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FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: BJA FY 2024 JUSTICE AND MENTAL HEALTH COLLABORATION PROGRAM (JMHCP)

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SECTION 1

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION



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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)**.

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



How BJA Supports the Field



Investments

Provide diverse funding to accomplish goals.



Sharing Knowledge

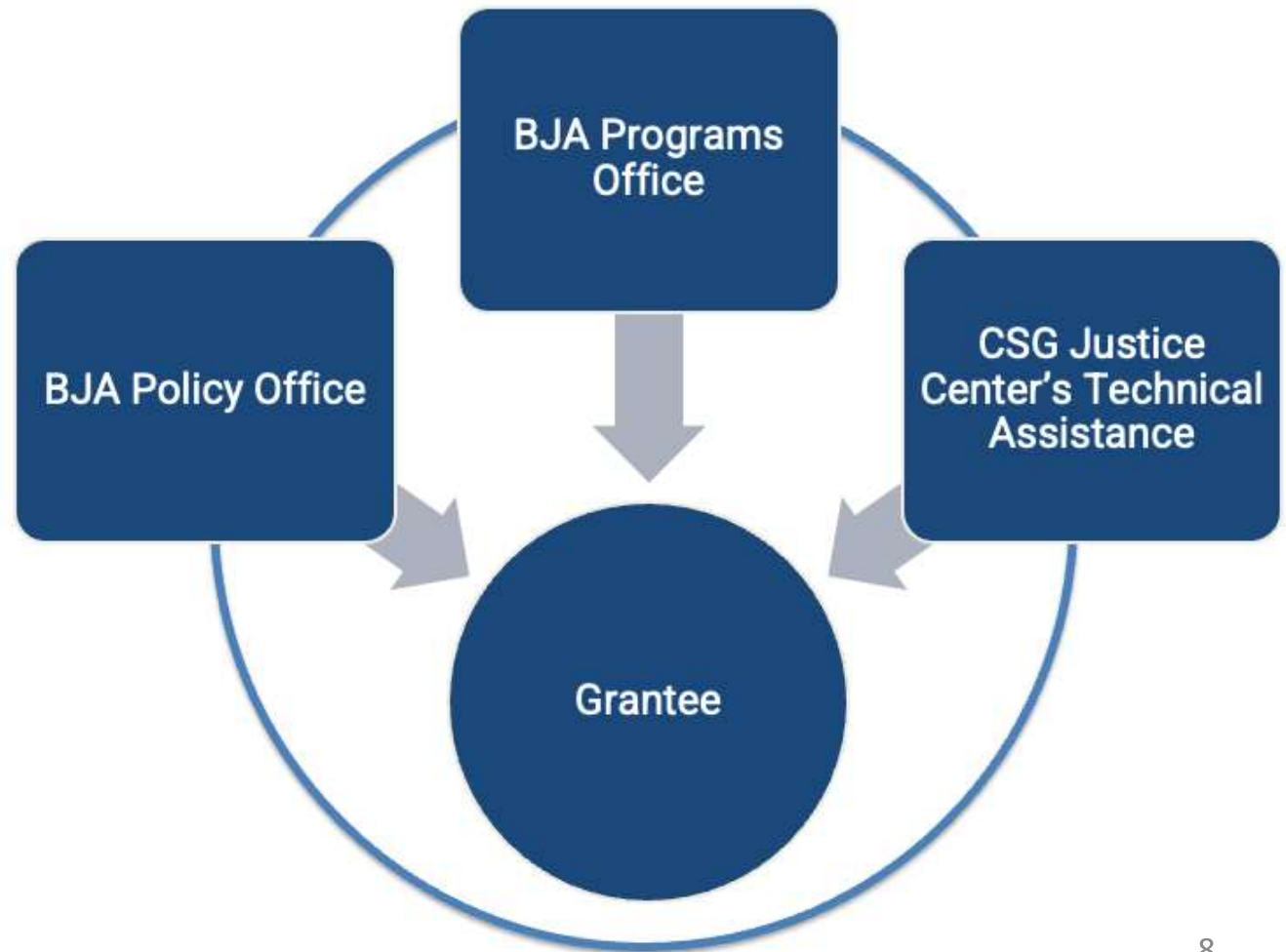
Research, develop, and deliver what works to build capacity and improve outcomes.



Engagement

Consult, connect, and convene.

BJA Grant Management



About The CSG Justice Center

The CSG Justice Center is a national nonprofit, nonpartisan organization that combines the power of a membership association, serving state officials in all three branches of government, with policy and research expertise to develop strategies that increase public safety and strengthen communities.

How CSG Works

- Brings people together
- Drives the criminal justice field forward with original research
- Builds momentum for policy change
- Provides expert assistance

Poll Question

Has your organization been awarded federal grants in the past?

Yes, my organization has extensive experience with federal grants.

Yes, though my organization does not currently have any federal grants.

My organization has limited experience with federal grants.

My organization is new to federal grants and looking to learn more!

SECTION 2

JMHCP PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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Program Description Overview

The DOJ, OJP, BJA is seeking applications for funding.

OJP is committed to advancing work that:



FY2024 JMHCP Funding Categories

**Category 1: Criminal Justice System Collaboration:
Pretrial, Prosecution, Courts, and Behavioral Health**

**Category 2: Community Justice and Collaboration: Jails
& Prisons, Probation & Parole, Behavioral Health**

JMHCP Funding Category 1

Estimated number of awards: Up to 13

Maximum award amount: Up to \$550,000

Performance duration: 36 months

JMHCP Funding Category 2

Estimated number of awards: Up to 12

Maximum award amount: Up to \$550,000

Performance duration: 36 months

Specific Information

For the purposes of this FY24 solicitation, JMHCP will do the following:

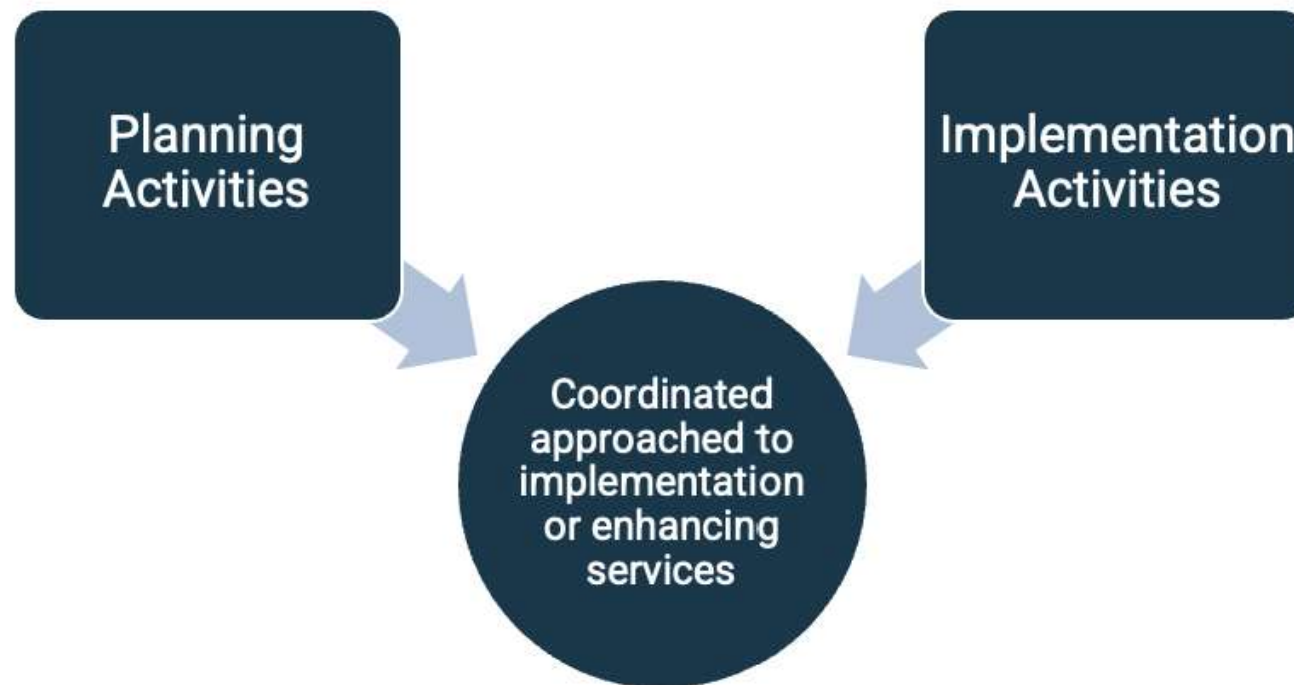
Focus on pretrial, prosecution, courts, probation/parole

Address the needs directly related to the criminal activity of adults with mental health conditions

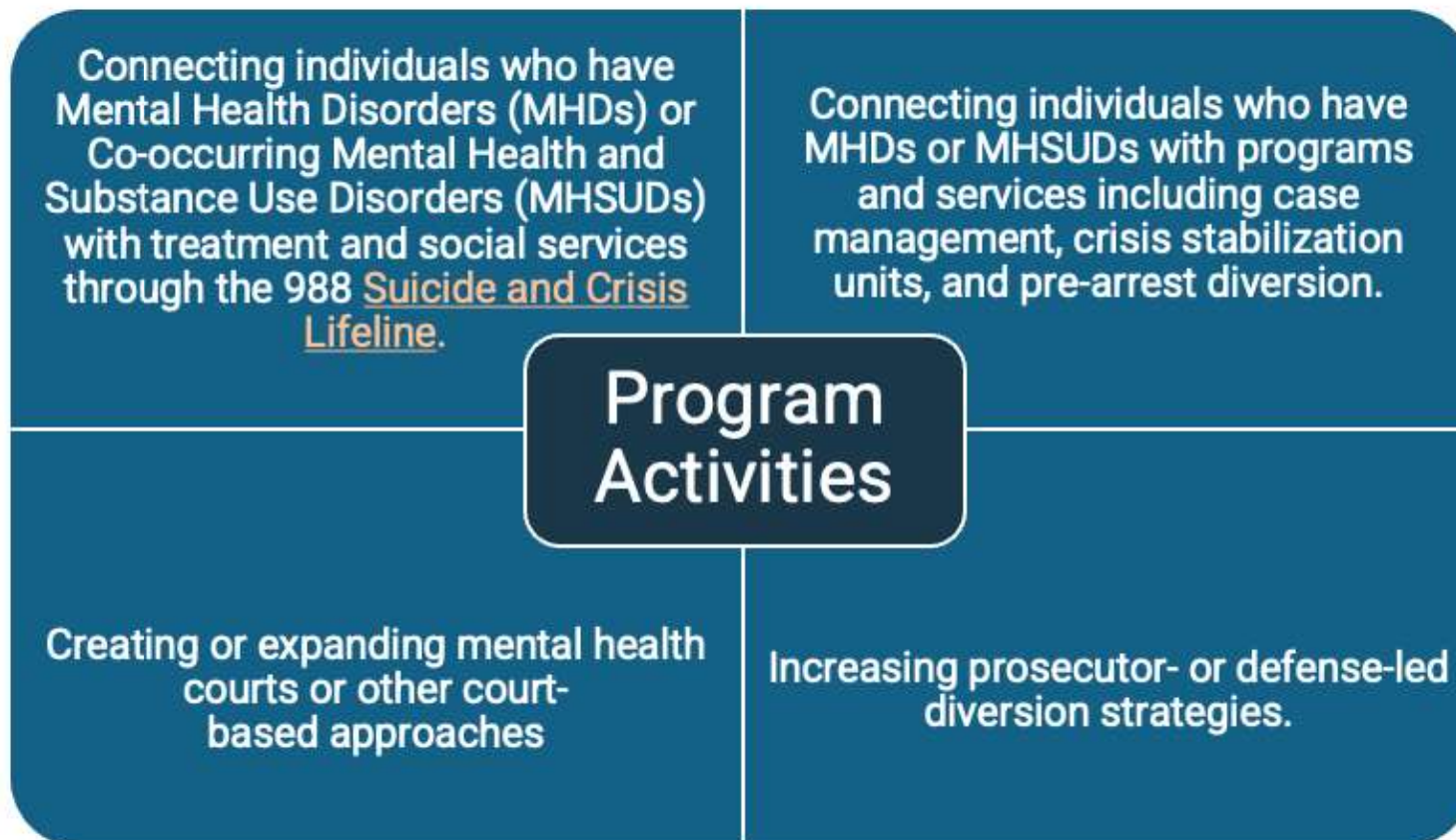
Specific Information (cont.)

Proposed programs must be administered jointly by a criminal justice agency and a mental health agency.

Specific Information (cont.)



Specific Information: Program Activities



Specific Information: Program Activities (cont.)

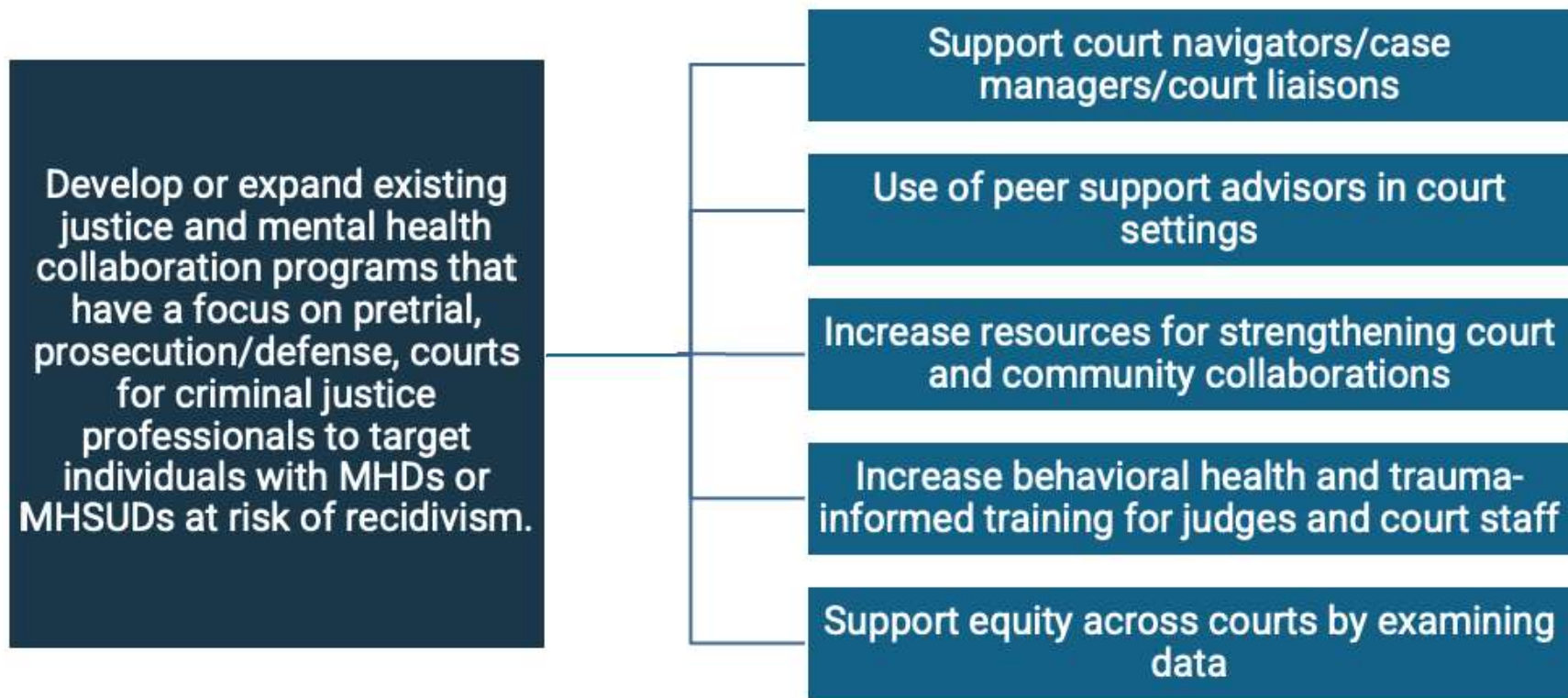


Goals and Objectives

Improve outcomes for adults with MHDs, MHSUDs, and people with intellectual and developmental disabilities who come into contact with the criminal justice system.



Category 1 Objectives



Category 1 Objectives (cont.)

Develop or expand existing justice and mental health collaboration programs that have a focus on pretrial, prosecution/defense, courts for criminal justice professionals to target individuals with MHDs or MHSUDs at risk of recidivism.

Promote court-based diversion strategies

“Propelling Change: A Prosecutor’s Call to Action”

Establish state-level multidisciplinary task forces

Develop case management best practices

Lead and support data collection and info sharing

Category 2 Objectives

Increase supportive approaches in community crisis care

Implement specialized caseloads

Develop specialized supervision case plans

Provide ongoing training for probation/parole staff & behavioral health partners

Connect individuals to treatment and supports through collaborative comprehensive case management

Category 2 Objectives (cont.)

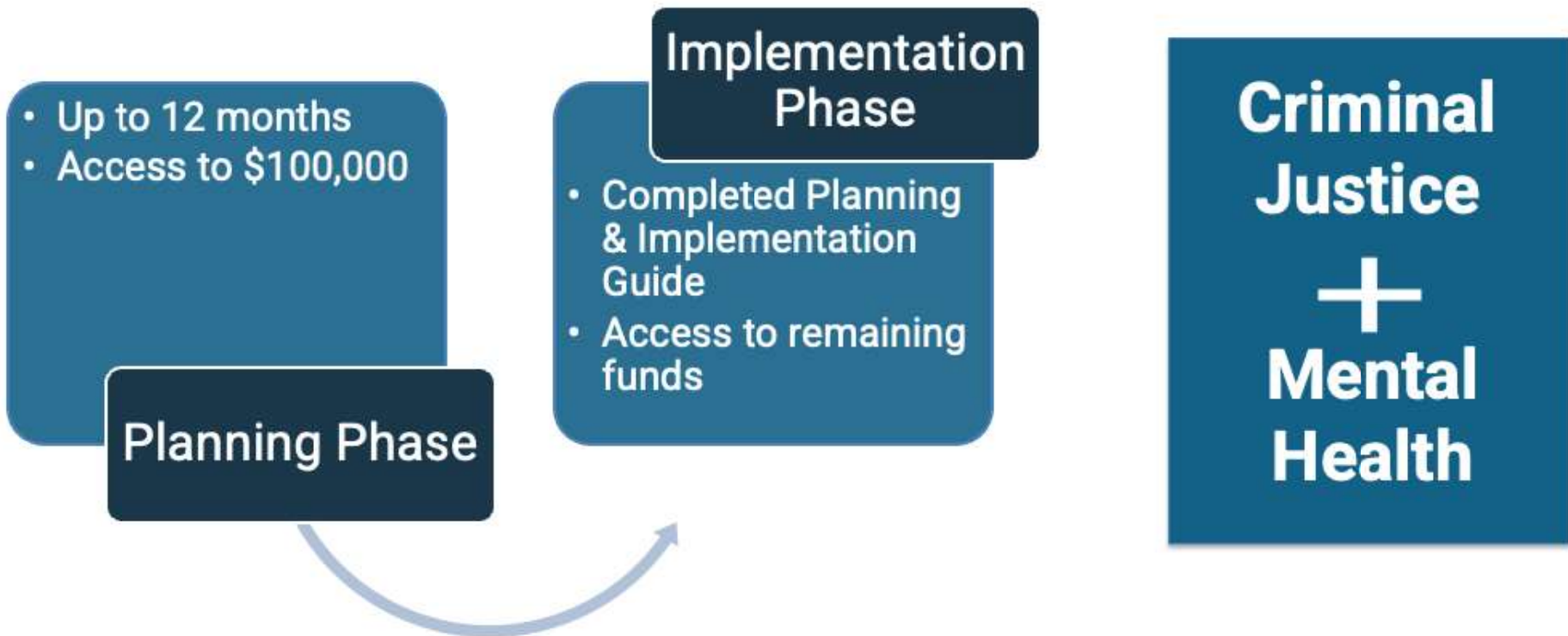
Establish ways to capture data to improve program sustainability

Embed behavioral health professionals within community supervision

Build positive community relations and trust

Seek and deploy other best practice training

Deliverables Expected by Successful Applicants



Other Deliverables

- Develop a detailed implementation plan
- Create a public-facing report
- Incorporate training and technical assistance information and best practice guidance
- Submit a sustainability plan prior to closeout



Priority Areas

Priority 1A

- Meaningfully advance equity and remove barriers to accessing services and opportunities for communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized, adversely affected by inequality, and disproportionately impacted by crime, violence, and victimization.
- Examples include improving:

Victim
services

Justice
responses

Prevention
Initiatives

Reentry
services

Priority Areas (cont.)

Priority 1B

- Applicants that demonstrate their capabilities or competencies for implementing their proposed project(s) are enhanced because they are a population specific organization that serves communities that have been historically underserved, marginalized or adversely affected by inequality.
- Population specific organizations include:

Nonprofit

Nongovernmental

Tribal
organizations

Programmatic Priority Areas

- Promote effective strategies for identification and treatment of women with MHDs who are involved with the criminal justice system.
- Promote effective strategies to expand the use of mental health courts and related services.
- Propose interventions that have been shown to reduce recidivism.



Programmatic Priority Areas, cont.

- Use validated assessment tools
- Ensure that funds are used for public health and safety
- Use funds for treatment of people in custody including reentry services



Budget and Associated Documentation

Budget \$100,000 to utilize during planning phase within 12 months of final approval.

Applicants are required to submit a budget for the entire 36-month program but may revise based on outcomes from the planning phase.

All recipients and subrecipients (including any for-profit organization) must forgo any profit or management fee.



Data Collection

- Describe the process for measuring project performance.
- Identify who will collect the data, who is responsible for performance measurements, and how the information will be used to guide and evaluate the project's impact.
- Describe the process to accurately report data.

Note on Data Collection

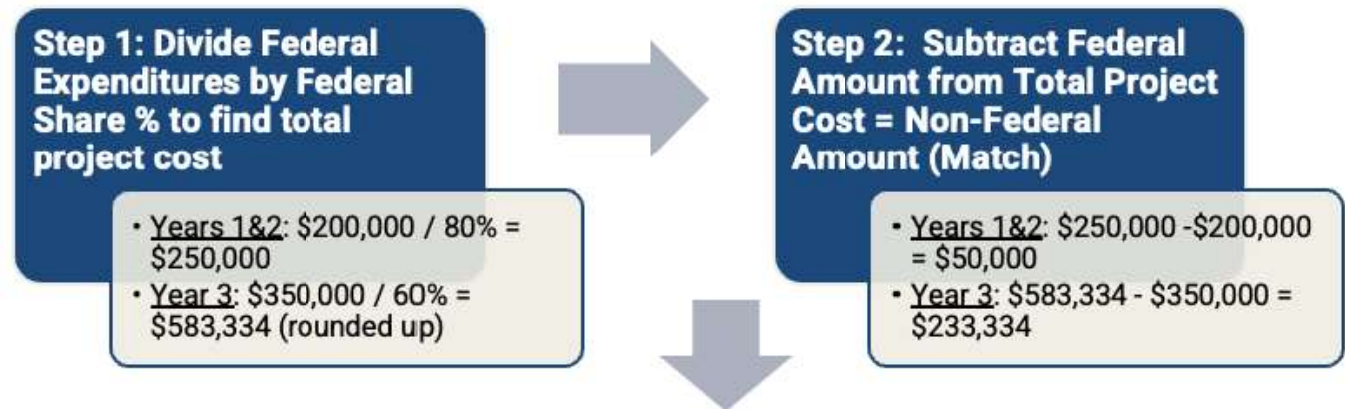
Applicants are not required to submit performance data with the application. Rather, performance measure information is included to provide notice that award recipients will be required to submit performance data as part of each award's reporting requirements

Award Conditions: Match Requirement

I was awarded \$550,000 from BJA. How much is the match?



Total Federal Award Amount = \$550,000. Total years 1 & 2 federal expenditures = \$200,000. Year 3 federal expenditures = \$350,000



Federal Award Amount = \$550,000

Non-Federal Amount (Match) \$50,000 (years 1&2) + \$233,334 (year 3) = \$283,334

Total Project Cost (Federal + Match) = \$833,334

Match Waiver

The grant-making component will waive any requirement for matching funds (including in-kind) under \$200,000 for all awards made to American Samoa, Guam, U.S. Virgin Islands, and Northern Mariana Islands unless otherwise required by law to be provided; and may waive any requirement for matching funds equal to or over \$200,000 for all awards made to those territories, or to the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

The \$200,000 amount is determined on a grant-by-grant basis, not by the aggregate total of all matching requirements applicable to an insular area ([48 U.S.C. § 1469a \[PDF - 116 Kb\]](#)).

SECTION 3

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS



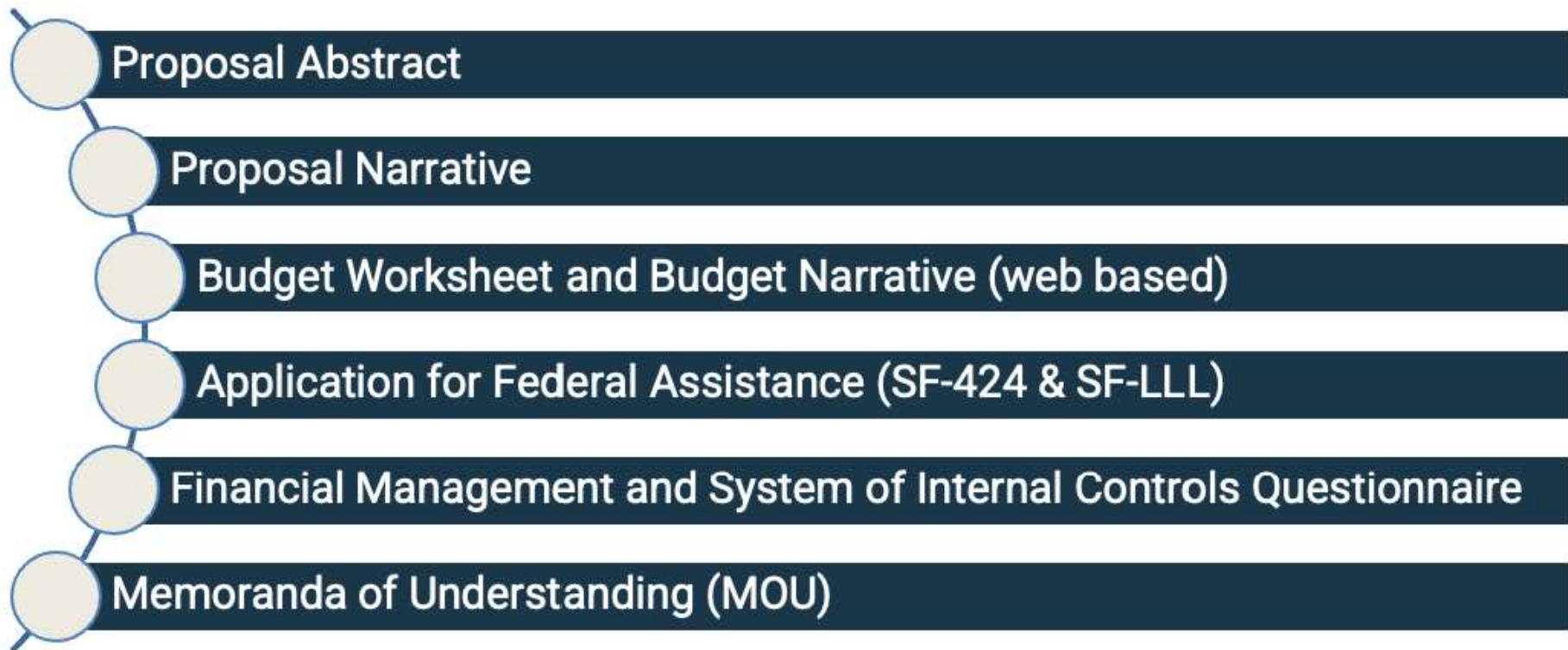
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Eligibility

State governments, special district governments, city or township governments, public and state-controlled institutions of higher education, county governments, Native American tribal governments (Federally recognized)

Agencies with a different legal status (e.g., nonprofit or for-profit mental health agencies) must be designated by state mental health authority to provide services as a unit of state/local government

Application Information



Please refer to the [Application Submission Job Aid](#) for step-by-step directions.

MOU and Other Supportive Documents

For applications submitted from two or more entities, applicants are encouraged to develop and submit signed MOUs or signed letters of intent (if applicable) that provide a detailed description of how the agencies will work together to meet project requirements.

Each MOU or letter of intent should include the following:

1

Names of the organizations involved in the agreement

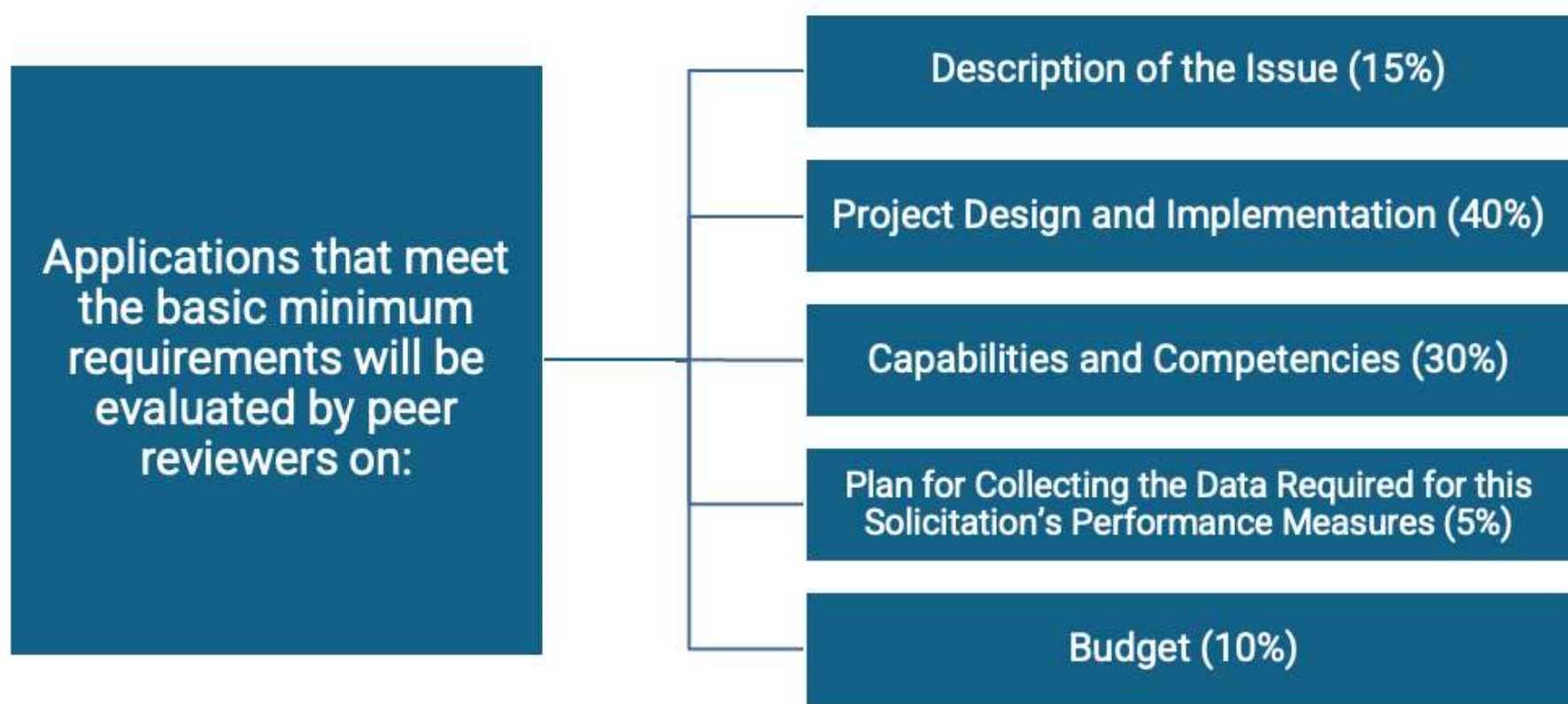
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What service(s) and other work will be performed under the agreement by what organization

3

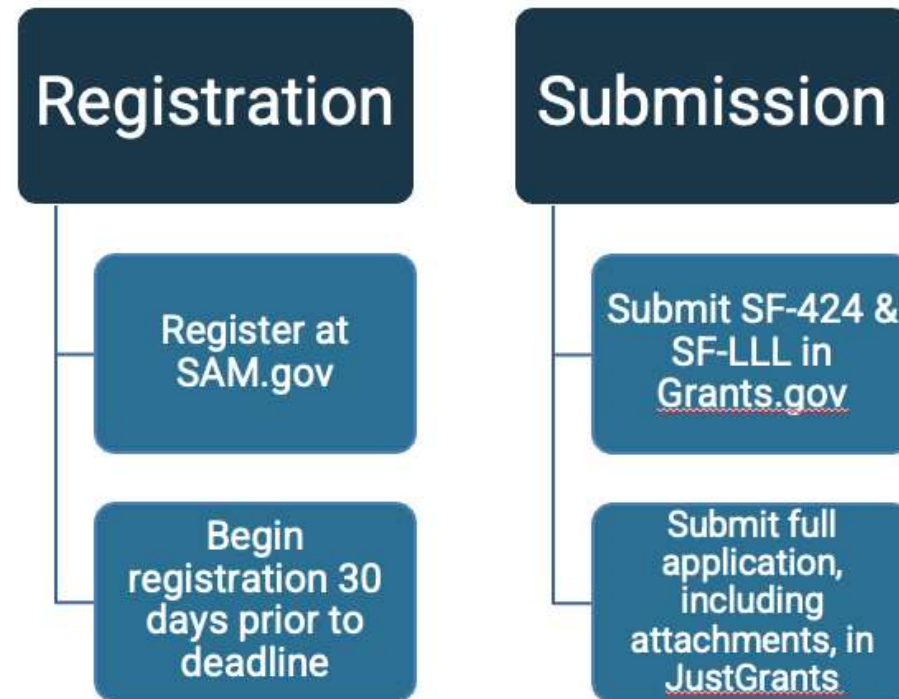
Duration of the agreement

Review Criteria



How to Apply

Applications must be submitted to DOJ electronically through a two-step process that begins in Grants.gov and is completed in JustGrants.



*An applicant will receive emails when successfully submitting in Grants.gov and JustGrants and should maintain all emails and other confirmations received from SAM.gov, Grants.gov, and JustGrants systems.

Submission Dates and Time

- The **SF-424** and the **SF-LLL** must be submitted in Grants.gov **by 8:59 p.m. ET, May 9, 2024.**
- The **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants **by 8:59 p.m. ET, May 14, 2024.**
- To be considered timely, the **full application** must be submitted in JustGrants by the JustGrants application deadline. Failure to begin the SAM.gov, Grants.gov, or JustGrants registration and application process in sufficient time (i.e., waiting until the due dates identified in this solicitation for those systems to begin the application steps) is not an acceptable reason to request a technical waiver.

SECTION 4

APPLICATION RESOURCES



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OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

SAM.gov Entity Validation Update

GSA implemented a new process to validate an entity's legal business name and physical address when requesting a Unique Entity Identifier (UEI) and for completing a SAM.gov entity registration. Due to a high volume of requests, entity validations are taking longer than expected to process. This validation process is now taking 7-10 business days, and in some cases longer.

OJP strongly recommends starting your SAM.gov registration process as soon as possible to allow the time necessary to process entity validations well in advance of the Grants.gov due date posted in the solicitation. Read [this FAQ](#) for more information.

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) Grant Application Resource Guide ("Guide") provides guidance to assist OJP grant applicants in preparing and submitting applications for OJP funding. It addresses a variety of policies, statutes, and regulations that apply to many (or in some cases, all) OJP program applicants, or to grants and cooperative agreements awarded in fiscal year (FY) 2023. Some OJP programs may have program solicitations that expressly modify a provision of this Guide; in such cases, the applicant is to follow the guidelines in the solicitation as to any such expressly modified provision.

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Learn About the Department of Justice's Grants and Payment Management Systems

[JustGrants Login](#)

The Justice Grants System (JustGrants) is the Department of Justice's grants management system for the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS Office), the Office of Justice Programs (OJP) and the Office on Violence Against Women (OVW).

The JustGrants Resources website is an entryway into information about JustGrants and the system itself. Through this portal both award recipients and applicants can access [training resources](#) and [user support options](#), find answers to [frequently asked questions](#) and [sign up for the JusticeGrants Update e-newsletter](#).


Users can also [log in to JustGrants](#) through the site.

News Flash

Feb 21: [Register Now! March Dates Added for Virtual Q&A Sessions](#)

Aug 10: [Review New and Updated JustGrants FAQs](#)

LOGIN




JustGrants Login
Select the access graphic above to log in to the Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

TRAINING




Training
Learn to navigate JustGrants effectively and complete various essential grants management tasks.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



FAQs
Find answers to frequently asked questions regarding the Justice Grants System (JustGrants) and the Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP).

USER SUPPORT



User Support
Access self-service, topic-specific, and technical support options for assistance in using the JustGrants System.

RESOURCES



Resources
Links to resource guides, financial and administrative resources for grant management, funding opportunities, and ASAP training and resources.

NEWS & UPDATES



News & Updates
View the latest information and updates on DOJ's grants management and payment management systems and sign up for JusticeGrants Updates emails from the COPS Office, OJP and OVW.

Application Assistance

Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting the **SF-424** and **SF-LLL**.
 - **Customer Support Hotline**
 - 800–518–4726 or 606–545–5035
 - Operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
 - **Web and Email**
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
 - support@grants.gov
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

JustGrants Technical Support

Provides technical assistance with submitting the full application in DOJ's Justice Grants System (JustGrants).

- **Customer Support Hotline:**
 - 833–872–5175
 - Monday–Friday, 7:00 a.m.–9:00 p.m. ET
 - Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays, 9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m. ET
- **Web and Email**
 - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
 - JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

Email Updates
Text OJP [your
email address] to
468-311 to
subscribe.
(Message and data
rates may apply.)



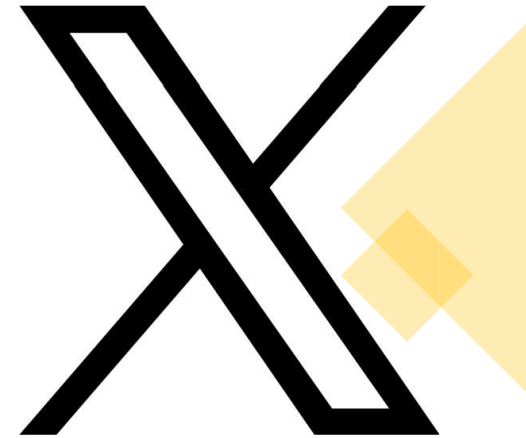
The screenshot shows the website for the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Justice Programs. At the top left is the department's seal. To its right, the text reads "U.S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE" and "OFFICE OF JUSTICE PROGRAMS". On the top right, there are links for "Contact Us", "Careers", and "Subscribe", along with a search bar. Below this is a navigation menu with items: "About Us", "News Center", "Grants/Funding", "For Congress", "NCJRS Library", "Topics", "Training", and "Data". A "Home" link is also present. The main content area features a large blue banner with the word "Subscribe" in white, set against a background image of the U.S. Capitol building. Below the banner is a "Stay Connected" section with a list of newsletters to subscribe to:

- Subscribe to:
 - [OJP News Releases](#) for the latest OJP press releases and publication advisories
 - [JUSTINFO](#), a twice-monthly email newsletter
 - [Funding News](#), a weekly notice of new grant opportunities and application tips
 - [JusticeGrants Update e-newsletter](#) for the latest information and updates on JustGrants, DOJ's grants management system
 - [OJP email newsletters](#) and topical messages available from OJP program offices (BJA, BJS, NIJ, OJJDP, OVC, and SMART)
- Sign up for [U.S. Department of Justice Email Updates](#)

<https://www.ojp.gov/subscribe>

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- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA>
- **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/DOJBJA>
- **YouTube:** <https://www.youtube.com/dojbjja>
- Use the QR code to subscribe to “**Justice Matters**” and “**News From BJA**” to receive the latest information from BJA and the field.
- For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit **BJA’s website:** www.bja.ojp.gov.



Additional Questions?

Contact the **OJP Response Center**:

- Email: grants@ncjrs.gov
- Toll free: 800–851–3420
- TTY: 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

The Response Center hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m. ET.

Reminder: Dual Deadlines

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

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

NOTE: Submission deadline times for both Grants.gov and JustGrants are now 8:59 p.m. ET, not 11:59 p.m. ET as in past years.

Read the solicitation carefully for further guidance.

Quick Reference: Important Contacts



For technical assistance submitting the SF-424 and SF-LLL into Grants.Gov, **call:** 800-518-4726 or 606-545-5035, 24 hours a day, or **email:** support@grants.gov.



For technical assistance submitting the **full application** into JustGrants, **call:** 833-872-5175, 7–9 ET, M–F, and 9–5 ET, weekends and holidays, or **email:** JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov.



For technical assistance with the programmatic requirements, **call the OJP Response Center:** 800-851-3420, 10–6 ET, M–F, or **email:** grants@ncjrs.gov.

SECTION 5

Q&A



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Questions?

Enter in the **Q&A** box
and send to **All
Panelists.**