

BUREAU OF JUSTICE ASSISTANCE

FY 2019 National Training and Technical Assistance Initiative to Improve Law Enforcement Responses to People with Mental Health Disorders and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Competitive Application Orientation Webinar

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SECTION 1

OVERVIEW OF TODAY'S PRESENTATION

Overview

- BJA will support The National Training and Technical Assistance Initiative to Improve Law Enforcement-Based Responses to People with Mental Health Disorders, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and forms of Dementia(National Initiative)
- In turn, the National Initiative will coordinate, build, and support the efforts of state, local, and tribal governments' capacity to develop, implement, sustain, and evaluate effective collaboration between the criminal justice and their system delivery partners.
- Applicants must be registered with [Grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov), where all applications are to be submitted, followed by a validation message of successful submission

Applications are due June 13, 2019

Agenda

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Eligibility & Experience

- Eligible applicants are public or private organizations and non-profit organizations (including tribal) and public universities and colleges (including tribal)
- It is expected that the successful applicant will have significant experience with collaboration between police/law enforcement, MHD and IDD, and dementia-related service delivery systems, either through demonstrated experience and expertise of existing or proposed staff or through proposed partnership(s) between organizations.
- Applicants, other than a national law enforcement organization, must demonstrate partnership with a national law enforcement organization, through contract, MOU or other formal agreement, as a requirement for consideration
- A competitive application must also include representation from groups representing law enforcement, consumers and family members of people with MHD, IDD dementia related service system providers.

Purpose of the National Initiative

- This National Center furthers the Department's mission to support state, local, and tribal law enforcement as first responders to calls of incidents involving people with mental health disorders, intellectual and developmental disabilities and cognitive impairments such as dementia.
- The Initiative aims to build state, local, and tribal governments' capacity to reach four outcome measures that sustain law enforcement, and their community service delivery partners, in having effective, collaborative responses to people with mental and cognitive impairment

Objective #1

- Set up and operate a National TTA Center and information clearinghouse that advances state, local and tribal policy and practice to support law enforcement agencies and their service delivery system partners as they plan, implement, and work toward four key outcome measures to respond to people with MI and IDD.

Objective #1 Deliverables

- ✓ Ensure the TTA Center has on staff, or under contract, experienced individuals to organize and deliver TTA, with skills and expertise in the following areas:
 - Law enforcement/human services professionals
 - Prosecutorial expertise
 - Self-advocates, peers and direct-service professionals
 - Justice analysis staff
 - Administrative personnel
 - Communications

- ✓ Serve as the main point of contact and manage BJA's 10 existing law enforcement mental health learning sites.

- ✓ Serve as a thought leader and information clearinghouse for relevant research and best practices in providing TTA.

Objective #2

- Actively conduct TTA using an approved set of criteria in coordination with BJA to select a number of competitively selected jurisdictions with specific or a combination of TTA needs.

Objective #2 Deliverables

- ✓ Establish Baseline Data. Assist local and tribal law enforcement agencies to establish baseline data:
- ✓ Guided Response Strategy. Provide TTA, using the four key outcome measures found in the PMHC framework 10 for local communities to develop policy and practices that respond to people with MI and IDD.
- ✓ Facilitate Information Sharing. Provide active TTA to grow strategies that facilitate information.
- ✓ Convene Local Leaders and Policymakers & Design active TTA to invite jurisdiction.
- ✓ Conduct Mapping Exercises with Stakeholders.
- ✓ Disseminate/Deliver Need to Know Information.

Objective #3

- Receive, triage, and act as a clearinghouse of best practices and resources to respond to requests for training and technical assistance including working with states to facilitate the implementation of best practices at the local level.

Objective #3 Deliverables

- ✓ Accept, assess, triage, and deliver light TTA and plan more in-depth delivery of TTA where appropriate.
- ✓ Receive, triage, and manage requests for peer to peer learning to be conducted through the law enforcement mental health learning sites and disability response teams/strategies; find and match requesting agencies with skill/resource-specific-sites to meet the unique needs of requesting agencies.

Objective #4

- Develop and implement strategies to support law enforcement, school, and healthcare agency prevention of, and response to missing individuals with forms of dementia, such as Alzheimer's Disease, or developmental disabilities, such as autism, who, due to their condition, wander from safe environments.
- Grant applicants must allocate \$1,700,000 of the total budget to this objective.

Objective #4 Deliverables

- ✓ Convene subject matter experts.
- ✓ Identify and/or develop best and evidence-based practices.
- ✓ Identify and/or develop model systems for alerts, advisories, or dissemination of other information for the recovery of missing individuals with dementia or developmental disabilities.
- ✓ Develop assessment tools
- ✓ Make all relevant information available online.
- ✓ Identify training curricula elements deemed critical to increase awareness and successful implementation.
- ✓ Participate in and assist in any Office of Justice Programs efforts to develop standards and best practices.
- ✓ Develop model policies, standards, procedures and best practices for the use of tracking devices.

Objective #5

- Conduct outreach and identify states for TTA engagements to improve state policy, practice, and resource allocation to support local efforts to improve law enforcement response and outcomes for people with MI and IDD.

Objective #5 Deliverables

- ✓ Help states define Serious Mental Illness.
- ✓ Assess the availability and policies regarding the use of state hospital beds.
- ✓ Design ways to increase community based service-response models.
- ✓ Increase opportunities to engage state prosecutors.
- ✓ Foster and grow a peer to peer network of state policy leaders who have achieved state-wide success.

Existing BJA Resources

- **Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program:** this grant supports innovative cross-system collaboration for individuals with mental illnesses or co-occurring mental health and substance abuse disorders who are coming into contact with the justice system
 - Three categories:
 - Category 1: Collaborative County Approaches to Reducing the Prevalence of Individuals with Serious Mental Illness in Jail
 - Category 2: Strategic Planning for Law Enforcement and Mental Health Collaboration
 - Category 3: Implementation and Expansion
 - <https://www.bja.gov/funding/JMHCP19.pdf>
- **The National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability** has built a national clearing house of information and training on the topic of people with IDD as victims, witnesses, and suspects or offenders of crime
 - <http://www.thearc.org/NCCJD>

Existing BJA Resources

- **The Police-Mental Health Collaboration (PMHC) Toolkit** was launched in 2016 to provide a centralized learning site detailing how to plan, implement, manage, sustain, and evaluate police-based responses to people with mental illness. In 2019 it is undergoing additional content updates to include collaboration from a behavioral health perspective and guidance on IDD and people with lived experience.
 - <http://www.bja.gov/pmhc>
- **The Stepping Up Initiative** is a partnership aimed at reducing the number of people with mental illness in jails. Over 483 counties to date have passed resolutions to develop action plans to achieve county system changes
 - <https://stepuptogether.org/>

Existing BJA Resources

- [The Police Mental Health Collaboration \(PMHC\) Framework Document is intended](#) for law enforcement leadership and management to increase and enhance their comprehensive system responses, using four key outcome measures have been established as the most important indicators of a comprehensive response. Through an extensive literature review and focus group, inclusive of the nation's top researchers in LE-MH response, and discussion, the following outcomes are the basic indicators:
 - **Increased connections to resources**
 - **Reduced repeat encounters with law enforcement**
 - **Minimized arrests**
 - **Reduced use of Force with people who have mental health needs**
- [Effective Community Responses to Mental Health Crisis: A National Curriculum for Law Enforcement Based on Best Practices from CIT Programs Nationwide](#) was conceptualized and solely funded by BJA and was launched publically in August 2018. This 25-module 40-hour curriculum can be adopted by communities nationwide seeking to start or refresh a training program to support a comprehensive community-based response to people with mental illnesses who come into contact with law enforcement.

Overall TTA Requirements

- ✓ BJA TTA providers are required to coordinate all TTA activities with BJA's National Training and Technical Assistance Center (NTTAC).
- ✓ TTA providers may be required to participate in BJA's Grant Stat to evaluate performance.
- ✓ The selected provider will be required to coordinate with other BJA TTA partners that are engaged in strategic planning activities at the state or local levels.
- ✓ OJP strongly emphasizes the use of data and evidence in policy making and program development in criminal justice, juvenile justice, and crime victim services and is committed to:
 - Improving the quantity and quality of evidence OJP generates
 - Integrating evidence into program, practice, and policy decisions within OJP and the field
 - Improving the translation of evidence into practice

What an Application Should Include

- ✓ Application for Federal Assistance (SF-424) on (see page 16)
- ✓ Project Abstract (see page 17)
- ✓ Program Narrative (see pages 19)
- ✓ Budget and Associated Documentation (see pages 19)
- ✓ Indirect Cost Rate Agreement if applicable (see page 25)
- ✓ Financial Management and Internal Control Questionnaire (see page 25)
- ✓ Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (see page 26)
- ✓ **Additional Attachments** (see pages 26-29):
 - ✓ Project Timeline and Task Plan
 - ✓ Position Descriptions/Resumes
 - ✓ Letters of Support/Memoranda of Understanding
 - ✓ Work Product Examples
 - ✓ Applicant Disclosure of Pending Applications
 - ✓ Research and Evaluation Independence and Integrity

How to Apply

- ✓ Applicants must register in and submit applications through Grants.gov.
- ✓ Registering with Grants.gov is a one-time process; however, processing delays may occur, and it can take several weeks for first-time registrants to receive confirmation of registration and a user password. OJP encourages applicants to **register several weeks before the application submission deadline.**
- ✓ OJP strongly encourages all prospective applicants to sign up for Grants.gov email notifications regarding this solicitation.
- ✓ For more specific instructions, see pages 30-32 of the solicitation.

Review Criteria

- ✓ Description of the Issue (15%)
 - ✓ Project Design and Implementation (40%)
 - ✓ Capabilities/Competencies (30%)
 - ✓ Plan for Collecting the Data (5%)
 - ✓ Budget and Budget Narrative (10%)
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- ✓ **Page 32 of the solicitation**

Award Information

- ✓ Funding for this initiative is provided under the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2018, Pub. L. 115-141, 132 Stat. 348, 421, the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2019, Pub. L. No. 116-6, 133 Stat 13, 112, and the Missing Americans Alert Program, 34 U.S.C. 12621.
- ✓ BJA expects to make one award with an estimated total amount of up to \$6,300,000 million. Applicants must allocate approximately \$1,700,000 of the budget to activities under **Objective 4**.
- ✓ BJA expects that any award under this solicitation will be made in the form of a cooperative agreement, for a 24-month period of performance, ***to begin on or before October 1, 2019***.
- ✓ This type of award provides for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities.
- ✓ BJA expects that any award under this solicitation will be made in the form of a cooperative agreement, which is a type of award that provides for OJP to have substantial involvement in carrying out award activities

Application Assistance and Support



National Criminal Justice Reference Service (NCJRS) Response Center

<https://www.ncjrs.gov>

- Provides solicitation support and general assistance.
- Links to all current OJP funding opportunities.
- Funding Notices - subscribe to receive email notifications of new opportunities.
 - Sign-up to receive the bi-weekly JUSTINFO newsletter as well as the weekly Funding News From NCJRS email.
 - Be sure to select “Grants/funding” as an area of interest in your NCJRS registration profile when you subscribe.
- **email** - grants@ncjrs.gov
- **web chat** - <https://webcontact.ncjrs.gov/ncjchat/chat.jsp>
- **toll free** at 800–851–3420;
- **TTY** at 301–240–6310 (hearing impaired only)

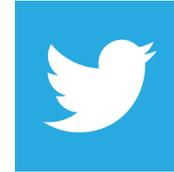
The NCJRS Response Center hours of operation are 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Application Assistance

Grants.gov

- Provides technical assistance with submitting an application.
 - **Customer Support Hotline** – 800-518-4726 or 606—545-5035
 - The Grants.gov Support Hotline operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, except on federal holidays.
 - **Email**
 - <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/support.html>
 - support@grants.gov
- An applicant that experiences unforeseen Grants.gov technical issues beyond its control that prevent it from submitting its application by the deadline must email the contact identified below **within 24 hours after the application deadline** to request approval to submit its application after the deadline.
- Provides information on available federal funding opportunities for various federal agencies.

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- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/DOJBJA>
- Twitter: <https://twitter.com/DOJBJA>
- RSS: <https://www.bja.gov/Connect.aspx>

For information on funding opportunities, publications, and initiatives, visit **BJA's website** – <https://www.bja.gov>.

Recommended Resources

BJA Grant Applicant Education Series

A series of four previously recorded webinars designed to assist potential applicants interested in applying for BJA funding opportunities.

- Funding Opportunities for Your Community in 2019: An Overview of What's Ahead
- The First Steps to Applying, Prepare Now
- The Federal Funding Process: What New and Seasoned Applicants Should Consider
- Submitting Your Application: Avoid These Common Mistakes
- <https://www.bja.gov/funding/webinars.html>

Recommended Resources

OJP Funding Resource Center

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

DOJ Grants Financial Guide

- <https://ojp.gov/financilaguide/DOJ/index.htm>

DOJ Grants Financial Management Online Training

- <https://ojpfgm.webfirst.com/>

2019 OJP Grant Application Resource Guide

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

NIJ's CrimeSolutions.gov

- <https://www.CrimeSolutions.gov>

Question & Answer