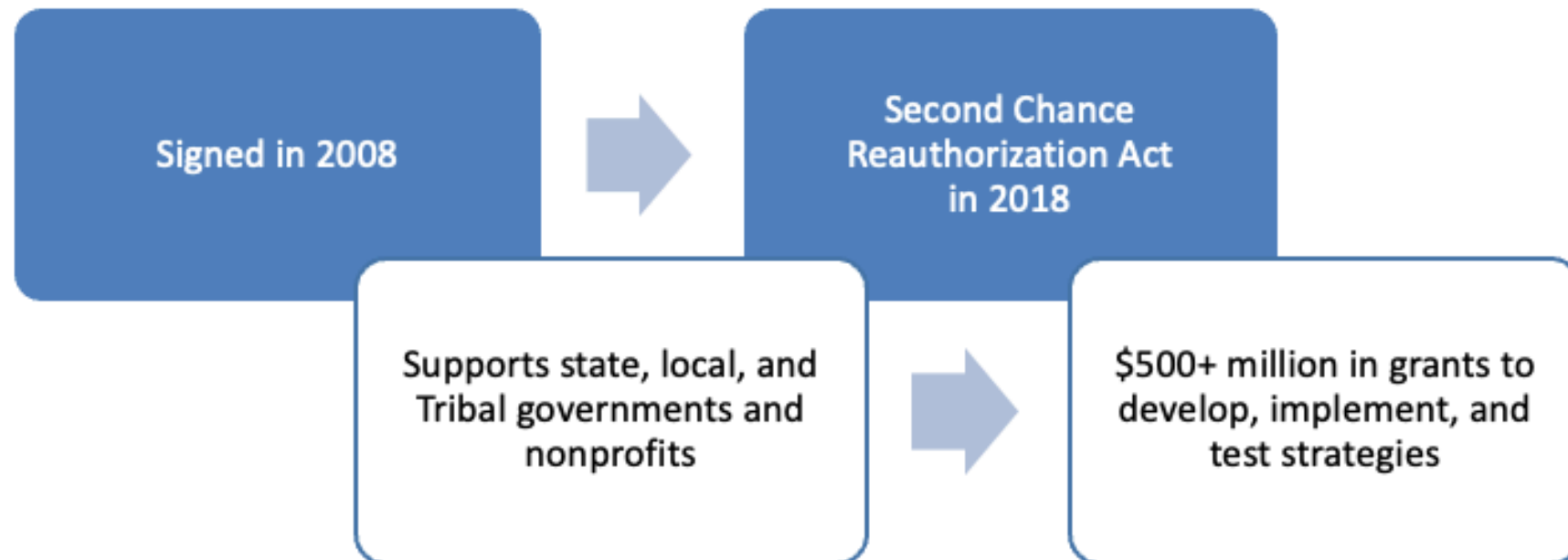
Educate – Research, develop, and deliver what works.

Equip – Create tools and products to build capacity and improve outcomes.

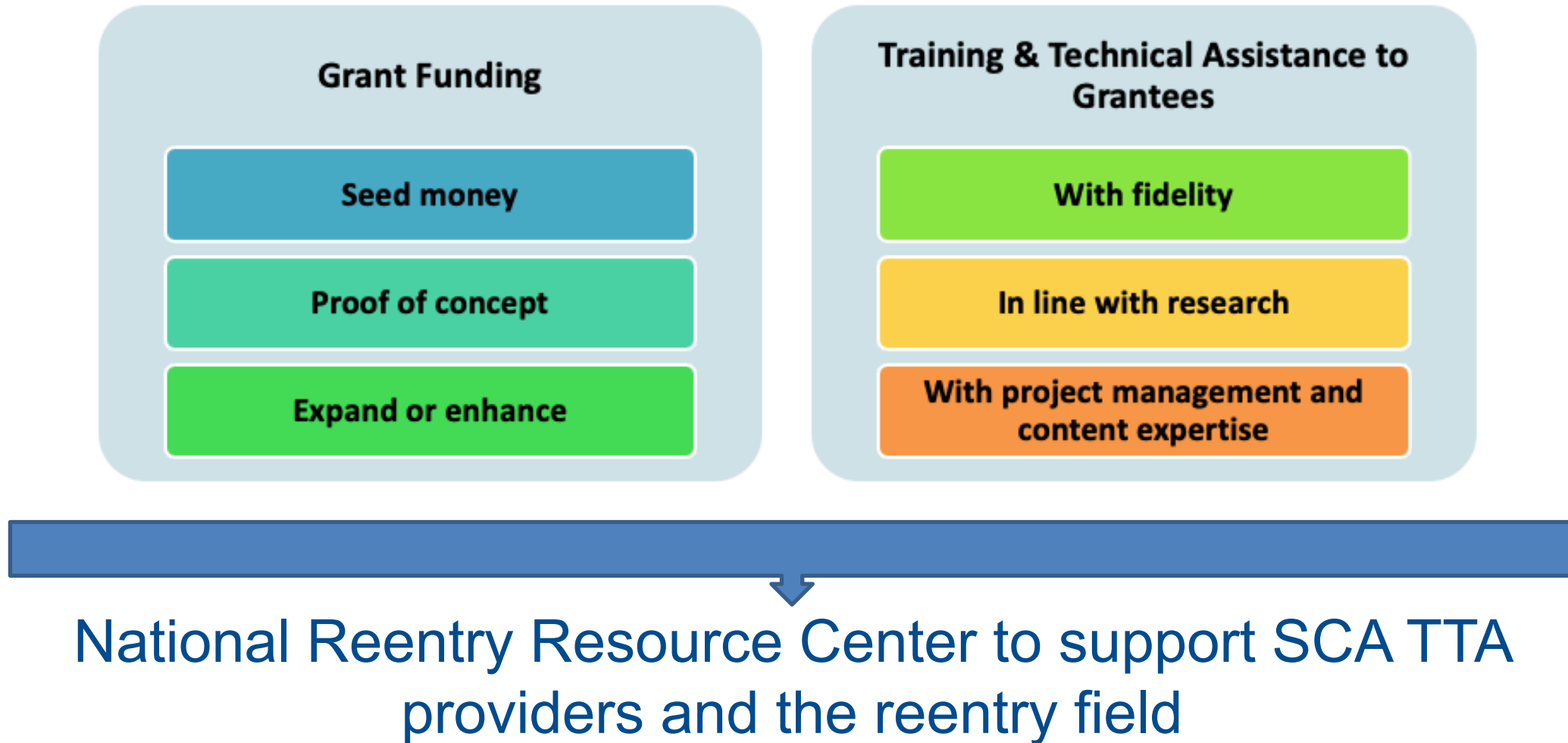
Partner – Consult, connect, and convene.

The Second Chance Act (SCA)

Funding to reduce recidivism and improve outcomes for youth and adults leaving detention and incarceration to return to their communities.



BJA's SCA Funding

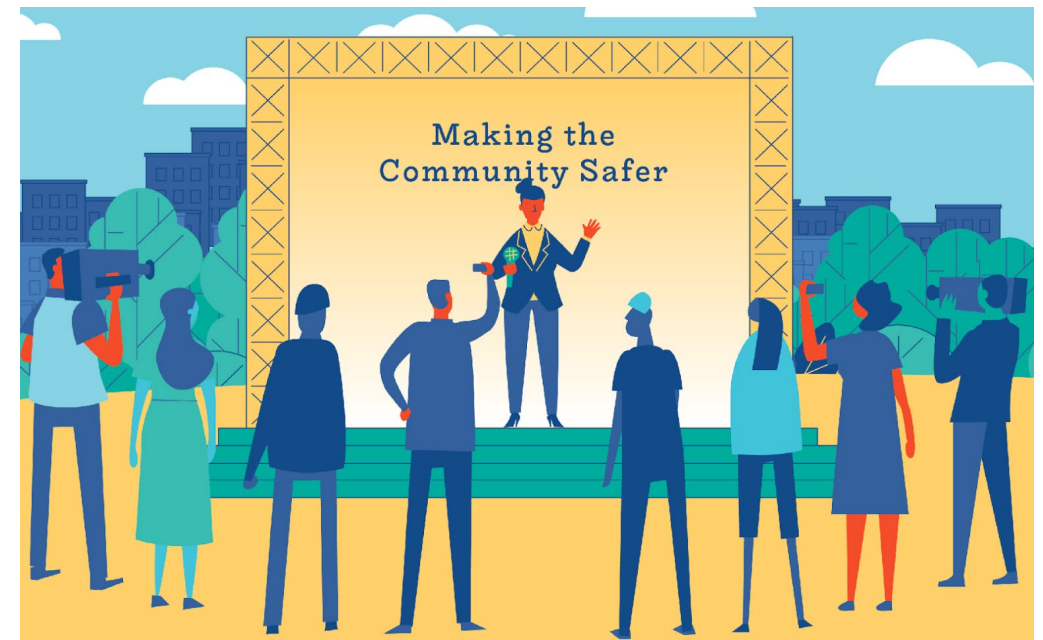


The National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)

The American Institutes for Research (AIR) operates the NRRC as a collaborative project of BJA and OJJDP.

The primary mission of the NRRC is to advance the knowledge base of the reentry field.

The NRRC serves as a convener and coordinator of SCA grantees.



The Council of State Governments Justice Center



Justice Center
THE COUNCIL OF STATE GOVERNMENTS

Delivers TTA for SCA grantees focused on improving treatment for people with substance use disorders to facilitate their successful reintegration to communities after a prison or jail sentence.

- Content expertise
- Project management support
- Connections to peer networks and resources

SECTION 2

FY2023 SCA GRANT PROGRAMS

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: PAY FOR SUCCESS INITIATIVE

Seven SCA Funding Opportunities

**Community-Based
Reentry Program**

**Improving Reentry
Education and
Employment Outcomes
Program**

**Improving Adult and
Juvenile Crisis
Stabilization and
Community Reentry
Program**

Pay for Success

**Swift, Certain, and Fair
Supervision and HOPE
Institute**

**Smart Reentry and
Smart Supervision with
Technical Assistance:
New Tools to Facilitate
Change**

**Improving Substance
Use Disorder Treatment
and Recovery
Outcomes for Adults in
Reentry**

SCA: Pay for Success Initiative

The Pay for Success Initiative is performance-based and outcomes-based programming that ties payment for services to reaching agreed-upon goals. Under this initiative, services that may be purchased include a wide range of reentry services that are tailored to individuals leaving incarceration, particularly those with substance use disorders, as well as permanent supportive housing.

SCA: Pay for Success Initiative

Eligible applicants:

- County governments
- Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)
- Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities
- State governments
- City or township governments
- Special district governments

Category 1: Performance-Based and Outcomes-Based Contracting for Reentry Services

Focus

- Enhancing already established performance-based and outcomes-based contracts to provide individualized reentry services for people leaving incarceration who are identified through a validated risk tool as being at moderate to high risk to reoffend in the community
- Managing the performance-based or outcomes-based reentry services contract, including data and report collection, regular performance and outcome reviews between governments and service providers, on- and offsite monitoring, outcomes validation, and incentive payment approvals
- Ensuring government staff and service providers have adequate training on performance-based or outcomes-based procurement, reentry services, data collection, and outcomes validation

Funding

- FY2023 opportunities
 - Estimated number of awards: Up to 5
 - Award amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Category 2: Performance-Based and Outcomes-Based Contracting for Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)

- Entering into performance-based or outcomes-based contracts to provide evidence-based, high-quality permanent supportive housing (PSH) to formerly incarcerated individuals who have a substance use disorder
- Managing the performance-based or outcomes-based PSH contract, including data and report collection, regular performance and outcome reviews between governments and service providers, on- and offsite monitoring, performance and outcomes validation, and incentive payment approvals
- Ensuring government staff and service providers have adequate training on performance-based or outcomes-based procurement, PSH, data collection, and outcomes validation

Funding

- FY2023 opportunities
 - Estimated number of awards: 1
 - Award amount: Up to \$1,000,000

Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity Statement

- If an application proposes research (including research and development) and/or evaluation, the applicant must demonstrate research/evaluation independence and integrity, including appropriate safeguards, before it may receive award funds. The applicant will submit documentation of its research and evaluation independence and integrity by uploading it as an attachment in JustGrants.
- For additional information, see the [OJP Grant Application Resource Guide](#).

OJP Priority Area

Priority Considerations Supporting Executive Order 13985, *Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government*

Pay for Success Initiative Goals and Objectives

Goals

- To enhance public safety, lower recidivism, and improve the lives of individuals leaving the criminal justice system
- To increase access to programming for and reduce recidivism in the target reentry population

Objectives

- Enhance already established performance-based and outcomes-based contracts to provide individualized reentry services or PSH for people leaving incarceration who are identified through a validated risk tool as being at moderate to high risk to reoffend in the community.
- Manage the performance-based reentry service or PSH contract, including data and report collection, regular performance and outcome reviews between the government and service provider, on- and offsite monitoring, outcomes validation, and incentive payment approvals.
- Ensure government staff and service providers have adequate training on outcomes-based procurement, reentry services, PSH, data collection, and outcomes validation.

Examples of Potential Program Activities

- A reentry partnership between a state or local corrections agency and state or local or nonprofit reentry service provider to enter into outcomes-based contracts for employment and substance use disorder treatment
- A partnership between a state or local community supervision, corrections agency, and permanent supportive housing provider for a performance-based contract to serve people reentering the community
- A partnership between a housing services local government agency and corrections agency to provide housing services for people reentering the community

Deliverables: All Categories

- Analysis that demonstrates reentry service or PSH need using data indicating the number and needs of people to be served. To ensure the intended size and target population are identified, the grantee will provide a description of the mechanisms to identify the population along with a description of the contracted services.
- Analysis that demonstrates the performance targets or outcomes selected for payment. Contracts must include recidivism performance targets or outcomes (rearrest, reconviction, reincarceration, revocation) and can also include time to reoffense and reduction in severity of offense
- Analysis that demonstrates the grantee's decision about the performance-based or outcomes-based contract structure (e.g., phased approach over the period of the contract, inclusion of a hold-harmless period, etc.), repayment strategy (e.g., unit of outcome achieved, weighted incentives, percent change in outcomes, tiered payment schedule, bonus payments), and timing of payments
- Revised contract term report
- Closeout report, including a listing and description of the performance targets or outcomes achieved and payments made

SECTION 3

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Additional Eligibility Requirements

To advance Executive Order 13929 Safe Policing for Safe Communities, the attorney general determined that all state, local, and university or college law enforcement agencies must be certified by an approved, independent credentialing body or have started the certification process to be eligible for Department of Justice (DOJ) discretionary grant funding. The certification requirement also applies to proposed subawardees.

To become certified, the law enforcement agency must meet two mandatory conditions: (1) the agency's use of force policies adhere to all applicable federal, state, and local laws; and (2) the agency's use of force policies prohibit chokeholds except in situations where use of deadly force is allowed by law.

For detailed information on this new certification requirement, please visit <https://cops.usdoj.gov/SafePolicingEO>.

Dual Deadlines

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

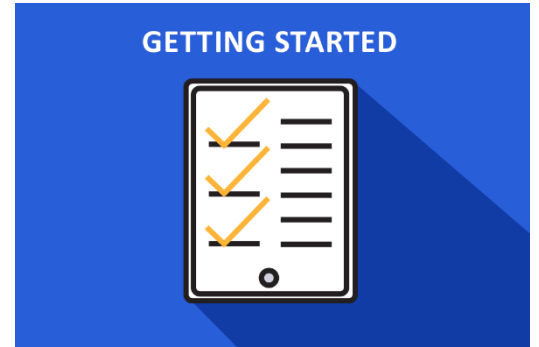
- Step 1: Applicants submit an SF-424 and an SF-LLL at [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov).
- Step 2: Applicants submit the full application, including attachments, at JusticeGrants.usdoj.gov.

Read the solicitation document carefully for further guidance.

JustGrants

- Offers a streamlined, end-to-end process, enabling applicants and grantees to move seamlessly through the full grants management life cycle
- Gives applicants and award recipients new ways to manage their own entity information and that of users in the system

Application Submission



- ✓ Identify the forms needed to submit an application.
- ✓ Complete a web-based budget form.
- ✓ Complete an application, including certifying the information.
- ✓ Submit the application.

JustGrants Support

**Access
Trainings!**



[Trainings: “Application Mechanics: Submitting an Application” Webinar](#)

Archived Webinars show applicants how to use JustGrants to apply for funding, including:

- To search and find open DOJ funding opportunities
- The steps/actions that applicants need to take prior to applying for funding (e.g., SAM.gov)
- The JustGrants roles (e.g., Entity Administrator, Application Submitter, etc.) needed to submit an application
- How to navigate and use the system (e.g., save your work, etc.)

Key Application Elements (not exhaustive)

- ✓ Application (Form SF-424)
- ✓ Project Abstract
- ✓ Program Narrative
- ✓ Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables
- ✓ Budget Information
- ✓ Indirect Cost Rate Agreement
- ✓ Financial Management Questionnaire
- ✓ Disclosures: Lobbying, Pending Applications, Research and Evaluation Independence, Executive Compensation

Review Criteria

Selection Criteria	Weight
Statement of the problem	15%
Project design and implementation	35%
Capabilities and competencies	25%
Plan for collecting data for the solicitation's performance measures	15%
Budget	10%
Other criteria (geography, financial considerations, past performance)	Supplemental

Recommended Resources: BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

- Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2023: An Overview of What's Ahead
- The Funding Process: First Steps to Applying, How to Prepare Now, and Other Considerations

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

Recommended Resources

OJP Funding Resource Center

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

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

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

DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training

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

OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

<https://ojp.gov/funding/Apply/Resources/Grant-App-Resource-Guide.htm>

National Institute of Justice'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,
except federal holidays*



Solicitation Assistance Contact Information

National Criminal Justice Reference
Service

Response Center

1-800-851-3420 | grants@ncjrs.gov
*Open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., ET, M–F
(8:00 p.m. on solicitation close date)*

Second Chance Act solicitations are available:

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/current>

Application deadlines vary, so read carefully!



**Access trainings
for a JustGrants
Application
Webinar**

Questions: Contact OJP Response Center

Title: Technical Assistance

Phone: 800-851-3420

301-240-6310 (TTY for
hearing-impaired callers
only)

Email: grants@ncjrs.gov



Solicitation Link and Deadlines

Second Chance Act Pay for Success Initiative

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2023-171523>

Grants.gov Deadline: March 21, 2023, 8:59 p.m. ET

JustGrants Deadline: March 28, 2023, 8:59 p.m. ET