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# FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: BJA FY 2024 IMPROVING ADULT AND YOUTH CRISIS STABILIZATION AND COMMUNITY REENTRY (CSCR) PROGRAM

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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



## **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.





# Eight SCA Funding Opportunities

**Community Reentry**

**Improving Adult and  
Youth Crisis  
Stabilization and  
Community Reentry**

**Improving Adult  
Reentry Education  
and Employment  
Outcomes**

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

**Pay for Success  
Initiative**

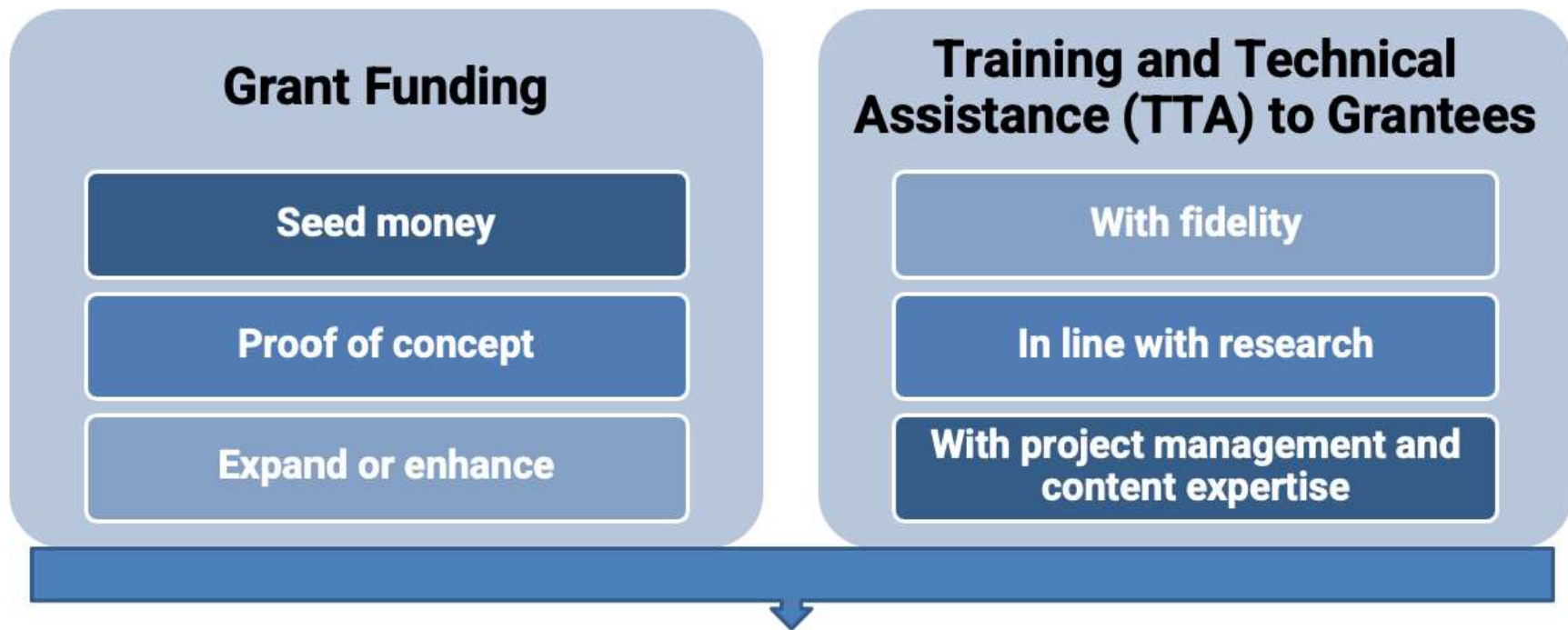
**Smart Supervision**

**Smart Reentry**

**Community  
Supervision**

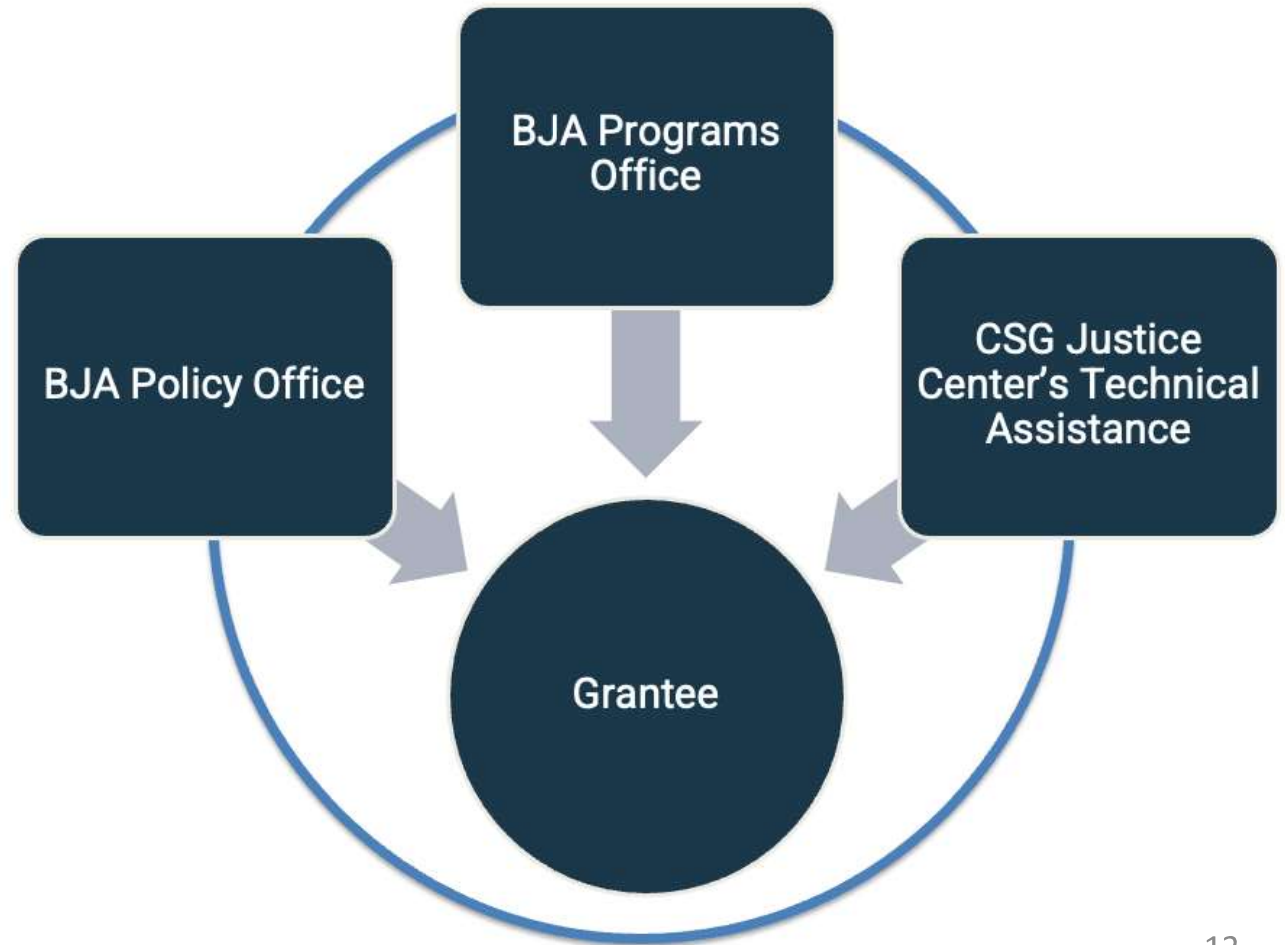
SCA Solicitations are available at: <https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/current>

# BJA's SCA Funding



National Reentry Resource Center to support SCA TTA providers and the reentry field.

# BJA Grant Management

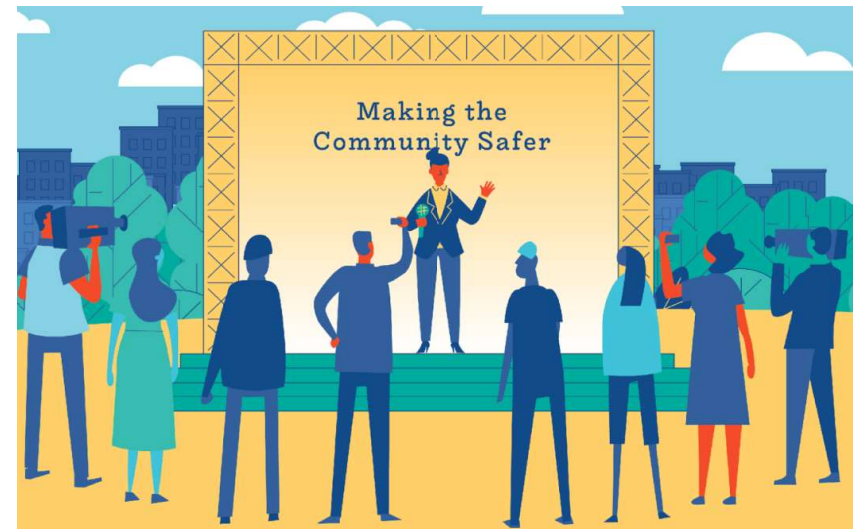


# The National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)

The CSG Justice Center 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.**



## **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

# CSCR PROGRAM OVERVIEW



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## FY 2024 CSCCR Funding

Estimated number of awards: Up to 10

Maximum award amount: Up to \$825,000

Performance duration: 36 months

# FY 2024 CSCCR Funding Categories

**Category 1: State and Local Governments**

**Category 2: Nonprofit Organizations and Tribal Governments**

# The CSCR Program Has a Unique Purpose

People reentering the community after justice involvement face higher rates of death, overdose, suicidality, mental health and substance use disorders, physical health conditions, and homelessness than the general public.



The aim of this grant program is to ensure that **crisis stabilization** is available to people reentering the community and that the **crisis and reentry systems are coordinating** to better serve this population.

# Goals and Objective

To help people experiencing serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and co-occurring disorders who are currently involved in the criminal justice system or were formerly involved



# Allowable Uses of Grant Funds

Screening and  
Assessment

Case Planning  
and Case  
Management

Crisis  
Stabilization

Evidence-Based  
Treatment and  
Programming

Peer Support  
Services

Benefit  
Coordination

Crisis Response  
Services

Care Coordination  
and Recovery  
Support Services

# Program Priorities

- Programs designed to advance equity and remove barriers to access and opportunities
- Applicant or subrecipient identifies as a population-specific organization
- Programs that support continuous care through a Community Provider Program





# Examples of Potential Grant Programs

Pretrial diversion program that supports screening, assessment, or identification services prior to pretrial release from custody, along with crisis and reentry services

Diversion of youth from juvenile detention facilities based on assessment that includes mental health, substance use, and family support services

Jail-based reentry program providing treatment and reentry programming, and coordination with the community crisis and hospital system for people who are “familiar faces” or “high utilizers” of the jail and health systems

# Examples of Potential Grant Programs

Prison-based reentry program providing relapse and overdose prevention services, including medication-assisted treatment and mental health services for people with co-occurring disorders

Probation and parole program providing pre-release screening and assessment and cross-system coordination with crisis and behavioral health systems to ensure that people reentering the community have access to behavioral health supports in the community

SECTION 3

**ELIGIBILITY AND  
APPLICATION  
REQUIREMENTS**



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# Eligible Applicants

State governments, city or township governments, county governments, Native American Tribal governments (federally recognized)

Nonprofits having a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

Nonprofits that do not have a 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, other than institutions of higher education

# Application Requirements

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Goals, Objectives, and Deliverables (Web-Based Form)
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-Based Form)
- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

See the grant solicitation for more details:

<https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2024-171997>

# Proposal Abstract

Include a summary of the purpose of the project, primary activities, expected outcomes, the service area, and known intended beneficiaries and subrecipients.

Write it in the third person for a public audience, because it will be publicly available on the OJP website if the project is awarded.



# Proposal Narrative

Description of the issue

Project design and implementation

- Memorandums of understanding/agreements and a description of partnerships with one or more correctional agencies, if the correctional agency is not the lead applicant.
- Description of requested priority consideration.

## Proposal Narrative (cont.)

Capabilities and competencies

Plan for collecting required data on performance measures

Timeline for project goals, objectives, and deliverables

# Grantee Deliverables

- Action plan consisting of a program description, program services, and activities
- Final report that documents the intervention, outcomes, and lessons learned



# Allowable Costs



Salary and  
benefits  
Subawards



Medication  
Supplies



Curricula  
Screening and  
assessment  
tools



Transitional  
housing  
Transportation  
Crisis response  
services



Equipment  
Materials  
Training  
Travel

# Review Criteria

Applications that meet the basic minimum requirements will be evaluated by peer reviewers on:

Statement of the Problem/Description of the Issue (15%)

Project Design and Implementation (35%)

Capabilities and Competencies (25%)

Plan for Collecting the Data Required for This Solicitation's Performance Measures (15%)

Budget (10%)

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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<https://www.ojp.gov/funding/apply/ojp-grant-application-resource-guide>



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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 Resource 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](#)** 



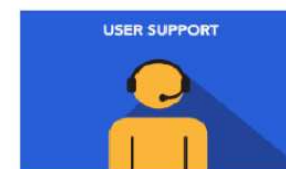
**JustGrants Login**  
Select the access graphic above to log in to the Justice Grants System (JustGrants).



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



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



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



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



**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.

<https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/>

# 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](mailto: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 from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. ET
  - Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
- **Web and Email**
  - <https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support>
  - [JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov](mailto:JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov)

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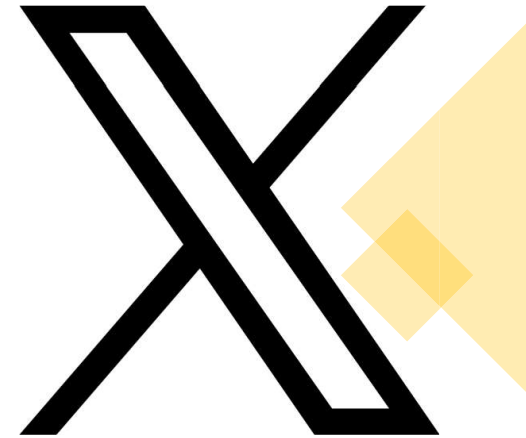
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  - [Funding News](#), a weekly notice of new grant opportunities and application tips
  - [JusticeGrants Update e-newsletter](#) for the latest information and updates on JustGrants, DOJ's grants management system
  - [OJP email newsletters](#) and topical messages available from OJP program offices (BJA, BJS, NIJ, OJJDP, OVC, and SMART)
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- 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](http://www.bja.ojp.gov).



## Additional Questions?

### Contact the **OJP Response Center**:

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

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



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:grants@ncjrs.gov).



## Questions?

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