BJA Grant Programs and Training and Technical Assistance to support Corrections and Behavioral Health

BJA helps America's state, local, and tribal jurisdictions reduce and prevent crime, lower recidivism, and promote a fair and safe criminal justice system. BJA provides a wide range of resources—including grants, funding, and training and technical assistance—to law enforcement, courts and corrections agencies, treatment providers, reentry practitioners, justice information sharing professionals, and communitybased partners to address chronic and emerging criminal justice challenges nationwide. To learn more about BJA, visit bja.ojp.gov or follow us on Facebook (www.facebook.com/DOJBJA) and X (@DOJBJA). BJA is a component of the Department of Justice's Office of Justice Programs.

The Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) offers funding through a variety of different programs. Learn more about currently available opportunities, learn about funding webinars, apply to become a peer reviewer, find information about previously available solicitations, and see award details at: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding.

Relevant BJA Grant Programs

Collaborative Crisis Response and Intervention Training Program

The Collaborative Crisis Response Training Program funds the implementation of transdisciplinary crisis response training to educate, train, and prepare law enforcement and corrections officers so that they are equipped to appropriately interact with people who have behavioral health conditions (including mental health and substance use) and intellectual and developmental disabilities while completing their job responsibilities. The program supports states and local law enforcement, and correctional entities to plan and implement training, engage in organizational planning to deploy trained officers in times of crisis, and sustain a best practice crisis response program. Learn more here at: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/crit/overview#:~:text=Collaborative%20Crisis%20Response%20and%20Intervention%20Training%20Program%20Overview,to%20develop%20and%20implement%20crisis%20response%20training%20programs

Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program

The Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Response Program supports cross-system collaboration to improve public safety responses to and outcomes for individuals with MI or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who come into contact with the justice system. Focused on building and implementing collaborative law enforcement and mental health responses such as co-responder teams, crisis intervention teams, and integrated community providers, this program supports public safety partnerships with social services and other organizations that will improve responses to people with MI and co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. Learn more at: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/connect-and-protect/overview

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Program

The Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Program (COSSUP) aims to reduce the impact of opioids, stimulants, and other substances on individuals and communities by supporting comprehensive, collaborative initiatives. COSSUP funding provides necessary resources that allow communities to respond to illicit substance use and misuse to reduce overdose deaths, promote public safety, and support access to treatment and recovery services in the criminal justice system. COSSUP supports units of state, local, and tribal governments to plan, develop, and implement comprehensive efforts that identify, respond to, treat, and support those impacted by illicit opioids, stimulants, and other drugs. Allowable uses of funds include: front end diversion; overdose response; overdose mapping; data collection and research; overdose fatality review; jail-based programming; access to treatment and peer recovery services; drug take back and disposal; court and prosecution diversion; child welfare; and harm reduction efforts. The program also promotes cross-system planning and coordination to deliver a broad range of evidence-based, culturally relevant interventions. More information can be found at: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/cossup/about

Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant Program

The Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant (JAG) program is the leading source of federal justice funding to state and local jurisdictions. The JAG Program provides states, tribes, and local governments with critical funding necessary to support a range of program areas including law enforcement, prosecution, indigent defense, courts, crime prevention and education, corrections and community corrections, drug treatment and enforcement, planning, evaluation, technology improvement, crime victim and witness initiatives, mental health programs and related law enforcement and corrections programs, including behavioral programs and crisis intervention teams, and implementation of state crisis intervention court proceedings and related programs or initiatives including, but not limited to, mental health courts, drug courts, veterans courts, and extreme risk protection order programs. Learn more at: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jag/overview

Encouraging Innovation: Field Initiated Program Encouraging Innovation

The Field Initiated Program seeks to prevent and reduce crime and enhance the criminal justice system through innovative approaches that accelerate justice by identifying, defining, and responding to emerging or chronic crime problems and systemic issues using innovative approaches. The program supports strategies to address these issues, including trying new approaches, addressing gaps in responses, building or translating research knowledge, or building capacity. It furthers DOJ's mission by providing resources to support state, local, tribal, and territorial efforts to reimagine their approaches and strategies to enhance fairness and access to justice; prevent and reduce crime, including violent crime; prevent and respond to overdoses; support crime victims; improve relationships and build trust between communities and the justice system; increase access to justice and supportive services; and advance innovative improvements within the justice system. For more information, visit: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/fy23-sol-overview-field-initiated.pdf

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

The Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program (JMHCP) supports innovative cross-system collaboration to improve responses to and outcomes for individuals with mental health disorders (MHDs) or co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders who are in the justice system or reentering the community. JMHCP also supports courts, prosecutors, and community supervision with training, technical assistance, and tools for the early identification of people with MHDs who may need behavioral health system interventions. Together with the Connect and Protect: Law Enforcement Behavioral Health Program, JMHCP promotes cross-discipline training for justice and treatment professionals, and facilitates communication, collaboration, and the delivery of support services for people with behavioral health needs. To be eligible, states, tribes, and local governments must partner with their mental health authority. BJA provides technical assistance to grantees and the field at large. Learn more at: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/jmhcp/overview

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Program

The Residential Substance Abuse Treatment (RSAT) Program is a formula grant program that enhances the capabilities of state, local, and tribal governments to provide residential substance use disorder (SUD) treatment to adult and juvenile populations during detention or incarceration, initiate or continue evidence-based SUD treatment in jails, prepare individuals for reintegration into the community, and assist them and their communities throughout the reentry process by delivering communitybased treatment and other recovery aftercare services. It encourages the establishment and maintenance of drug-free prisons and jails and development and implementation of specialized residential SUD treatment for individuals with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. The program also encourages the inclusion of medication-assisted treatment as part of any SUD treatment protocol. Further information is available at: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/rsat/overview

Second Chance Act: Community Reentry Incubator Initiative

The purpose of the Second Chance Act Community-based Reentry Incubator Initiative is to build programmatic, financial, and organizational capacity in communitybased organizations and faith-based institutions to provide sustainable and transitional services to people leaving incarceration that focus on community and family reintegration, building strengths-based assets, and reducing recidivism (including reducing arrests, new charges, convictions for new offenses, and reincarceration). Learn more at: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/reentry-incubator/overview#:~:text=The%20Community-based%20Reentry%20Incubator%20Program%20is%20one%20of,for%20people%20returning%20to%20their%20communities%20after%20incarceration

Second Chance Act: Community-based Reentry Program

The Second Chance Act: Community-based Reentry Program provides funding and technical assistance to nonprofit organizations and Indian tribes to provide comprehensive reentry services to individuals who have been incarcerated. Funds awarded under this program support individuals at moderate to high risk for recidivism. These services include both pre- and post-release programming and reentry support. Prior to release from incarceration, funded programs screen, assess, and identify individuals for program participation. Participants receive case management services and are connected evidencebased programming designed to ensure that the transition from prison or jail to the community is successful. Supports and services provided through this program can include: service coordination and tracking; gender-specific and trauma informed programming and services; individual and/or group mentoring, peer supports; educational, literacy, and vocational services; substance use and mental health disorder treatment and recovery services; connections to physical health care; family services to support family reunification and restoration; assistance in securing safe and affordable housing; civil legal assistance services; and staff training. Learn more at: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/fy24-sol-overview-sca-reentry.pdf

Second Chance Act: Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry

The Improving Substance Use Disorder Treatment and Recovery Outcomes for Adults in Reentry provides funding to establish, expand, or improve treatment and recovery support services for people with substance use disorders (SUDs) or co-occurring substance use and mental health disorders during their incarceration and upon reentry into their communities. Learn more at: https://bja.ojp.gov/funding/fy24-sol-overview-sca-sud.pdf.

Second Chance Act: Improving Youth and Adult Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program

The Improving Youth and Adult Crisis Stabilization and Community Reentry Program supports cross-system collaboration between criminal and juvenile justice agencies, mental health and substance use agencies, community-based organizations that provide reentry services, and community-based behavioral health providers to improve clinical stabilization pretrial and during confinement, and support continuity of care and recovery during the transition to the community through clinical and other evidence-based activities or services for individuals with serious mental illness, substance use disorders, and co-occurring disorders. Learn more at: https://bja.ojp.gov/program/cscr/overview

Relevant BJA Training and Technical Assistance Centers

National Training and Technical Assistance Center

The Bureau of Justice Assistance National Training and Technical Assistance Center (BJA NTTAC) facilitates the delivery of training and technical assistance (TTA) to the criminal justice community. By providing rapid, expert, coordinated, and data driven TTA, the BJA NTTAC team supports practitioners in their efforts to reduce crime, recidivism, and unnecessary confinement, making communities safer. Utilizing a vast provider network, the BJA NTTAC team connects state, local, and tribal justice agencies

with subject matter experts to address their communities' specific public safety needs. Learn more at: https://bjatta.bja.ojp.gov

National Reentry Resource Center

The Second Chance Act National Reentry Resource Center (NRRC) was established in 2009 and serves as a primary source of information and guidance in adult and juvenile reentry, advancing the use of evidencebased practices and policies by creating a network of practitioners, researchers, and policymakers invested in reducing recidivism. The NRRC serves as a centralized online location for reentry information for dissemination to the field and includes a mechanism for online technical assistance. It also serves as a clearinghouse for reentryrelated learning and funding opportunities, and provides resources for various audiences, including state, local, and tribal governments; service providers; nonprofit organizations; corrections institutions; individuals returning home to their communities from incarceration and their families; and other stakeholders. For further information, visit: https://nationalreentryresourcecenter.org

Residential Substance Abuse Treatment Programs Resource Center

Provides training and technical assistance to grantees and practitioners to improve correctional substance use disorder treatment programming and post-release outcomes for individuals who are incarcerated. Learn more at: https://www.rsat-tta.com/Home

Comprehensive Opioid, Stimulant and Substance Use Program Resource Center

The COSSUP Training and Technical Assistance (TTA) Program is a key resource, supporting jurisdictions in need in building and sustaining multidisciplinary public safety and public health responses to the use and misuse of illicit substances. Expertise is available to meet the specific needs and goals of respective projects by supporting a wide range of strategies. Learn more at: https://www.cossup.org/

Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program

Provides support in strengthening connections among criminal justice agencies, behavioral health organizations, and the community to improve wellbeing for people with mental health conditions or co-occurring substance use disorders. Learn more at: https://jmhcp.org/

Jails and Justice Support Center

The Jails and Justice Support Center was funded in 2022, is co-administered by BJA and the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) and will be a centralized hub for providing resources and technical assistance support to help jails maintain safe and humane environments for people who are detained, for their visitors and for those who work there. It will also provide jail staff with specialized trainings, core competency development, expert assessments and consultation on issues related to jail administration, and other professional development resources. The center will be the first of its kind to maximize the core missions, resources and capabilities of both BJA and NIC to expand Justice Department support for jail administrators who identify and seek to address challenges in their systems. Learn more at: https://jailsupportcenter.org/