BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FUNDING OPPORTUNITY: BJA FY 2024 SECOND CHANCE ACT PAY FOR SUCCESS (PFS) PROGRAM

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SECTION 1

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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)**.
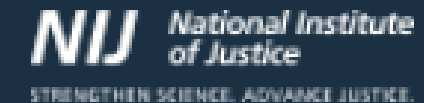
BJA – Bureau of Justice Assistance

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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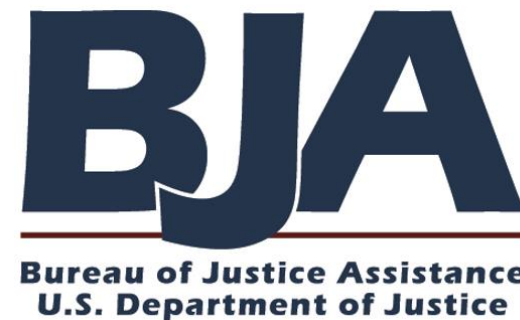
How BJA Supports the Field

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.

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.

Signed into law in 2008 → Second Chance Reauthorization Act in 2018

Supports state, Tribal, and local governments and nonprofits → Over $500 million in grants to develop, implement, and test strategies

Eight SCA Funding Opportunities

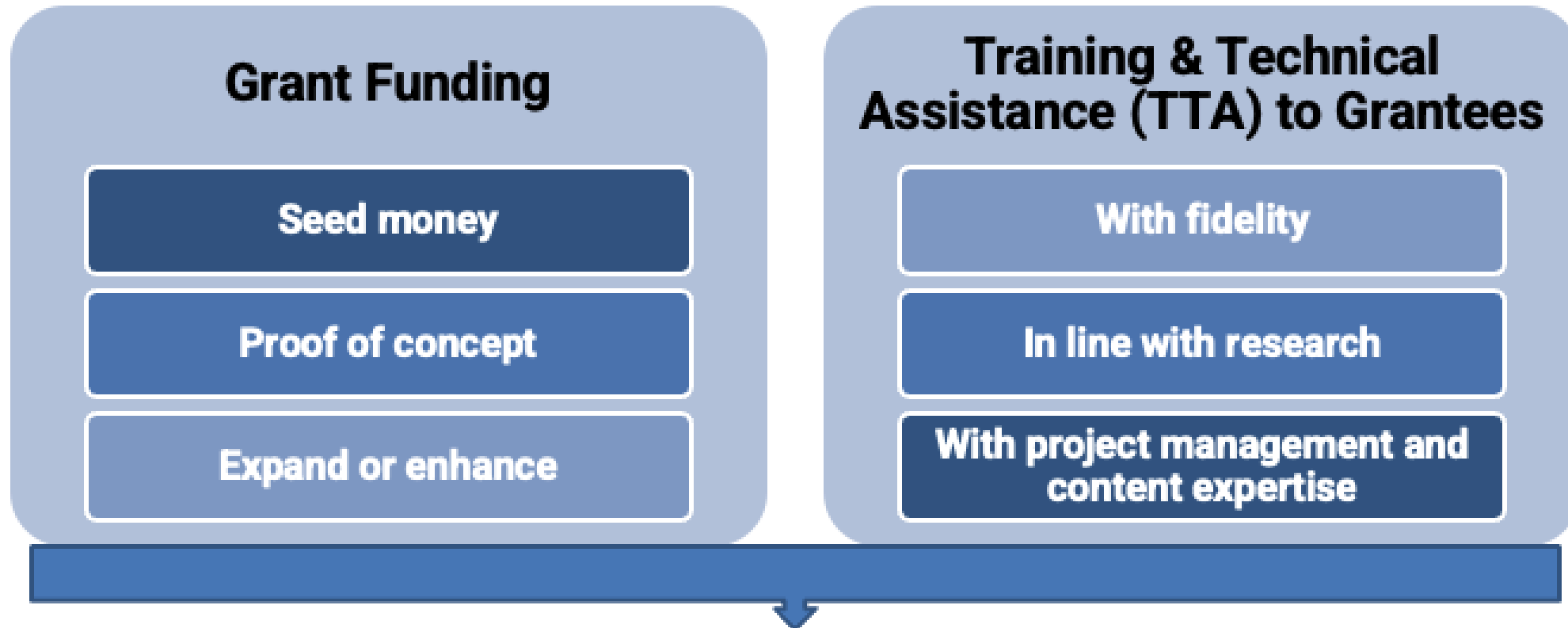|			
Community Reentry	Improving Adult and Youth Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry	Improving Adult Reentry Education and Employment Outcomes	Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry
Pay for Success Initiative	Smart Supervision	Smart Reentry	Community Supervision

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

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BJA's SCA Funding

Grant Funding

- Seed money
- Proof of concept
- Expand or enhance

Training & Technical Assistance (TTA) to Grantees

- With fidelity
- In line with research
- With project management and content expertise

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

BJA Grant Management

BJA Programs Office

BJA Policy Office

CSG Justice Center's Technical Assistance

Grantee
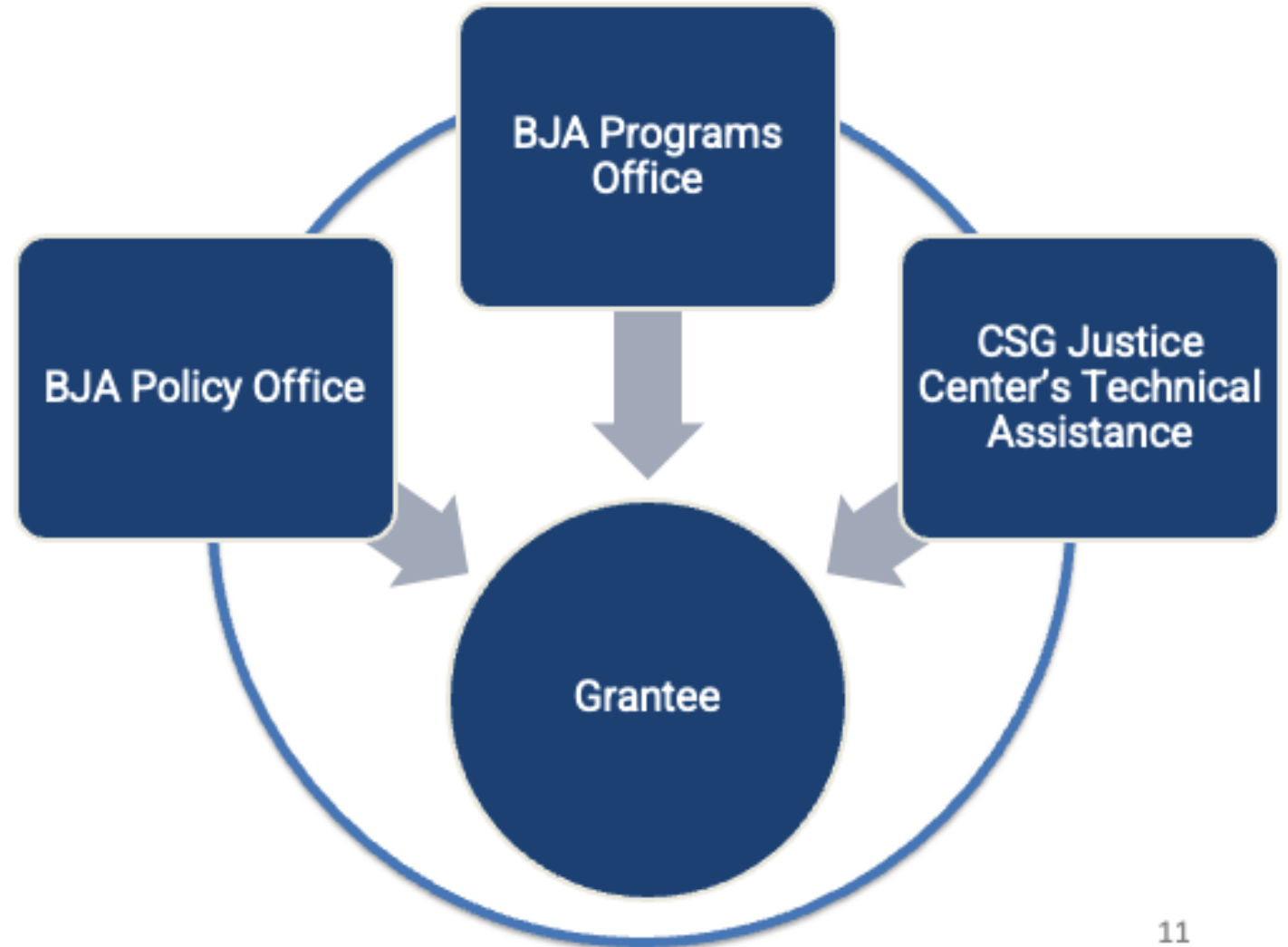
The National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC)

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.

Making the Community Safer

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!

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PAY FOR SUCCESS (PFS) INITIATIVE

FY 2024 PFS Funding

Estimated number of awards: Up to 6

Maximum award amount: Up to $1,000,000

Performance duration: 54 months

FY 2024 PFS Funding Categories

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

Category 2: Performance-based and Outcomes-based Contracting for Permanent Supportive Housing

Purpose of the SCA Pay for Success Initiative

Support state, local, and Tribal governments to use performance-based or outcomes-based contracting to enhance or implement clinical services and other evidence-based responses to improve reentry, reduce recidivism, and address the treatment and recovery needs of people with mental health, substance use, or co-occurring disorders who are currently involved in the criminal justice system or were formerly involved.

Pay for Success Initiative: Goals

Enhance public safety

Lower recidivism

Improve the lives of individuals leaving the criminal justice system **through**

Performance- and outcomes-based contracting for reentry services

Permanent supportive housing

Pay for Success Initiative: Objectives

✓ Enhance or establish **performance-based and outcomes-based contracts** to provide individualized reentry services or PSH for people leaving incarceration or previously incarcerated who are identified through a **validated risk tool** as being at moderate to high risk to reoffend.

✓ This includes **building capacity** to complete related activities:

- Regular performance and outcome reviews and validation.

- Outcomes validation.

- Incentivizing payment approvals and results.

Category 1 Focus Areas

✓ **Enhance or establish individualized reentry services** for people leaving incarceration and assessed as medium or high risk to recidivate.

✓ **Deliver individualized services based on risk and needs** identified through a validated criminogenic risk and need assessment tool.

✓ Include a range of performance-based or outcomes-based reentry services contract elements (see solicitation for details).

✓ Ensure government staff and service providers have adequate training on performance-based or outcomes-based procurement, reentry services, data collection, and outcomes validation.

Category 2 Focus Areas

- Enter into contracts to **provide evidence-based, high-quality permanent supportive housing (PSH)** to formerly incarcerated individuals who have a substance use disorder.

- **Manage the performance-based or outcomes-based PSH contract**, including data collection, performance and outcome reviews, monitoring, performance and outcomes validation, and incentive payment approvals.

- Ensure government staff and service providers have adequate training on performance-based or outcomes-based procurement, PSH, data collection, and outcomes validation.

Allowable Uses of Grant Funds (Examples)

Screening and Assessment	Case Planning and Case Management	Housing Stabilization	Evidence-based Treatment and Programming
Peer Support Services	Benefit Coordination	Housing Subsidies	Care Coordination

Examples of Potential Programs (Existing Grantees)

Permanent supportive housing and case management for "familiar faces" / frequent utilizers of multiple public systems of care

Provision of comprehensive cognitive behavioral reentry services to high-risk young men to address trauma and improve employment and other outcomes

Expansion of a model permanent supportive housing program for people leaving DOC custody to serve new areas of the state

SECTION 3

ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Eligible Applicants

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

Public housing authorities/Indian housing authorities

Application Requirements

- Proposal Abstract
- Proposal Narrative
- Budget Worksheet and Budget Narrative (Web-based Form)
- Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424)

See the grant solicitation for more details.

Proposal Abstract

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

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

Proposal Narrative—Things to Note

Description of the issue

- Service provision capacity in the relevant category.
- Any past efforts to enter into performance/outcomes-based contracts.

Project design and implementation

- Identify needed data sharing agreements.
- 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

- An analysis that demonstrates reentry service or PSH need using data indicating the number and needs of people to be served.

- An analysis that demonstrates the performance targets or outcomes selected for payment.

  o Contracts must include recidivism performance targets or outcomes.

Grantee Deliverables (cont.)

- An analysis that demonstrates the grantee's decision about the performance-based or outcomes-based contract structure, repayment strategy, and timing of payments.

- An action plan consisting of deal-structures, outcomes-based strategies and key indicators, and revised milestones for this award.

Grantee Deliverables (cont.)

- Revised contract term report

- Final report that documents the intervention, outcomes, and lessons learned

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%)

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APPLICATION RESOURCES

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⚠ **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

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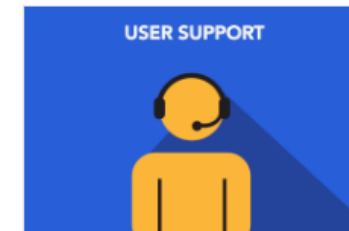
- **Customer Support Hotline:**
  - 833-872-5175
  - Monday–Friday between 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. ET
  - Saturday, Sunday, and federal holidays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. ET
- **Web and Email**
  - https://justicegrants.usdoj.gov/user-support
  - JustGrants.Support@usdoj.gov

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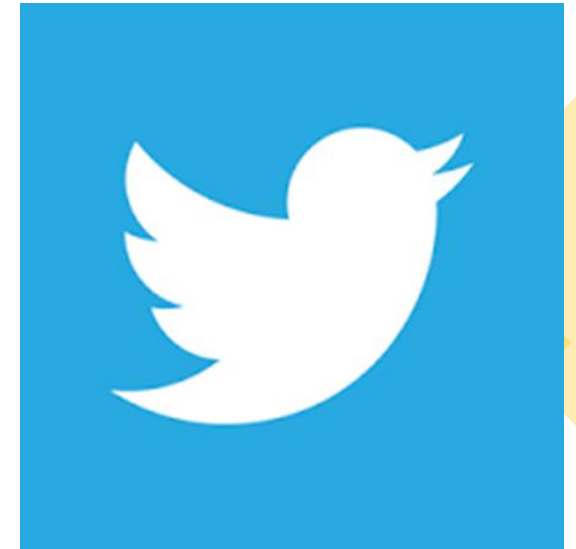
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Contact the **OJP Response Center**:

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

The Response Center hours of operation are 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.

- **Step 2**: Submit the full application, with attachments, at 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.

Questions?

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